

Rep. Scott Tipton's speech on the House floor — Jan. 18, 2011

“Mr. Speaker, the question before us is: will we accept what is, or commit to build what could be? America has always been a land of self-determination. With our constitutionally guaranteed rights-as individuals, as a people, as a Nation-we have flourished. Innovation, creativity and freedom are American hallmarks.

“The legislation we address today with the House Resolution does not indict intent, but it does address outcome. In fact, the deeper we dig into the health care Act, the more we discover that it is stopping job creation, building more government and placing a tax burden on American families who are already struggling. We can and must do better. Let us commit ourselves to addressing the basic concerns we hold in common concerning health care-affordability and accessibility. Let us strive to empower our people to make their own choices about the care they receive, empower private sector solutions that will lower costs and increase quality of care, and eliminate governmental stumbling blocks, not build bigger government.”