

Congressman Pence hosted a town hall meeting in Muncie yesterday, pictures from the event are available [HERE](#) .

The *Star Press* was there and reported:



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[Pence calls for 100 new nuke plants](#)

A crowd at a town-hall meeting applauds Pence.

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MUNCIE -- U.S. Rep. Mike Pence received a standing ovation from a crowd of about 200 people during his town-hall meeting on Tuesday at Westminster Village retirement center.

During his subsequent five-minute speech, Pence was loudly applauded when he said:

- President Obama's economic recovery plan is not working.
- The best way to get America moving is fiscal discipline in Washington, D.C., and tax relief.
- The time has come for America to build 100 new nuclear power plants in the next 20 years.
- We have to drill for more domestic oil.
- He opposed a government takeover of health care.

During a lengthy question-and-answer session, retired autoworker Les Marsh asked Pence about the "obscene profits" and exorbitant costs in the health-care industry.

If you are dissatisfied with private health care, you will be profoundly dissatisfied with government-only health care, Pence told Marsh.

Retiree Flo Lapin criticized Pence for portraying the federal government "as our enemy."

"Many of us would not be here without Medicaid and Medicare," said Lapin, a cancer survivor.

"I'm not anti-government," Pence responded. "I work for the government. But remember, the government can't give you something they didn't take from someone else."

During his speech, Pence said, "I say with a heavy heart that the approach to economic recovery that's been embraced in Washington, D.C., is not working."

Since the stimulus bill passed, unemployment in America has risen from less than 8 percent to 9.5 percent "and rising," Pence said. Unemployment in Indiana is 10.7 percent "and rising."

"This piecemeal approach to recovery where we think we can borrow and spend and bail our way back to growing America is not working," he said.

Because of the skyrocketing cost of health care, inaction by Congress is not an option, Pence said.

"Congress needs to come together in a bipartisan way, but I believe we have to do it in a way that does not amount to a government takeover of health care," he said.