Washington, DC – Today, Congressman Akin (R-MO) will vote on H.R. 2417, the *Better Use of Light Bulbs Act*
. H.R. 2417 repeals two provisions in the
Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007
that essentially place a “ban” on the manufacturing of the 100 watt incandescent light bulb starting in 2012.

Akin, who is a cosponsor of H.R. 2417 issued the following statement:

“The desire by some in Congress to ban the use of incandescent bulbs and demand the use of another technology flies in the face of what most Americans believe about our basic freedom of choice and what a market place represents.

“To mandate the use of a new technology, especially when questions linger regarding the risks of increased mercury exposure upon accidental bulb breakage is symptomatic of the bureaucratic arrogance that has taken over Washington.

“Congress should allow such decisions as to the survival or demise of a particular light bulb technology to the market place and American families, not bureaucrats and regulators.”

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