March 27, 2002

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE FOR HOUSE BILL 1337

I am returning House Bill Number 1337: "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-59-43, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE SCHOOL BOARDS TO INVEST SURPLUS FUNDS IN THE SAME MANNER THAT IS PROVIDED FOR THE INVESTMENT OF SIXTEENTH SECTION FUNDS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES" without my approval, and assign the following reasons for my veto.

House Bill No. 1337 is identical to and duplicates Senate Bill No. 2695 which has already been signed into law. This veto is not intended to and does not affect the status of Senate Bill No. 2695.

I urge the members to sustain the veto and reject House Bill No. 1337.

Respectfully submitted,

RONNIE MUSGROVE GOVERNOR