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WASHINGTON - Senior House aides say freshman Democratic lawmaker Parker Griffith of Alabama is switching to the Republican Party. Griffith was narrowly elected last year from a region of northern Alabama that includes Huntsville and Decatur. President Barack Obama lost the district badly to Republican John McCain. Griffith is a radiation oncologist. His switch comes as Congress is trying to pass a much-contested health care bill. Democrats will still control the House by a substantial margin.