

Congressman Steve King (R-IA) today released the following statement on a "compromise" reached by Nebraska Senator Ben Nelson:

**"The Nelson abortion language in the Reid amendment mandates federal funding for abortion in all health insurance plans (even for men, seniors, and homosexuals) provided an exception of one policy not covering abortion is offered within each state, unless a state passes a law prohibiting coverage of abortion through state health insurance exchanges. □ States can, by state statute, opt out of abortion coverage. □ The bill forces all states to offer one policy which does not cover abortion but, absent a state opt out and with a single insurance policy exception, all states are forced into abortion coverage.**

**"If states prohibit abortion coverage by law, the new statute could be reversed by a subsequent legislature, setting up a perpetual battle within the states to, first pass bans on abortion funding, then fight off efforts to repeal or modify the ban. □**

**"There are restrictions written into the bill that require the segregation of funds. □ The Ellsworth language was rejected for similar reasons and so should the Nelson language. □ Money is fungible.**

**"The result: all American taxpayers will be required to fund abortions through refundable tax credits and subsidies funded out of the federal treasury. □ No American taxpayer can escape the federal mandate that compels them to send their tax dollars to the U.S. Treasury where they will see their money transferred into accounts that end up in the coffers of Planned Parenthood and other abortion practitioners to be used for abortions.**

**"If states opt out, their citizens, through federal taxes, will still be compelled to pay for abortions in other states, just not in their own states. □**

**"Ben Nelson has traded innocent unborn human lives, a fundamental moral principle, for a monetary concession – set aside exclusively for Nebraska."**