

*****Adopted*****

AMENDMENT No. 1 TO AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO

House Bill NO. 51

By Senator(s) Nunnelee

1 **AMEND by inserting the following new section after line 11**
2 **and renumbering subsequent sections:**

3 SECTION *. Section 37-13-163, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
4 amended as follows:

5 37-13-163. (1) Any teacher, administrator, school council
6 or local school board in any public school district in this state
7 may post in a public school building, classroom or at any school
8 event or read from any historical document or writing relating to
9 the founding of the United States of America or this state, or
10 both, notwithstanding the fact that such materials may include
11 religious quotations, references or illustrations. There shall be
12 no content-based censorship of American or Mississippi History,
13 heritage or culture based on any religious references contained in
14 such documents, writings or records.

15 (2) Principals and teachers in each public elementary and
16 secondary school of each school district in this state shall
17 display on an appropriately framed background with minimum
18 dimensions of eleven (11) inches by fourteen (14) inches, the
19 following motto of the United States of America in each classroom,
20 school auditorium and school cafeteria under his or her

21 supervision: "IN GOD WE TRUST." For purposes of this provision,
22 "classroom" shall mean any room of a public school where
23 instruction takes place.

24 **FURTHER AMEND the title by inserting the following after the**
25 **semicolon on line 2:**

26 TO AMEND SECTION 37-13-163, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE
27 AND DIRECT PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND
28 SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO DISPLAY THE MOTTO OF THE UNITED STATES OF
29 AMERICA IN EACH CLASSROOM, SCHOOL AUDITORIUM AND CAFETERIA;