

Rep. George Flaggs

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State Rep. George Flaggs said Thursday that he is seeking a suspension of the legislative rules to allow for the continued consideration of the plan in HB 1013 to raise tobacco taxes to help fund Medicaid.

“Medicaid is too important to this state to just let it die,” Flaggs said. “We need to avoid a special session and this would help to prevent that. Furthermore, the Medicaid program is scheduled to run out of money in April and I do not want us to have an interruption in services such as pharmaceutical and nursing homes.”

Flaggs said the bill was being drafted today on Thursday. The Senate this week allowed a House plan to raise tobacco taxes by \$1 per pack to die, putting the health insurance program for the poor, aged and disabled in serious jeopardy.

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