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## **Governor Musgrove Expands Call for Special Session**

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove released the following statement today:

“Today, I am expanding the call for Thursday’s special session to include consideration of legislation to address the availability and affordability of medical malpractice insurance. Solving the health care crisis in Mississippi is too important to our people. I have laid out a plan that will not only address the short term problem but will also provide a long-term solution.

“After consultation with our attorney, John Maxey, we will appeal today’s ruling to the Mississippi Supreme Court. Because of the pending appeal, it is still necessary for legislators to pass the appropriation bill directing the Department of Corrections to pay the private prison contracts. The best prison management practices and time constraints demand that action be taken now.

“As I have said previously, regardless of the outcome, we need money to pay existing private prison contracts. The decision on the veto will proceed and ultimately be answered by the Supreme Court.”

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