Washington, D.C.--The U.S. House of Representatives voted today to uphold the president's veto of a children's health insurance bill that would have provided health coverage for 10 million children.

Forty-four Republicans joined Congressman Sam Farr (D-Carmel) to overturn the president's veto, but the vote fell short of the two-thirds required for the override. The final tally was 273-156.

Congressman Farr released the following statement:

"Today's vote was disheartening, but not unexpected. It was yet another instance of the GOP backing up the White House on an ideological vote, and once again children were the losers.

"This bill would have insured nearly 2 million children in California. It boggles the mind that Republicans can play politics with an issue like this. It's a sad day for Washington, and a sad day for the country."

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