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WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Congressman Mike Pence issued the following statement today in support of an effort by House Republicans to force a vote on a resolution that would require an up-or-down vote on the Senate-passed health care bill:

"The American people know what's going on in Washington. Whether it's the back room deals for special interests or the flagrant abuse of the legislative process, the American people have had enough with the status-quo in Washington. Despite what some leading Democrats may say, the public is demanding a fair and open process. If the Democrat plan for a government takeover of health care is really in the best interests of the country, I challenge Speaker Pelosi to bring it out of the shadows immediately and allow an up or down vote on the bill.

"The American people have a right to watch their elected representatives cast their votes on an issue that will impact every American life. I am proud to join Rep. Parker Griffith (R-AL) and other House Republicans in forcing a fair, up or down vote on the Senate health care bill and I urge every Member of Congress to do the same."