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## **Who Won the Week?**

**Ron Hicks** – This week the Special Committee on Regulatory Oversight and Reform became the central factory for House omnibus bill making. Hicks is the chair of ROAR.

**Medicaid Expansion campaign** – They dropped twice the number of required signatures at the secretary of state’s office; the country’s in the middle of the greatest health crisis in a generation; and still no well-funded opposition campaign organizing.

**Chuck Hatfield** – As close to a local celebrity as a Jeff City lawyer can come, Hatfield is expected to be in demand as groups consider Hammerschmidt challenges to the omnibus bills moving through the House. One lobbyist quipped: Hatfield will need an agent.

**Legislative leaders** – These are the times – extraordinary times – with a time crunch, when the power tends to consolidate to an even greater degree into the hands of those in leadership.

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