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Statement of Ed Martin, Candidate for Congress, MO-03:

"Tonight, Russ Carnahan once again failed to stand up for the people of Missouri's 3rd District. Instead, he chose to rubber-stamp Nancy Pelosi's latest trillion-dollar spending spree at the expense of Missouri's working families, seniors and small businesses. And as if that weren't enough, Carnahan made it clear tonight that he thinks our tax dollars should pay for abortions.

What working families want Congress to address is **real** health care reform; what they got tonight was a haphazard, reckless bill that will lead to higher taxes, disastrous cuts to Medicare, lower quality care, and handouts to special interests.

In my over 50 "Ask Ed Anything" gatherings, I have heard the commonsense ideas that I embrace: fighting for competition in health care by cutting down burdens on portability, more power for patients to speak directly to their doctors, and common sense options for families. But just like a Stimulus Bill that promised "shovel-ready jobs" and delivered only special interest giveaways and handouts, this so-called "health care reform" bill is yet another disastrous plan to kill jobs and punish working families, while growing government power.

"Americans lost tonight. May God help us as we move forward and pray that the Senate blocks this bill."

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