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Sink: "An Appalling Process in Washington Could Yield Reforms That Are Long Overdue"

Tampa - Florida Gubernatorial Candidate Alex Sink released the following statement in response to the U.S. House of Representatives passage of health care reform legislation:

"Like so many Floridians, I was frustrated and appalled that Republicans and Democrats in Congress took something as important and personal as health care and turned it into a partisan circus. The delays, the misinformation and the lack of bi-partisanship in Congress are a disservice to the people of Florida.

Throughout this debate, I've always said that our state and our country need health care reform. Insurance companies must be held accountable so they no longer deny coverage to Floridians with pre-existing conditions. Health insurance must be more accessible and affordable for small businesses and their employees. We must close the Medicare prescription-drug 'doughnut hole.' Any expansion of Florida's Medicaid program must not overburden our state. And private health insurance must remain the foundation of our health care system.

Though it is certainly not perfect, these long-overdue reforms are better than Washington continuing to do nothing to improve America's health care system."

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