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## **Governor Musgrove Taking Active Role in National Governors Association**

Jackson, MS – Governor Ronnie Musgrove returned from the 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the National Governors Association in Providence, Rhode Island, on Tuesday, August 7, 2001. During the course of this meeting, Musgrove worked closely with other governors to set policy for the states in dealing with federal issues of energy and education.

“It is important for Mississippi to be upfront and visible with these issues,” Musgrove said. “I want to make sure we are making the most of every opportunity to work with Congress on topics that will affect our state.”

Musgrove plays an active part in the running of the NGA. He is one of nine members of the NGA Executive Committee, which supervises the overall operations of the NGA. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the NGA Center for Best Practices, which serves as a vehicle for governors to share information about innovative practices, federal initiatives and other issues affecting states.

As a member of the NGA Committee on Human Resources, Musgrove plays an active role in shaping NGA policy on issues such as education and health care. This committee assignment is vitally important to Mississippi, with topics such as the Bush administration’s education bill, patient’s rights bill and special education funding on the current agenda for Congress.

Musgrove is also serving as a lead governor on education for the NGA.