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U S. Rep Joe Wilson left serves customers like Amos Williams, far right at Miller's Bread Basket

...and a side of legislation to go

Campaign stop has Wilson serving food in Blackville eatery

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Ray Miller had a temporary employee working for him May 14 at his Blackville restaurant, Miller's Bread Basket

However, the worker was not a stimulus-inspired hiring.

The "worker" serving customers coming through the buffet line was U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson of the Second Congressional District, which includes Barnwell County.

Wilson included the popular Blackville eatery, known for its country cooking and Mennonite breads, as one of his campaign stops in his "Joe Means Jobs" tour

The keynote of this tour has been job creation and bolstering South Carolina's economy to reverse the damage caused by the national recession.

At each stop, Wilson tries his hand at different jobs

Wilson, a congressman since 2001, has opposition this election in the form of Democrat Rob Miller, a Beaufort businessman.

Before dishing up side dishes and dolloping out mash potatoes, Wilson gave a few minutes to *The People-Sentinel* for an interview.

Wilson said he was excited by Boeing's growing presence in South Carolina. In 2009, the Chicago-based aircraft manufacturer announced it would open a second assembly line for Boeing in the Charleston area for its 787 Dreamliner airliner in North Charleston.

On May 3, Boeing also decided to locate Boeing Fabrication Interiors South Carolina, a manufacturing facility, in North Charleston as well The facility will build interior components for the 787s

"The ripple effect in South Carolina will be tremendous," Wilson said of Boeing's potential economic effects "It could ripple to Barnwell."

Secondary industries needed to supply Boeing's assembly plants could be tapped from as far away as Columbia, he said

With Boeing's presence in Charleston and General Dynamics/Gulfstream in Savannah, Ga, other ancillary aviation industries could settle in the Barnwell region, Wilson said.

"I see a real potential for aerospace industry locating here," he said.

However, economic growth and job creation could be hampered if the

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U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson, background right, greets diners Marilyn Morris, left, Jeanne Johnson, right and James Morris, foreground at Miller's Bread Basket before he works the serving line.

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current healthcare plans are fully implemented by the recent H.R. 3590, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act passed by Congress and signed by Obama March 23.

On March 25, Wilson introduced H.R. 4944, Siding With America's Patients Act (SWAP), to counter H.R. 3590.

"It (H.R. 3590) needs to be replaced with healthcare reform. Polling has been revealing that people want it repealed," he said.

Wilson's SWAP is more patient-centered, repeals unaffordable mandates and involves less government, he said.

The Congressional Budget Office estimated it will take $1 trillion to implement H.R. 3590, Wilson said.

"Spending more than a $1 trillion is a job killer," he said. "Healthcare will cost more for rural areas because it takes more to deliver."

Wilson criticized House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Democrats for passing H.R. 3590 without fully knowing what is inside the 2,393-page law.

"I've never seen such a number of back room deals as this bill," he said.

Also, the health bill has no severability clause, Wilson said.

A severability clause saves the balance of a law if one portion is deemed unconstitutional, according to Black's Law Dictionary.

A way to defeat the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is not fund it, Wilson said.

"I did read the bill," he said. "The only jobs you can identify in the bill are for the IRS people."

Wilson noted the riots in Greece. Greece made cuts in its payroll to government workers; has an unstable economy; increased its taxes and activated a $145 billion bailout of the bankrupt country.

"I feel for the people of Greece. It's the excesses of an entitlement government," he said.

Wilson said nations like Ireland, Italy and Spain should note Greece and not suffer the same plight.

Wilson also hoped that problems in the European Union don't backlash to the U.S. economy, he said.