OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR

FROM: RILEY

SUBJECT: LAWSUIT FOR INJUCTIVE RELIEF AGAINST FLAG COMMISSION: SIGNING OF HB 524

(FLAG REFERENDUM)

DATE 1/8/01

CC: PROSPERE

Peyton and I met with Terry Stone, Assistant Attorney General, last Thursday, January 4, to answer his questions relative to the motion for injunctive relief filed by Greg Stewart against your appointees to the Flag Commission. Stone said that the motion is basically moot, especially if the Legislature takes the intended quick action authorizing a referendum and particularly if they authorize a design other than that adopted by the Commission.

The response to Stewart's motion is due in Hinds County Chancery Court by 5:00 p.m. this Thursday, January 11. Stone said that he will submit the bill as it is active in the Legislature at that time, but urged Peyton and I to encourage you to sign it as soon as possible after the Legislature sends it to you, especially prior to Thursday afternoon, if that is possible considering legislative action on the bill.

Thank you.