

*Advisory Commission on the Mississippi State Flag
and the Mississippi Coat-of-Arms*

MEMO

To: William Winter
From: Kelly Riley, Policy Liaison
Date: December 4, 2000
Subject: Report Draft

The report draft is attached for your review prior to my faxing it to Commissioners. As explained on the phone Friday afternoon, the report's message should be that the Commission is recommending that the people vote. Thus, the recommendations are that the 1894 coat of arms be adopted and that the Legislature authorize a referendum on the state flag for the people to vote between the design recommended by the Commission and the 1894 flag.

The text states that the 1894 flag should be honored and displayed appropriately. As stated by Governor Musgrove in our meeting last Wednesday, the specific language related to this matter can be resolved during our bill drafting sessions, but it shouldn't be included as a recommendation in the report.

I will fax the draft to Commissioners as soon as you direct me to do so.