

Washington, DC – Congressman Wally Herger, Ranking Member of the Ways & Means Subcommittee on Health, issued the following statement after the House passed Speaker Pelosi’s government takeover of health care. Below you may also find the text of a speech Congressman Herger delivered on the House Floor in opposition to this plan. You can view the speech [here](#) :

“I’m disappointed with the result of tonight’s vote on the Pelosi plan for government-run health care. This bill would deliver a body blow to both our health care system and our economy. Although we lost this battle, the fight is not over. I will continue to stand up against bigger government and bureaucracy.”

Floor Speech

“Mr. Speaker,

“Today I rise not only on behalf of my constituents in Northern California, but on behalf of all Americans. They have made their opposition to government-run health care known. They have come out by the thousands to town halls, called our offices, and held peaceful rallies. But unfortunately, Congressional Democrats have refused to listen.

“The legislation being considered today is one of the most damaging, destructive bills ever to come before this chamber. A government takeover of health care won’t bring down costs but it will bring down the quality of care. It will explode the national debt at the expense of future generations.

“I believe in the free market. I believe in choice and competition. And I believe in the freedom to choose your doctor and get the treatments you need. America was built on these principles and the Pelosi health care plan will take us in the opposite direction. I urge every member of the

House to live up to our obligation, listen to the people, and say no to government-run health care.”