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Why Did Pat Murphy Stand Up Nancy?

NEWTOWN, PA - It is not everyday that the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives makes a visit to the City of Philadelphia. Yesterday however, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi made a scheduled appearance at Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia to discuss possible legislation to reform health care insurance in the United States. At her side were her fellow Democrats in Congress that represent the City of Philadelphia namely, Bob Brady, Chaka Fattah, and Alyson Schwartz. Notably absent at this event was 8th Congressional District Representative, Philadelphia native and fellow Democrat Patrick Murphy.

This is quite surprising given the fact that Murphy has been going around his district, which includes the City of Philadelphia, speaking on health care reform to prearranged groups of citizens, meanwhile ducking calls to hold an open town forum on the subject.

Speaker Pelosi guaranteed that a health insurance bill will pass the House of Representatives in a number of weeks and it will include government run health care that she and her advocates title the "public option."

"Where was Pat yesterday?", quipped Murphy Watch spokesperson Paul Salvatore.

"Perhaps he is finally realizing that the residents of Bucks County and Northeast Philadelphia do not support the house bill that Speaker Pelosi wants to impose on us. Perhaps he realizes that he now must vote against this bill as he said he will not vote for a bill that will increase the deficit. Nancy's bill will do just that", added Salvatore as the Congressional Budget Office has stated the current House bill supported by Pelosi, Fattah, Brady and Schwartz will add over \$1 trillion to the deficit in its first 10 years of enactment.

Salvatore concluded, "Maybe Congressman Murphy is finally realizing that the citizens of Bucks County and Northeast Philadelphia did not elect Nancy Pelosi to be their representative in Washington, they voted for someone who would honor their promises and look out for their pocketbooks. We ask him to hold a forum on this vital issue and allow any resident and small businesspersons to attend and ask the tough questions he seems to be ducking."

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