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Washington DC - Congressman Duncan Hunter again expressed strong opposition to H.R. 3962, health care reform legislation put forward by House Democrats. Hunter voted against the bill, which passed the House late Saturday evening by a vote of 220-215. He was joined by 39 Democrats and all but one Republican.

"The Democratic health care bill puts an enormous burden on workers, businesses and, worse, future generations," said Congressman Hunter. "This proposal is nothing more than a partisan power-grab that will unfairly disadvantage the very Americans it's meant to help.

"We can certainly achieve responsible reform without imposing a government takeover of our nation's health care system. There is a real chance to enact meaningful reform but this opportunity is being wasted on a plan that will lead to higher taxes, reduce the quality of care and compound already record debt levels.

"Even with House passage, this proposal has a long way to go before it becomes law. The right thing to do is scrap this bill and advance reforms that actually work to fix - and not perpetuate -the problems with health care in America today."