
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: TELL
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: DUNN LAMPTON'S 9/7 PRESS CONFERENCE ON STATE FLAG
DATE 9/7/00
CC: FLAG COMMISSION FILE

Dunn Lampton held a press conference in the rotunda of the first floor today at 1:30. He said that in campaigning he has spoken to many people and they are all concerned with Social Security, better jobs and education. One issue people all agree on is that they should be allowed to vote on the State Flag. There have been tons of editorials on the flag issue, but few call for people to vote. He said that the Governor, who won without receiving a majority of the votes, has appointed a Commission that is not reflective of the people of the state. Lampton said that we have more important issues than the flag and that we need to move forward on these issues by designing a plan to keep our college graduates in the state and to attract new businesses to the state.

Lampton said that we can resolve the flag issue in November by letting the people vote on it. He said that politicians are looking for cover and he implied that the Governor is using the Commission as a cover. Lampton said that when you take a controversial matter and put it in the hands of a small group, you are not representing the people. The Flag Commission is costing the people money (he did not explain this statement). He said that he wants the Governor to put the issue on the ballot to let the people vote and to let the people decide.

A reporter asked Lampton why he felt it necessary to comment on the flag when the Governor has appointed the Commission. Lampton said that he had to speak up for the people and that it is such an important issue that the people should decide. He said he believes in the voice of the majority.