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The most ridiculous thing about Bill Minor's article was the fact that he compared the 2001 Miss. Legislature's action in placing the flag issue on the ballot, as lacking courage, with the actions of Gov. Johnson and the 1968(?) legislature, courageously passing the local option law. Bill is apparently too uninformed to know that the local option law provides that the law of the State is that the sale of liquor is unlawful, but each county, IN A LOCAL REFERENDUM, can opt out of the State law and choose to sell liquor! Sounds like the 2001 legislature did exactly that, courageously allowed the people to vote!

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> In reference to Bill Minor's article of 5-2-2001 in the Sun Herald
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> Bill Minor doesn't know or doesn't care how ridiculous his article is.
> First of all, if Musgrove was the governor FOR the State of Mississippi,
> he would have ended the flag nonsense by telling the NAACP and whoever,
> to get a life and find something productive and helpful to do with their
> time and money. Musgrove would have stood up for and defended our flag and
> he could have ended it all. Plain and simple.
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> And why should Musgrove deserve credit for anything? As governor of the
> fine State of Mississippi, he should have fought tooth and nail for the

> State Flag. The State Flag of the very state he is governor of. Which he
> DID NOT DO. Obviously, Musgrove is not who Mississippi needs as our
> governor.

> Second, I'm not sure what Minor thinks the reference to prohibition has to
> do with our flag, but we sure know what making liquor legal has done. Now,
> we have hordes of drunk drivers running our roads, killing our kids,
> killing our husbands, wives, loved ones. Ever since legalized liquor,
> domestic violence has been on the rise. And getting more violent as time
> goes by. We are overrun with juveniles with alcohol addiction. Yes,
> legalized liquor is marvelous, isn't it?

> Personally, I cannot understand how anyone can justify the time and money
> spent on trying to destroy our flag when we have much more serious issues
> such as those mentioned above. If only people were as concerned with drunk
> drivers, alcoholic teens and domestic violence. Can anyone explain to me
> where these people's priorities are??

> Bill, racial prejudice didn't "lurk" at the heart of the flag vote. Racial
> prejudice lurks in the hearts of those set on destroying our flag. Pure
> and simple. Everyone wants to make the flag supporters out to be the
> racists when in truth it is the NAACP, the Jesse Jackson's, the Musgroves
> of Mississippi who are the racists and the trouble makers.

> And while all these people are so busy trying to rid us of our horrible
> flag because of all the awful memories and visions of slavery that NONE of
> us lived through, does anyone know what Monday was?? It was CONFEDERATE
> MEMORIAL DAY. There were all kinds of businesses and offices closed
> Monday in RESPECT OF Confederate Memorial Day. I wonder how many people
> that voted AGAINST our flag REFUSED to take the PAID holiday off and went
> on to work anyway because they needed to prove a point, like the point
> they were trying to prove when they voted AGAINST our flag? Why, I would
> just bet not a one of them took the day off. What do you think? Celebrate
> Confederate Memorial Day?? Surely they didn't take the day off!!! Wouldn't
> that be a total contradiction!!

> Mississippians know very well what a tremendous beating in public opinion
> this state has suffered and we also know that a lot of that has come from
> within this very state. But, that did not stop us from standing up for
> what we believe in, standing up for our Heritage and our Pride.
> Now, it is known nationwide that Mississippians have BACKBONE to go with
> our pride. We will long be remembered for standing our ground. I would
> just bet South Carolina wishes they were getting the publicity that we are
> getting. Maybe now they will have the courage to reclaim their flag. I
> sincerely pray they do.

> I hope one day our so-called "leaders" will put aside foolishness and
> start working on problems within our state that will truly benefit all
> Mississippians. But, then that would probably be too much work and require
> too much effort.

> Will all the non-flag supporters please take the next bus out of
> Mississippi and let the rest of us carry on in peace!!!

> God Save the South,

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