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Whether Rep. Dennis Kucinich's (D-Ohio) "aye" vote will help pass ObamaCare depends on whether he asked for something in return.

Jane Hamsher of FireDogLake reports, "Kucinich told Obama that he wants a full ERISA waver and a public option in exchange for his vote." If he gets either those things in the reconciliation "fixer" bill, then that will trigger a backlash. His "support" could undermine the whole process.

It really depends on what kind of a negotiator Kucinich is. If he's a good negotiator, it hurts ObamaCare. If he's a lousy negotiator, it helps.

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