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Governor Ronnie Musgrove released the following statement today following the passage of civil justice reform legislation:

"It's fitting this legislation comes just before Thanksgiving Day. All along, I've said we needed civil justice reform that was fair and balanced, and I'm pleased legislation has been put together that meets these criteria. I am pleased with a major portion and I will review the provisions. I look forward to shifting the focus toward other areas that demand our attention such as education, jobs and health care."

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