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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

March 3, 1992

Civil Justice Reform Roundtable

DATE: March 4, 1992
LOCATION: The Hancock Bank Building
Gulfport, Mississippi
TIME: 1:25 p.m.
FROM: John Howard *JH*

I. PURPOSE

To discuss the Administration's Civil Justice Reform initiative and to seek support for reforms at the federal and state levels.

This also is an important opportunity to assist Governor Fordice advance product liability and punitive damages reform measures pending in the Mississippi legislature.

II. BACKGROUND

This Civil Justice Roundtable is hosted by the Mississippi State Chamber of Commerce. In addition to Governor Fordice, Lt. Governor Briggs, and a bipartisan group of state legislators, we have invited representatives from several businesses.

Governor Fordice has been very active in supporting civil justice reform measures and has planned a series of statewide meetings sponsored by a product liability coalition. As a result a comprehensive six-bill package has been introduced. This package includes product liability, punitive damages, loser-pays, and collateral source provisions.

On March 3, the Mississippi Senate and House Judiciary Committees held a hearing on the product liability bill. Proponents are optimistic that the bill will be reported favorably. Of equal concern is the punitive damages reform measure. The success of punitive damages reform rests initially with Lt. Governor Briggs, who controls the flow of legislation in the Senate. We should make certain that both the Governor and Lt. Governor know of the Administration's interest in product liability, punitive damage, and civil justice reform.

Mississippi has had some success with substantive reform. For example, the state has reduced its general statute of limitation from 6 to 3 years and has modified joint and several liability. They have also increased penalties for filing frivolous lawsuits.

The pending punitive damages bill has a number of similarities to the Administration's Model State Punitive Damages Act. For example, included in the Mississippi proposal are: 1) requires malice; 2) codifies a "clear and convincing" evidentiary standard; 3) permits bifurcated trials; 4) limits on award -- the greater of \$250,000 or 2x the compensatory award. We should emphasize the need for punitive damages reform and similarities between the bills.

The Mississippi product liability bill contains a number of elements that are in the Federal Products Liability Act, S. 640 and H.B. 3030. While a Federal products liability statute is preferable, state reform is essential to stabilize the law and provide clear guidance to producers and consumers. [Senator Lott has been an somewhat unenthusiastic co-sponsor of S. 640. Senator Cochran has not supported the Federal bill.]

The Governor's office has been very helpful in arranging this Roundtable so that the Mississippi reform effort receives maximum benefit. Governor Fordice appears to be one of our strongest allies in reforming the civil justice system.

You are scheduled to have a brief, private meeting in the holding room with Governor Fordice and Lieutenant Governor Briggs to underscore the Administration's commitment to civil justice reform.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The Vice President
Governor Kirk Fordice
Lt. Governor Eddie Briggs
Bob Pittman, President, Mississippi State Chamber of Commerce

IV. EVENT OUTLINE

1:25 p.m.	The VICE PRESIDENT arrives in Meeting Room I and participates in Photo Opportunity.
1:35 p.m.	The VICE PRESIDENT concludes Photo Opportunity and participates in Civil Justice Reform Roundtable.
1:55 p.m.	The VICE PRESIDENT concludes Roundtable and proceeds to holding room.
2:00 p.m.	The VICE PRESIDENT proceeds to Boardroom and participates in Press Availability.

V. PRESS PLAN

Closed Press

VI. ATTACHMENTS

List of Participants
Talking Points
Biographies

VII. FOLLOW-UP ACTION REQUIRED

Thank You Notes
Mail Photographs

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**CIVIL JUSTICE REFORM ROUNDTABLE
GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI
MARCH 4, 1992**

Government Officials

- ✓ Governor Kirk Fordice ✓
- ✓ Lt. Governor Eddie Briggs ✓
- ✓ Senator Walter Graham (sponsor of civil justice reform legislation) ✓
- ✓ Representative Mark Garriga (sponsor of civil justice reform legislation) ✓
- Representative Michael Mills (Judiciary Committee Chairman - also chaired recent joint hearing on product liability) (Not here)

