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## FSTCS Legislative Update Week 3

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The third week of the Legislative Session is traditionally a “set-up” week, as legislators and lobbyists determine which issues will be actively pursued in the final six weeks and which issues will be deferred for another year.

2016 is no different. While the House Health and Human Services Committee voted to remove Open Heart CON, it did preserve the standards on which we have worked so hard. In addition, CON advocates have indicated that the real fight on this issue will be in the Senate. Meanwhile, several of its most important legislative priorities will be debated next week.

Next Monday’s Senate Health Policy Committee will be the Super Bowl for Organized Medicine, as that committee will debate bills on Direct Primary Care, Managed Care reforms, and prohibitions on ER Balance Billing. Later in the week, the Legislature will begin debating Appropriation issues that will affect not only Medicine, but each and every citizen. We also will be at the Board of Medicine on Thursday and Friday, as the Board addresses several issues pertaining to the Office Surgery Rule.

The Society will be there each and every step of the way, and we look forward to providing an update on what is sure to be an eventful week.

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