Congressman Steve King (R-IA) today made the following statement regarding efforts to use a process known as reconciliation to pass a health care bill this week.

“Liberals are poised to make a bill full of special interest bribes the law of the land. The law of the land would include the ‘Cornhusker Kickback,’ the ‘Louisiana Purchase,’ the ‘Florida Gatorade’ and other special deals in order to buy votes for this monstrosity.

“Liberal Democrats are willing exploit the rules to pass any bill they can claim as health care reform. A piece of legislation that neither body can actually pass today could very well become law in the next week. The Founding Fathers never envisioned that there would be legislation that passed both chambers of this Congress that neither chamber would accept.

“Let’s scrap this bad bill and work on a series of stand-alone health care bills. Let’s have up or down votes on lawsuit abuse reform, purchasing health insurance across state lines and other common-sense, bi-partisan ideas that a majority of the American people support.”