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upheld so that our malpractice statutes are still in place. This will raise the cap under the current laws, but the court did give direction that there are some other areas that they have concern in. I don't think this solves the problem. I think we're going to have to come back and look at it again. I think that we have to look at how we treat people. As it was shown in the Gourley decision, we had actual costs of nearly \$5 million that now most likely the state will take up most of that and I think it's part...it's good work here that we're doing. It's...but it's not done and I think that we're going to have to come back and look at our malpractice laws and make sure that we both protect doctors and make sure that we have doctors across the state, but we also protect the injured and our own state budget that as most of these costs will come back to us I think when they aren't covered by somebody else. With that, I'd support the bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Connealy. Mr. Clerk, is there anything else on LB 146?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Mossey, for a motion.

SENATOR MOSSEY: Mr. President, I move the advancement of LB 146 to E & R for engrossing.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the motion to advance LB 146 to E & R for engrossing. All in favor of the motion say aye. Opposed nay. It is advanced. Next agenda item is we will pass over LB 249, and go to LB 513. Mr. Clerk. Okay, and we may come back to LB 249 if time permits. Thank you.

CLERK: Mr. President, with respect to LB 513, I have Enrollment and Review amendments pending. (AM7130, Legislative Journal page 1655.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Mossey, for a motion.

SENATOR MOSSEY: Mr. President, I move adoption of the E & R