Business Owners

- add - Kenneth Williams*
- (Chuck)*
Charles Dunn - Executive Vice President, Mississippi Chemical Corporation (a former cooperative manufacturing fertilizer) ✓
 - Joe Ethridge - President, Struthers Industries, Inc. (past chairman of the Mississippi Manufacturers Association) ✓
 - Austin Ferrel - Montague, Sigler & Ferrell (insurance company) ✓
 - Bill Johnson - Vice President for Community Development, Mississippi Power Company ✓
 - Dennis Knecht - Vice President, Ingalls Shipping (state's largest employer with 16,000 employees) ✓
 - Dewey Lane, M.D. - Surgical Associates, P.A. (obstetrician) ✓
 - (Den)*
Dennis Miller - International Paper Company ✓
 - Bob Pittman - President, Mississippi Economic Council (Mississippi state chamber) ✓
 - Fred Price - General Counsel, First Mississippi Corporation (natural resources company) ✓
 - Richard Redd - Redd Pest Control Company (operates in several southern states) ✓
 - Warren Richardson - Georgia-Pacific Company (defendant in several dioxin suits) ✓
 - George Schloegel - President, Hancock Bank ✓

*Strong financial
background
Repubs.*
Leo Seal - Chairman, Hancock Bank (principal stockholder) ✓

W.C. Shoemaker - Shoemaker Offset Inc. (printing company) ✓

(Bill)
William Sones - President, State Bank & Trust Company (finance chairman for Congressman Mike Parker) ✓

Kelly Williams - President, Coca-Cola Refreshments Inc. ✓

William Yates - Yates & Sons Construction Company (close friend of Lt. Governor Briggs) ✓

CIVIL JUSTICE REFORM TALKING POINTS

GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

MARCH 4, 1992

Thank you, Governor Fordice, Lt. Governor Briggs, and Mr. Bob Pittman for hosting this meeting, and thank you all very much.

It's great to be here in Gulfport today.

The United States is the only remaining superpower.

- o Keeping pace with all the challenges facing us.**
- o President has established a framework for peace.**
- o We continue working on problems here at home.**

We are still the world leaders in the marketplace.

- o Our economy is more than twice as large as any competitor.**
- o Still, we have some competitive disadvantages.**
- o Some come from trading partners; other from inside.**
- o Council on Competitiveness is an avenue to help regain edge.**

Unfortunately, we are also the world leader in lawsuits.

- o **We have 70% of the world's lawyers.**
- o **System costs an estimated \$300 billion dollars a year.**
- o **This is a self-inflicted competitive disadvantage.**

Economic costs of excessive lawsuits are a self-inflicted competitive disadvantage.

- o **Foreign companies have lower liability costs.**
- o **We also have higher prices for some everyday items.**
- o **Some beneficial products never come to the market.**

Agenda for Civil Justice Reform addresses these problems:

- o **ADR - The Multidoor Courthouse**
- o **Discovery Reform**
- o **Expert Evidence - Widely Accepted Theories**
- o **Fairness Rule**
- o **Punitive Damage Reform**

The Administration is committed to Civil Justice Reform.

- o **The President has signed an Executive Order.**
- o **"Access to Justice Act of 1992" sent to Congress.**
- o **Amendments to Federal Rules have been presented.**
- o **Civil Justice Reform Model State Amendments and Model State Punitive Damages Act are here today.**

Today I ask for your help with Civil Justice Reform.

- o **Most lawsuits are brought in state courts.**
- o **Reducing costs and delay helps everyone**
- o **Work to fight legislation creating unnecessary litigation.**
- o **Support product liability and punitive damages reform measures now pending in the Statehouse.**
- o **These are important measures. They mean JOBS**

Please work hard to make this happen in Mississippi.

- o The "litigation explosion" isn't just in Washington. The people of Mississippi know that the legal system takes too long and costs too much.**
- o I look forward to working with Governor Fordice, Lt. Governor Briggs, and the state legislature to make Mississippi a model for the rest of the nation.**

