WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Steve King today made the following statement regarding liberal Democrats refusing to allow C-SPAN cameras to broadcast negotiations between the House and Senate on a final version of health care legislation.

“Bypassing a conference committee and shutting C-SPAN cameras out of health care negotiations allows the liberal troika of President Obama, Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid to craft their bill out of the public’s eye. When the legislation comes up for a final vote, amendments will not be allowed and limited debate will be held. No previous committee action or amendment votes will apply to this completely new bill.

“This is the functional equivalent of Obama, Pelosi and Reid getting together in a phone booth, shutting the doors and crafting a massive health care bill that will affect our entire country. Writing their government-run health care legislation in secret to prevent the participation of the American people and to expedite the bill’s passage is shameful. The only thing that is transparent is this troika’s disdain for transparency.”