

Remarks – Governor Musgrove
Mississippi Homeland Security Council Meeting
11:00 a.m. Woolfolk Building

- Last night we listened as our President told the nation and the world – that the United States will protect and rid itself from the real terrorist threat promoted and supported by Saddam Hussein.
- He set a deadline of 48 hours.
- In two days our nation will go to war if Saddam Hussein does not leave Iraq.
- I think each of us knows that he will not.
- Our thoughts, prayers and support are with the 4,500 Mississippi national guard and reserve

members who are currently serving in active duty as well as the entire United States Military. We look forward to their safe return home.

- My responsibility is to ensure the safety of our state. I am confident in our state's emergency responders should any act of aggression occur in our state. I called this meeting of the Mississippi Homeland Security Council assess our current security efforts and determine if additional measures need to be taken immediately.
- I will ask MEMA Director and our Homeland Security Director Robert Latham to begin this update.