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BOEHENER REFLECTS ON BIPARTISAN SUPPORT FOR MEDICARE BILL

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USPA NEWS - Lately, in the House of Representatives, all it takes to claim a major success is a bill passed with support from both Republicans and Democrats.

On Thursday, when the House passed a bill amending various provisions of Medicare, it was hailed as one of the most significant bipartisan achievements in years. In an interview that aired Sunday, Speaker John A, Boehner, Republican of Ohio, reflected on the bill´s passage, and called it “an opportunity that presented itself.“
“It´s a little unusual, because something like this really hasn´t happened for some time,“ said Mr. Boehner.
Mr. Boehner insisted that a lot does happen on a bipartisan basis in Congress. But, he admitted, “it really doesn´t make news.“

While significant opportunities for bipartisan cooperation might be infrequent, Mr. Boehner also alluded to the difficulty he faces simply getting his own party to pass legislation by itself.

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