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Bailey Calls On Polis to Follow the U.S. Constitution

"Bailey says Polis, as a Member of the House Rules Committee, is in unique position to ensure Congressional Rules for Health care are Constitutional."

Stephen Bailey, candidate running for the Republican nomination in Colorado's Second Congressional District, called on Jared Polis to honor his oath to the Constitution regarding any effort to pass national health care reform.

"Due to his position on the House Rules Committee, Polis is in a unique place to represent the people of Colorado by standing firmly behind the U.S. Constitution and insisting that any effort to pass national health care reform fully comply with Congressional procedures," Bailey said.

"If the American people are truly in favor of passing major changes to the country's health care system, then Congress should have the political courage to pass any health care legislation under the full light of day and by following its own rules, and the U.S. Constitution," Bailey said.

Bailey added that both plans for passing national health care legislation are unconstitutional and Congressman Polis should strongly object to a circumvention of Constitutional process.

Plan A: Reconciliation. It is unconstitutional because the Constitution requires all bills raising revenue to originate in the House of Representatives but this plan requires the House to pass a bill originated in the Senate. (Article I, Section 7: "All bills for raising Revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives; but the Senate may propose or concur with Amendments as on other Bills.")

Plan B: Rep. Louise Slaughter D-NY, Chairwoman of the House Rules Committee, has proposed for the House to approve rules under which the House would not vote on the Senate bill but would act as though they had passed the bill and then pass amendments to the bill. This is unconstitutional under Article I, Section 7: "Every Bill which shall have passed the House of Representatives and the Senate, shall, before it become a Law, be presented to the President of the United States"

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