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Physician delegates from Orlando and Jacksonville traveled to Tallahassee to advocate for the Chapter's Legislative Agenda this past week. We saw a flurry of behind-the-scenes maneuvering as last ditch efforts were made to have bills heard (or not heard) by their respective committees of reference. For instance, we engaged in extensive lobbying to ensure that the Managed Care Reform Bill (SB 1012) will be heard this coming week in the Senate Health Care Committee (scheduled for Wednesday afternoon) and to ensure that proposed scope of practice expansions remain unheard. We also were successful in convincing key legislators not to hear bills that would have threatened a physician's right to self-insure.

On the federal level, legislation has been filed (S. 2185) that would prevent scheduled Medicare cuts for at least 18 months. We have already been in contact with Senator Nelson's staff, and we encourage e-mails to Florida's two senators to encourage them to co-sponsor this key legislation.

The coming week will be the most adversarial and combative yet, but we are actually looking forward to it.

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