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Last week, I mentioned the controversial DISCLOSE Act. Yesterday, the House passed this ill-advised bill, over my objections, and those of many of my colleagues. I blogged about this measure today over at The Missouri Record .

Following up on a letter I'd sent him, I had a conversation this week with Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster about the Bodies exhibit, scheduled to come to the St. Louis Galleria this fall. We discussed ways we could work together on this human rights issue.

Also, physicians and Medicare beneficiaries have relief coming. Bipartisan legislation passed the House last night to stabilize reimbursement rates for medical professionals for the next six months. Health providers were facing a 21% cut in payments for care provided to Medicare patients and were facing difficult decisions to cut back on services to these patients. The *Preservation of Access to Care for Medicare Beneficiaries and Pension Relief Act* ensures - at least for a short time - that they will have the funds necessary to continue to serve their patients.

Next week, the House may consider Financial Reform legislation, containing yet another bailout.