
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: SGA CONFERENCE CALL ON MAY 15, 2002
DATE: 5/14/2002
CC: FILE

I have a 9:30 check up in the morning, so I doubt I'll be here by 10:00 for the conference call, but here is some background on our responses:

- See attached "Fact Sheet" for background info on the firewalls and revenue aligned budget authority (RABA). We want to keep the firewalls in place in order to protect the funds designated for transportation.
- As to equity distribution, "donor states" put more into the trust fund than they get out of the fund. Mississippi is a "donor state." So, greater equity would be good for us.
- RABA: Revenue projections are currently set in law in TEA-21 and are not set year-to-year on actual collections. This past year, the revenues were down and states had to make major adjustments. So, a new calculation being devised to insure the greatest distribution without downward swings would prove beneficial to us.
- RABA and ethanol: I don't see this as highly critical to Mississippi, so I checked "not important."
- I responded to the rest of the survey based on critical initiatives (rural transportation, economic development, transit systems and environmental regulations) in the state at this time.

Hope this helps. I faxed Elizabeth a copy of the survey and then called her and we walked through it together and she agreed with my responses before she faxed it to SGA, so she will have heard of some of this if she is on the conference call tomorrow. I'll be here ASAP, but you know a 9:30 can mean you actually see the doctor at 10:00 or 10:30.