

MCCAIN SAYS HE'S RESPONSIBLE

From ThinkProgress:

"[T]his bill would not have been agreed to had it not been for John McCain. ...
But, you know, this is a bipartisan accomplishment, a bipartisan success. And if people want to get something done in Washington, they just watch John McCain." – Former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney, 9/29/08

"Earlier in the week, when Senator McCain came back to Washington, there had been no deal reached. ... **What Senator McCain was able to do was to help bring all the parties to the table,** including the House Republicans." – Senior adviser Steve Schmidt, 9/28/08

"But here are the facts, and I'm not overselling anything. The fact is that the House Republicans were not in the mix at all. John didn't phone this one in. **He came and actually did something.** ... You can't phone something like this in. **Thank God John came back.**" – Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC), 9/28/08

"Before John McCain suspended his campaign yesterday, the situation that we're looking at today looked very different then. **After he showed leadership and called for bipartisanship, for us to partisanship aside and tackle this solution head on, here we are.**" – Spokesman Tucker Bounds, 9/25/08

Great work, McCain!! Here we are, thanks to McCain.

Update: Meanwhile, McCain's hiding in the front of the ~~Straight~~ No Talk Express trying to figure

out what he can say about this.

After bragging today about his role in shaping the economic bailout package, Sen. John McCain has made no statement to the press since the defeat of the bill, in part at the hands of House Republicans. McCain boarded his Straight Talk Air charter plane a few minutes ago, but the plane has not taken off yet. McCain is in the front of the plane, separated from reporters by a brown curtain