MUNCIE, IN - Congressman Mike Pence held a town hall meeting at Ball State University Alumni Center in Muncie. The *Muncie Star Press* filed the following story:

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Pence attacks health care bill at town hall meeting

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MUNCIE - Clarence Hensley has been working for months to get certain Veterans Administration health benefits for his brother, a World War II veteran shot in the Pacific, he told Rep. Mike Pence, R-IN, at a town hall meeting Wednesday.

"Welcome to government run health care," Pence responded, prompting cheers from much of the audience.

The congressman explained that his remark wasn't a shot at the VA and that he would do his best to help Hensley. But the anecdote provided the perfect jumping point for Pence to launch into criticism about attempts in Washington to expand the role of government in health care.

During much of the town hall meeting at Ball State's Alumni Center, Pence attacked the current health care bill.

He argued that its design has been tainted by backroom negotiations and shell game

accounting. And he argued that it will result in an unwieldy bureaucracy that leaves future generations of Americans financially burdened.

Pictures from the town hall are below: