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House Democrats Reject Up or Down Vote on Healthcare

What a Way to Celebrate “Sunshine Week” in Washington

Washington, D.C. – Today, House Democrats voted down a Republican resolution to require an actual up or down vote in the House on the Senate health care bill. This is the same resolution Shuster signed onto as an original cosponsor yesterday to defeat the “Slaughter Solution.” Shuster released the following statement on today’s vote:

“I find it sadly ironic that in the middle of ‘sunshine week,’ House Democrats would vote to oppose the most transparent act in American government; the up or down vote.

The American people are calling on their Congress at the top of their lungs to stop this poison pill called health care reform. No matter the volume, Speaker Pelosi and her leadership continue to play deaf to the people’s demands.

By moving forward on the 'Slaughter Solution,' House Democrats think they are pulling a fast one on the American people. Speaker Pelosi and the White House say that the American people don’t care about the process. I disagree. My constituents back home care about the Constitution and they want their elected representatives to protect it. I’ll do my part by opposing the Democrats’ health care bill.”

NOTE: March 14 to the 20th is the annual “[sunshine week](#)” in Washington, DC, a seven day period dedicated to government openness and transparency.

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