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Florida House of Representatives
Committee on Claims
Summary Claim Bill Report

Bill #: HB 361
Sponsor: Representative Diaz de la Portilla
Companion Bill: SB 62 by Senator Meek
Special Master: L. Michael Billmeier, Jr.

A. Basic Information:

1. **Claimants:** Millie Jackson
2. **Respondent:** Miami-Dade County
3. **Amount Requested:** \$35,000
4. **Type of Claim:** Settlement
5. **Respondent's Position:** Respondent supports passage of a claim bill
6. **Collateral Sources:** None
7. **Prior Legislative History:** None in this case. However, HB 85 by Representative Betancourt is a bill arising from the same incident but involving a different claimant.

B. Procedural Summary: The claimant and the county reached a settlement agreement after the complaint was filed in this case.

C. Facts of Case: Millie Jackson was a passenger on a Miami-Dade County transit bus on December 7, 1999. At approximately 11:23 p.m., the bus ran a red light and struck a Miami-Dade Police vehicle. Both the bus driver and the police officer were agents of the county so the county did not contest liability in this case. Ms. Jackson suffered a herniated disc because of the accident. Ms. Jackson filed suit and the parties reached a settlement after the complaint was filed. The claimant presented evidence of approximately \$17,000 in medical bills. Further the claimant presented evidence of \$12,000 - \$13,000 in lost wages.

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