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Governor Ronnie Musgrove released the following statement today:

“In May, I announced that I would call a special session to address the availability and affordability of medical malpractice insurance. At the request of the Speaker and the Lt. Governor, I agreed to delay the session while the legislative committees worked jointly this summer. The Legislative leadership gave every indication that there was substantial agreement on medical malpractice reform.

“They have now been at the Capitol for three weeks. However, nothing has changed since my announcement in May. We still must solve the health care crisis facing our state. We still must focus on what is best for our people. We still must not let political agendas and special interests stand in our way. This issue is too important. The Mississippi House and Senate may recess, but the health care crisis facing our state will not.”

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9/24/2002

Assuming that the House and Senate take a substantial break, we release the statement.

9/30/2002 through when they come back

We would visit Hospitals, Clinics and Nursing Homes.

We would invite local legislators to attend.

We should target areas for two purposes:

1. Media Coverage
2. Areas represented by White Democrats

The message at each event would be to emphasize the need for a bill. Ask people to contact their legislators during the break.