

WASHINGTON - Rep. Lee Terry (R-NE) today commented on the status of SCHIP.

Today, the U.S. House of Representatives voted on a new, yet still very flawed version of the Children's Health Insurance Program, otherwise known as SCHIP. The House passed a revised SCHIP bill, but not by the two-thirds margin that supporters will need if President Bush vetoes the measure as promised. Congressman Lee Terry (R-NE) announced he voted against the latest version of SCHIP.

"Today proponents of expanding SCHIP again tried to push through another version of this bill without considering a compromise," said Congressman Terry. "The Majority's "new" bill is nearly the same as the previous one proposed. I have been pushing for a compromise on this bill, but Majority Leaders in the House are still playing politics at the expense of children. That is just shameful," said Terry.

Congressman Terry does not and will not support a bill that more than doubles in size when most Nebraskans are telling him to get spending under control. Terry wants to see the bill changed so it does NOT add more adults, illegal immigrants and high income families to the plan. Terry wants to put lower income kids first.

