



# Tuesday Morning Memo

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- **FEDERAL LEGISLATION UPDATE**

The U.S. Senate began deliberations on their health care legislation on Monday. As always, regular updates from news sources are posted at The Arc-Wisconsin website at [www.arc-wisconsin.org](http://www.arc-wisconsin.org).

Please note that The Arc of The United States has issued an action alert regarding urging the Senate to include provisions of CLASS Act in health care reform legislation. To link to the action alert, go to:

<http://www.arc-wisconsin.org/resources/arcusalert112309.pdf>

Also, *The Baltimore Sun* published an opinion piece from Peter Berns, Executive Director of The Arc of the United States, in support of legislation that would remove the term “retarded” from federal documents. To see the article, go to:

[http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/opinion/oped/bal-op\\_disability29nov29.0.6096398.story](http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/opinion/oped/bal-op_disability29nov29.0.6096398.story)

Please consider contacting both of our U.S. Senators – Herb Kohl and Russ Feingold to express your support for both including CLASS Act in health care reform legislation and for eliminating the term “retarded” from federal documents.

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- **CAMPAIGN UPDATES**

**STATE**

Another Democrat has joined the race for governor. Oconomowoc businessman Tim John announced his candidacy on Friday. For a related article, go to:

[http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/govt\\_and\\_politics/elections/article\\_38ec4166-dbc7-11de-af26-001cc4c002e0.html](http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/govt_and_politics/elections/article_38ec4166-dbc7-11de-af26-001cc4c002e0.html)

**FEDERAL**

The “magic number” for Republicans to gain control of the U.S. House of Representatives is 41. They need to pick up 41 seats to gain control. Gaining that number of seats is not out of the question during a mid-term election. One of the target seats is Wisconsin’s 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. For a related article, go to:

<http://www.greenbaypressgazette.com/article/20091201/GPG0101/91201075/State-Rep.-Roger-Roth-is-7th-Republican-to-join-Congressional-race-against-Democrat-Steve-Kagen>

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