April 1, 2000

TO THE MISSISSIPPI STATE SENATE:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following Senate Bill:

S.B. NO. 2377: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 35-1-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE VETERANS AFFAIRS BOARD SHALL BE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE STATE VETERANS HOME LOCATED IN COLLINS, MISSISSIPPI, AND SHALL NOT CONTRACT FOR MANAGEMENT PURPOSES WITH ANY NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITY OR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO OPERATE THE HOME; TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SHALL CONDUCT CERTIFICATION SURVEY OF THE VETERANS HOME IN COLLINS, MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

(March 30, 2000; 7:30 PM)

Respectfully submitted,

Erich Howard Legislative Aide