KIRK FORDICE was born in Memphis, Tennessee. He earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering in 1956 and a master's degree in industrial management in 1957 from Purdue University. He was a member of Tau Beta Pi, the engineering honorary, and Chi Epsilon, the civil engineering honorary. He served twenty years in the U.S. Army Reserves, retiring with the rank of colonel. Before his election as Governor, he was a professional engineer and president of Fordice Construction Company, which specializes in heavy construction and highway bridge construction. As chairman of the Vicksburg/Warren County Economic Development Foundation, he was responsible for the relocation and expansion of industries that had a \$14 million economic impact on Mississippi. He was recognized for his efforts in 1985 when the Mississippi Industrial Development Council named him an Economic Development Volunteer Laureate. He is immediate past president of the Associated General Contractors, whose 32,000 member companies represent 3.55 million employees, making it the largest trade association in the construction industry. While president, he was recognized by the Minority Contractors Association for the work he did to better relations between the two associations. Governor Fordice has served his community as a charter member of the port City Kiwanis Club, vice president of the Vicksburg-Tallulah District Airport Board, board member of the Salvation Army, and a director of Merchants National Bank. His professional associations include the American Institute of Constructors, the Consulting Constructors Council, the American Society of Military Engineers, and the state and national societies of professional engineers.

Birthdate:	February 10, 1934
Family:	Married, four children, five grandchildren
Religion:	Methodist
Party:	Republican
Inauguration:	January 1992
Term Expiration:	January 1996

Kirk Fordice
Patricia Fordice

BIOGRAPHY

Lieutenant Governor Eddie Briggs was born in Kemper County, Mississippi, on October 14, 1949. He has two children, Katie, 9 and Polly, 7. His parents are Mrs. Lola Watts and the late Grace Briggs. He is a member of Scooba Methodist Church.

Lieutenant Governor Briggs attended DeKalb High School, DeKalb, Mississippi; East Mississippi Junior College, Scooba, Mississippi; Livingston University, Livingston, Alabama; and Mississippi College School of Law, Clinton, Mississippi.

He is a practicing attorney in DeKalb and is licensed to practice in the state and federal courts of Mississippi. Lieutenant Governor Briggs has served as attorney for the Kemper County Board of Supervisors for eight years, served as Secretary-Treasurer and President-elect of the Mississippi Association of County Board Attorneys, and served as attorney for the Kemper County Board of Education. He is a farmer, timber grower and majority stockholder in Interstate Ford, Inc., and president of Columbus Nissan. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Merchants and Farmers Bank, Macon, Mississippi.

Lieutenant Governor Briggs is an avid outdoorsman. His hobbies are hunting and fishing. He is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Wildlife Federation and is a life member of that organization. In 1985 he received the Mississippi Forestry Association's Presidential Citation for outstanding service to Mississippi's forestry industry.

In 1982 he was one of the founding members of the Noxubee River Chapter of Ducks Unlimited and served as its first president. In 1983 he received the DU Distinguished Service Award for his efforts.

Lieutenant Governor Briggs is serving his first term as Mississippi's Lieutenant Governor. He served two terms in the Mississippi State Senate, representing District 32, Lauderdale, Kemper and Noxubee Counties. He served as Chairman of the Senate Public Utilities Committee and a member of the Finance, Judiciary, Public Property, Agriculture, Constitution, State Library, and Wildlife and Marine Resources Committees.

Lieutenant Governor Briggs is a member of the Mississippi Bar Association; American Bar Association; Mississippi Trial Lawyers Association; American Trial Lawyers Association; Mississippi Association of County Board Attorneys; Boy Scouts of America; Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation; Mississippi Forestry Association; Mississippi Cattlemen's Association; Mississippi Wildlife Federation; National Wildlife Federation; Mississippi Bowhunters Association; National Wild Turkey Federation; National Rifle Association and Ducks Unlimited.

His address is Post Office Box 1018, Jackson, Mississippi 39215-1018, (601) 359-3200.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES
MISSISSIPPI ECONOMIC COUNCIL DELEGATION

1. CHARLES O. DUNN

Executive Vice President, Mississippi Chemical Company, a former cooperative manufacturing nitrogen fertilizers and other chemicals -- active in national and international markets.

2. JOE B. ETHRIDGE

President, Struthers Industries, Inc., past chairman of Mississippi Manufacturers Association; primary interest in products liability legislation.

3. AUSTIN FERRELL, JR.

Insurance executive in South Mississippi; a community leader in statewide business tort reform efforts, and an officer of the Council.

4. W. J. "BILL" JOHNSON

Community development executive with Mississippi Power Company, an electric utility; serving the Council as volunteer on-site coordinator for the Vice President's visit; thoroughly familiar with tort reform issues.

