

Statement from Governor Ronnie Musgrove Concerning Letter of July 19, 2001, from Lieutenant Governor Amy Tuck and Speaker Tim Ford:

“I have already issued the call for a special session on July 23 to remove the five percent provision from the teacher pay legislation. I will not change it. I have had no conversations with the legislative leadership or the Joint Legislative Committee on Redistricting about a special session on redistricting or a date for a special session on redistricting.

“While it is true that most teacher contracts have been signed, many districts are still scrambling to fill vacant teaching positions. We need to address this issue now to prove our commitment to teachers in Mississippi.”