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OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE  
MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** GOVERNOR  
**FROM:** RILEY  
**SUBJECT:** NOTES ON HB 1630 FOR 1:00 MEETING WITH BETTY GLEASON AND TERRY MCMANAMAN  
**DATE:** 4/3/2001  
**CC:** FILE

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**HB 1630**

- Authorizes issuance of \$20,000,000 in State GO bonds for MS Port Authority to acquire rail line between State Port and Hattiesburg
- **Any action taken by Port Authority is subject to MDA approval**
- If State Port acquires the rail line, it may enter into agreement with a railroad or other entity provided said railroad or entity leases the line from state for commercial purposes
- Port Authority may contract for repairs and upgrades to the rail line
- Authorizes issuance of \$20,000,000 in State Revenue Bonds for repairs/upgrades to rail line necessary to provide intermodal access to and from State Port if it has commercial lease
- Lease payments are to be deposited into a special bond sinking fund to retire bonds issued under this act or other indebtedness incurred under this act, with Revenue Bonds retired first
- Provides that when sinking fund balance equals the next 2 revenue bond debt service payments, excess monies in the fund can pay the debt service of GO bonds if the balance in the sinking fund does not fall below the amount of the next 2 revenue debt service payments
- Port Authority may borrow funds from MS Development Bank to acquire, repair and upgrade the rail line
- Port Authority must conduct the following before bonds may be issued: a cost benefit analysis of the purchase of the rail line, a study of the condition of the rail line and any needed repairs or upgrades, and a study regarding the cost of purchasing the rail line

NOTE: Gleason and McManaman requested meeting to discuss HB 1630 and SB 3145 (companion Senate bill). SB 3145 died in committee.