5. DENNIS KNECHT

Vice President of Ingalls Shipbuilding, owned by Litton. Ingalls is Mississippi's largest employer, with more than 16,000 employees; heavy U. S. Navy contractors, plus some commercial ships.

6. DEWEY H. LANE, M. D.

The only physician in the group. Familiar with problems related to loss of practicing obstetricians in the state (50 of 82 counties without OB-GYN physicians) and other problems related to medical profession and civil justice system.

7. DENNIS MILLER

International Paper Company Mississippi representative and Public Affairs Director; a key player in tort reform efforts with International Paper, defending series of tort suits in Mississippi at this time. International Paper has a major investment in Mississippi.

8. BOB PITTMAN

President and CEO of the Mississippi Economic Council. The Council has 2,400 member companies and firms. Tort reform is the Council's top priority in 1992 legislative session, with products liability and punitive damage bills keys among five bills introduced this session.

The Council is a leading part of a business coalition of some 35 business firms and associations supporting tort reform in Mississippi.

The coalition won significant tort reforms in 1989, as reduction of statute of limitations, reforms in joint and several liability, and barring out-of-state lawsuits when statute has run in state where the cause of action accrued.

9. FRED PRICE

General Counsel (in-house) for First Mississippi Corporation, major natural resources company in Mississippi (fertilizer, chemicals, oil, gold, environmental technology), and leader of Mississippi's tort reform effort. Chairs both the business coalition for tort reform and the Council's Committee on Tort Reform.

10. RICHARD REDD

President and owner of pest control company, operating in several southern states, with history of lawsuits as a result of his pest control work.

11. WARREN RICHARDSON

Manager of Georgia-Pacific's Leaf River Mill in South Mississippi. Victim of a series of dioxin lawsuits. In first two suits, the company was hit with punitive damage awards of \$1 million and \$3 million; plaintiffs' lawyer now has some 6,000 clients lined up to sue Georgia-Pacific on same dioxin claim.

12. GEORGE SCHLOEGEL

President of Hancock Bank in Gulfport, the site of the meeting. Rising South Mississippi leader, rising Council leader; familiar with Council's work on tort reform; a Council Board member.

13. LEO SEAL

Chairman and principal stockholder in Hancock Bank; semi-retired, former Chairman of the Council; strongest economic leader on the Gulf Coast.

14. W. C. ~~SH~~MAKER
Owner, major printing company, with customers in several states. Has recent problems -- some pending -- with lawsuits by former employees. Officer and Board member of the Council.
15. WILLIAM D. SONES
Bank President in Southwest Mississippi; strong Council supporter and influential spokesman for business with the legislature and with congressional delegation; Finance Chairman for Congressman Mike Parker; Vice Chairman-Elect of the Council.
16. J. KELLEY WILLIAMS
Chairman and CEO, First Mississippi Corporation; one of Mississippi's strongest and most effective business leaders; incoming Chairman of the Council; strongly and aggressively supportive of tort reform legislation, as indicated by Price's leadership role.

First Mississippi Corporation, on New York Stock Exchange, and a world player in fertilizers, chemicals, environmental technology, etc.; strongest member of the Council delegation.
17. KENNETH WILLIAMS
Coca-Cola distributor in Northeast Mississippi, with other business interests and direct interest in products liability; Corinth, his home town, is in the area of the Yellow Creek space project; Williams is present Chairman of the Council.
18. WILLIAM G. YATES, JR.
Owner of Yates Construction Company; closest member of Council group to Lt. Governor Eddie Briggs; recognizes need for tort reform and has spoken to the Lt. Governor on several occasions in support of Council legislation.
19. SEN. WALTER GRAHAM
Senator from North Mississippi; introduced Council legislation in the state Senate; solid business vote.
20. REP. MARK GARRIGA
First-term House member; defense lawyer strongly supportive of tort reform; introduced Council legislation in the House of Representatives; resident of Gulf Coast area.

Fred Price - Introduced major punitive damages
and product liability bills. Stressing w/ everyone
the fairness behind these bills.

