
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: MARLA RUTH

FROM: ERICH HOWARD

SUBJECT: ACTING GOVERNOR PAY FOR LT. GOV. AND PRES. PRO TEM/ END OF FISCAL YEAR

DATE: 6/26/00

CC: GOV. MUSGROVE, DAVID COLE, JOHN GILBERT

Thank you again for providing the daily calendar for the Governor from January to June 30, 2000, and related documentation.

After reviewing these documents, I remain unable to confirm the number of hours the Governor was out of the state, and consequently I cannot confirm this with the Lt. Governor and President Pro Tempore's offices. We have to do this in order to accurately pay these officials from the Governor's budget and maintain the necessary paperwork should the State Auditor make a request for records.

Please remember the Governor's schedule does fall under the open records law and as a public record must be made available on demand by the Lt. Governor, any elected official or private citizen including members of the press corps. Thus, the schedule and all related correspondence should be consistent and complete in order to minimize any question or controversy surrounding Governor Musgrove's use of the state plane and travel outside the state.

- 1) No documentation was provided from the following categories detailed in the previous memo:
 - A) Confirmation letters from the Lt. Governor's Office
 - B) Letters informing the President Pro Tempore of Acting Governor status resulting from the Lt. Governor's absence from the state (if any)
 - C) Confirmation letters from the President Pro Tempore's office (if any)
 - D) Letters to other officials if the Lt. Governor and President Pro Tempore were out of state (if any)

- 2) The following letters informing the Lt. Governor of Acting Governor status are missing:
 - A) March 22, 2000 – Governor was in Washington, D.C.
 - B) April 28, 2000 – Governor was in Memphis, TN.
 - C) May 19, 2000 – Governor was out of the country in international waters.

- D) May 20-21, 2000 – Governor was in Destin, FL and Teterboro, NJ.
 - E) May 23, 2000 – Governor was in Savannah, TN.
 - F) June 19-20, 2000 – Governor was in West Virginia.
- 3) The Governor's schedule provided does not have either departure or return times for the following dates:
- A) March 9, 2000 – Governor was in GA. – No return time.
 - B) March 18-21, 2000 – Governor was in Spain. – No departure time (3/18) or return time (3/21).
 - C) March 24-26, 2000 – Governor was in AL. – No return time (3/26).
 - D) May 23, 2000 – Governor was in TN. – No return time.
 - E) June 15-19, 2000 – Governor was on vacation. – No return time (6/19)
- 4) Miscellaneous questions:
- A) During the March 18-21, 2000, trip, the Governor has a breakfast scheduled at the mansion. This appears to be the weekly breakfast the Governor has with the Lt. Governor and the Speaker of the House. However, the appearance on the schedule creates a conflict.
 - B) The letter sent to the Lt. Governor's office on March 24, 2000, informs the Lt. Governor of the Governor's out of state time as 12:45 pm until 8:47 pm on March 24, 2000. However, the Governor's schedule lists the time out of state from March 24, 2000, at 12:45 pm until March 26, 2000, with an undetermined return time.
 - C) The letter sent to the Lt. Governor's office on June 7, 2000 informs the Lt. Governor of the Governor's out of state time as 7:30 am on June 9, 2000, until 3:00 pm on June 11, 2000. However, the Governor's schedule lists the time out of state from June 9, 2000, at 7:30 am until June 11, 2000, at 5:00pm.

If you have any of the missing documentation or you can answer the specific questions, please provide the information by Wednesday, June 28, 2000. As I will be attending a seminar Wednesday and Thursday, I will be working after hours to have the Governor's Office initial portion of this procedure finished by the end of the fiscal year on Friday, June 30, 2000.

Thanks.