

John Faso cast the deciding vote in committee to pass a health care repeal bill that would raise premiums, let insurance companies charge people with pre-existing conditions whatever they want and create what the AARP calls an age tax on everyone age 50 to 64.

## Faso Cast The Deciding Vote In Committee For The AHCA

Times Herald-Record HEADLINE: “DECIDING VOTE – Faso Keeps Controversial Health Care Bill Alive.”

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Rep. John Faso, who took office in January and whose district includes Ulster and Sullivan counties, helped the Republicans' plan to replace the Affordable Care Act clear a congressional committee by a single vote on Thursday. (ERIC GLEEDMAN/TIMES HERALD RECORD FILE PHOTO)

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**Faso Voted To Approve The American Health Care Act Out Of Budget Committee.** “The House Budget Committee on Thursday approved 19-17 a motion to send the Republican legislation to repeal and replace the 2010 health care to the full House for consideration. Three conservative Republicans — Reps. Mark Sanford of South Carolina., Dave Brat of Virginia and Gary Palmer of Alabama — voted against the motion, despite a plea from panel chairwoman Diane Black of Tennessee.” [Committee On The Budget, [Vote On Motion To Report](#), 3/16/17; CQ Committee Coverage, 3/16/17]

## **AHCA Would Have Raised Premiums, Gutted Pre-Existing Condition Protections, And Instituted An “Age Tax”**

**CBO Estimated AHCA Would Increase Premiums For Individual Market Policies By 20% In 2018 And 5% In 2019 Relative To Current Law.** “CBO and JCT projected premiums for single policyholders under H.R. 1628 (before any tax credits were applied) and compared those with the premiums projected under current law for policies purchased in the nongroup market. H.R. 1628, as passed by the House, would tend to increase such premiums before 2020, relative to those under current law—by an average of about 20 percent in 2018 and 5 percent in 2019, as the funding provided by the act to reduce premiums had a larger effect on pricing.” [Congressional Budget Office, [5/24/17](#)]

**Politifact Found That AHCA “Would Weaken Protections” For Those With Pre-Existing Conditions, “Would Allow States To Give Insurers The Power To Charge People Significantly More.”** “An ad by the American Action Network says that under the American Health Care Act ‘people with pre-existing conditions are protected.’ The only kernel of truth here is that the amendment has language that states insurers can’t limit access to coverage for individuals with pre-existing conditions. However, the ad omits that the House GOP health plan would weaken protections for these patients. The legislation would allow states to give insurers the power to charge people significantly more if they had a pre-existing condition. While Republicans point to the fact that those patients could get help through high-risk pools, experts question their effectiveness. Current law does not allow states to charge people with pre-existing conditions significantly more. We rate this claim Mostly False.” [Politifact, [5/24/17](#)]

**Center for American Progress: 294,000 People In Faso’s District Had Pre-Existing Conditions.** [Center for American Progress, accessed [7/18/18](#)]

**American Health Care Act Allows Insurers To Charge Older Customers Five Times More Than Younger Adults.** “Raises premiums for older people. The Affordable Care Act limited insurers from charging older customers more than three times what they charge younger adults. The House bill would raise that to five times. This may enable younger consumers to find cheaper coverage, but older policyholders would face higher rates.” [Huffington Post, [3/6/17](#)]

**AARP Described The Weakened Age Rating Provision In AHCA As An “Age Tax.”** [AARP, [5/4/17](#)]