Kenneth Williams - Thanked VP, ended meeting

21. REP. MING MILLS

Chairman of Judiciary A Committee in House of Representatives where Council-backed tort reform bills are placed. Chaired Joint House-Senate Judiciary Hearing on Products Liability legislation Tuesday morning; lawyer, supporter of products liability legislation -- fair, if not supportive, on other measures.

Dr. Dewey Lane - Not a ~~pro~~ Dr. vs. lawyer issue, but a issue about people. Legal system impacts cost of care and access to care. 50 of 82 countries have no obstetrical care available - highest mortality rate here too - and it is related to availability of obstetrical care. High cost of malpractice insurance & overutilization of medicine the result of current tort law. Now, he approaches every case as if it were going to court. Drives older doctors out into early retirement to protect life's savings.

Richard Radd - \$12 million a yr. - insurance was 1% of revenue ~~last~~ 10 years ago, now 6% of revenue. Legal fees have gone from \$5,000 to \$360,000 over the same period of time.

Wamen Richardson - New mill, built in 1984 - success story in terms of competitiveness. 70% of product is exported all over the world. But GP is threatened, not by foreign competition, but by a mountain of law suits - connected with dioxin. Dioxin produced as a by-product of paper production, but over last 2 years they have changed process to avoid dioxin. Told story one case - judge directed judgment & jury gave \$1 million punitive damage even though no evidence of harm. Plus, GP was in compliance with all federal and state laws - so why should they be punished anyway? All these suits on dioxin are photocopies of each other too. \$100-120 million contribution to local economy, 70% from overseas. Need protection from multiple punitive awards, shouldn't be punitives if a company is in compliance w/ all federal & state laws.

UH/EU - MS proposed minutes

QUAYLE MEETING

CIVIL JUSTICE REFORM ROUNDTABLE

Wednesday, March 4, 1992

J. Kelley Williams, Chairman, First Mississippi Corporation, Jackson
Vice Chairman, Mississippi Economic Council

Fred Price, General Counsel, First Mississippi Corporation, Jackson
Chairman, Tort Reform Coalition

John R. McCarty, President, McCarty Farms, Inc., Magee

Joe F. Sanderson, Jr., President, Sanderson Farms, Laurel

Richard Redd, Redd Pest Control, Jackson

→ W. W. Gresham, Jr., Gresham Petroleum Company, Indianola

J. B. Ethridge, Struthers Industries, Inc., Gulfport

→ Warren Richardson, Georgia-Pacific, Leaf River, New Augusta

→ Dennis Miller, International Paper Company, Jackson

→ Larry Tyner, Weyerhaeuser Company, Jackson

→ Graham Somerville, Chevron Refinery, Pascagoula

Jerry St. Pe, Ingalls Shipbuilding, Pascagoula

Bill Yates, W. G. Yates & Sons Construction Company, Philadelphia

Dewey Lane, M.D., Pascagoula

Kenneth Williams, President, Coca-Cola/Refreshments, Inc., Corinth
Chairman, Mississippi Economic Council

George Schloegel, Hancock Bank, Gulfport

Tom Slough, Jackson Ready-Mix Concrete, Jackson

John Corlew, Attorney, Watkins & Eager, Jackson

Bob Pittman, President, Mississippi Economic Council, Jackson

Tom Parry, Mississippi Chemical Corporation, Yazoo City

David Ratcliffe, President, Mississippi Power Company, Gulfport

- A. Governor Kirk Fordice
- B. Lieutenant Governor Eddie Briggs
- C. Speaker of the House Tim Ford
- D. Senator Hainon A. Miller, Greenville
- E. Representative Edward Blackmon, Canton
- F. Representative Mark Garriga, Gulfport
- G. Representative Ashley Hines, Greenville
- H. Representative Mike Mills, Aberdeen

SUBJECT: Civil Justice Reform in Mississippi

Mississippi has been identified as a state "ripe" for our civil justice reform efforts. We have worked with the Mississippi State Chamber of Commerce and numerous legal reform coalitions to design the Gulfport Civil Justice Reform Roundtable to capitalize on this opportunity.

This session a comprehensive six-bill reform package has been introduced. On Tuesday, March 3, the Senate and House Judiciary Committees held a joint hearing on product liability. We have learned that the hearing went well and the bill is likely to be reported favorably. The coalitions also believe that there is a chance to pass punitive damages reform.

