For Immediate Release April 12, 2002 <u>Contact</u>: John Sewell 601-359-2916

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove released the following statement today regarding legislative action on Medicaid:

"I refuse to back down in my fight to make Medicaid work for the people of this state. This is simply too important. Because a solution could not be determined today, I will call a special session to continue the work.

"The real issue was not about whether the Legislature chose to override or sustain the vetoes. The real issue is about protecting a health care program that provides vital services to Mississippi's seniors, disabled and children. The House made progress today in finding common ground to make that happen, and I thank the Speaker and the members for their work."

###