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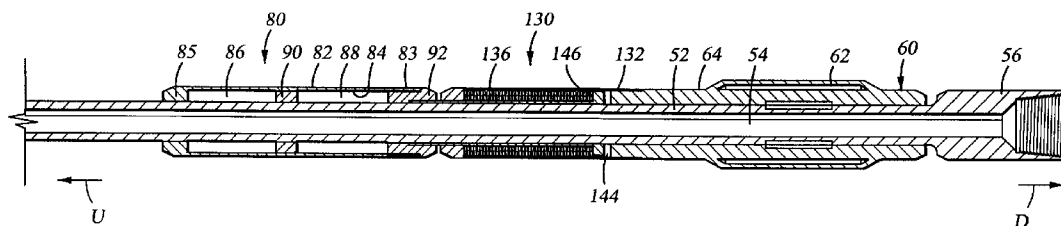
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(57) Abstract: A thrust absorber is interposed between a thrusting means and an anchoring means that cooperate to axially displace another member. The thrust absorber includes an enclosure fixed to the anchor means and a retainer connected to the thrusting means. A biasing member is operably associated with the retainer. During an overthrust condition, the thrusting means imparts a thrust force to the member, but the member is not substantially axially displaced. In such a condition, the biasing means absorbs the thrust that the thrusting means would otherwise impart to the member. A dampener is also included to dampen the movement of the thrusting means and anchoring means when the anchoring means is no longer anchoring the thrusting means.