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Former State Rep. Gayle Harrell appointed to federal health information committee

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MARTIN COUNTY — Former state Rep. Gayle Harrell, R-Stuart, has been appointed to the federal Health Information Technology Policy Committee by House Minority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio.

Created under The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the HIT committee is to make recommendations on the implementation of a nationwide health information technology program to the National Coordinator for Health Information.

Harrell has railed against the federal stimulus bill. “One of the scariest provisions of the bill misuses the laudable goal of expanding electronic health records and spends \$1.1 billion to create a new bureaucracy called the Federal Coordinating Council for Comparative Effectiveness Research,” she said.