Dear Editor:

Recently, Senator Ben Nelson has been putting "spin" on his recent vote in support of the health care bill coming out of the U.S. Senate. Since that vote, we've seen and heard him on our airways more often than in any actual political campaign for any candidate for any office in my memory–and I'm a 66-year-old native Nebraskan.

He has paraded a variety of individuals, praising his performance behind closed doors, with Harry Reid, across our television screens for weeks now. It has to be costing the DNC a bundle.

I have never seen an elected official from Nebraska work so hard to save his job. If Nelson had done the "hard job" in the first place, all this tiresome rhetoric on our airways wouldn't be necessary.

And his spin?

About that so-called "doughnut hole" in Medicare Part D that the bill he voted for starts the process of closing? What he didn't tell you is the "process" is the equivalent of opening the corner of a can of tuna, then setting it aside. Eventually you have to throw the whole thing out.

Remember, the Senate wanted to cut $500 billion from Medicare. Nelson has never mentioned that. Apparently, his solution to that "hole" is to toss the "whole" doughnut. Probably a typographical error on his part.

He then claims that tort reform is in this bill with a "study" of Nebraska's tough tort law to see how it "could" apply nationally.

There have been numerous attempts to put tort reform in bills coming out of both the House

and Senate, and in every instance Nelson's peers in the Democratic Party have rejected them. He knows that.

He stated that 347,000 Nebraskans will get health insurance, or cheaper health insurances, while actually reducing the national debt.

But wait! In addition, 270,000 Nebraska seniors will receive "FREE" preventative medical care.

Some 617,000 Nebraskans would receive new, cheaper or free health insurance or care, one-third of our population, while reducing the deficit? Give me a break.

Just recently President Obama admitted that the bill Nelson supported "WOULD NOT" allow you to keep your present insurance or doctor if you preferred to.

If Nelson knows as much about this bill as he would have us believe, why hasn't he told us just who our doctors will be?

Our Senator has stated that, through his diligence, the bill he supported will save us $132 billion over the first 10 years and as much as $1.3 trillion over the next 10 years. What you were not told was all that "savings" amounted to nothing more than the difference between an earlier bill and the one he voted for. Half truths at best.

As Senator Tom Harkin has said: "This bill gets our foot in the door."

It was Nelson's foot that was holding that door open and that can of tuna he voted for smells worse every day.

Nelson has to go.

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