Our best bet for assisting this effort is for the Vice President to visit with the Governor and Lt. Governor to underscore the Administration's commitment to civil justice reform. [Whitney has 5 minutes for a private holding room meeting. The event host, Bob Pittman, should not be included.] The Vice President should stress product liability and punitives.

Governor Fordice was elected with a campaign that included tort reform. He plans a series of tort reform "roundtables" throughout the state and should be considered a very strong ally. On the other hand, Lt. Governor Briggs is a former trial lawyer who was elected as a Republican after switching his party affiliation.

The private holding room meeting is very important. The Lt. Governor is the pivotal player in the Mississippi reform effort. He favors punitive damages reform and has changed his position on product liability from negative to neutral. Because the Lt. Governor controls the Senate's agenda, it is important that he know that state civil justice reform is very important to the Administration.

We have also invited several of the state legislators who may be of assistance.



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON

3-3-92

MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM George K. Rasley, Jr.

SUBJECT Background for Mississippi Trip
Gulfport/Biloxi Metro Area

> The Gulfport-Biloxi area led the state of Mississippi in new manufacturing job announcements.

> Unemployment in this area is 6.1% as of December 1991, compared with the national rate of 7.1% as of January 1992. Statewide the unemployment rate is currently 7.5%. These figures are an improvement over last year, when unemployment was 8.1% statewide and 6.2% in the Gulfport-Biloxi area. February's unemployment figures will be released on March 6th.

> The largest manufacturing employers are Dupont's Titanium Dioxide facility and Regina's vacuum cleaner facility. Each employ over 700 people. Due to a \$3 million expansion program Avondale-Gulfport Marine will soon employ about that many at its combined facilities.

> Manufacturing employment has grown by 16% since 1987.

> Regina is contemplating an expansion which would make it the largest manufacturing employer in Harrison County.

> The Gulfport-Biloxi area is also home to the Gulf Coast Business Technology Center. This is the first full-service business incubator on the Mississippi Coast and was developed at a cost of \$1.6 million dollars and is now home to ten small companies.

> Tourism related employment is expected, by some local officials, to become the largest source of new jobs in the area.

> Over 2 million tourists visit the Gulfport-Biloxi area yearly.

> The state-operated Port of Gulfport increased import/export tonnage by 30% over last year.

> Gulfport's military bases will gain over 600 military and civilian jobs in 1992.

> Keesler Air Force Base is the site of the second largest Air Force Medical Facility in the United States. The Veterans Administration also has a large, 1108 beds, facility in the area.

> There are over 4 million acres of wetlands in Mississippi; BUT environmentalists estimate that the state has lost 59% of its original wetlands. Wetlands now constitute about 13% of the land surface area of the state. The local business community (Harrison County Development Commission) is participating in the efforts of the Wetlands Coalition to obtain a legislative "fix" for the problems current wetlands regulations pose for development. The Wetlands Coalition has been generally supportive of your position on wetlands, but has put most of its efforts behind the Ridge-Hayes Bill in Congress.

> The Gulfport-Biloxi area currently has no known Clean Air Act problems and at this time air quality complies with all requirements of the Clean Air Act.

> Republican Governor Kirk Fordice campaigned on school choice, and is looking for some consensus options to put before the legislature. This is potentially controversial, due to "white flight" to the suburbs, any plan dealing with where children attend school will attract a lot of attention.

> An employer in Gulfport is concerned about the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services position on listing two species of Mahogany as Appendix 2 under CITES. Appendix 2 is the lowest listing, but would still set the stage for international regulation of the mahogany trade endangering jobs at Newman Lumber Company based in Gulfport.

> According to the Governor's recent "State of the State Address" the State of Mississippi is expected to have a \$30 million revenue shortfall.

> The Governor proposed an innovative approach to holding down spending which would limit budgeting and appropriations to 97% of projected revenue.

> Governor Fordice also announced his opposition to allowing a previous year's unfunded debts to be paid out of a new budget year's appropriation.

> The Governor also took on the "education bureaucracy" and decried what he views as its excessive demands for funding of administrative expenses, "...when our real need is for classroom education of our children."

FUN FACTS AND LOCAL INFORMATION

There are 14 "well manicured" golf courses in the Gulfport-Biloxi area according to the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce.

Fort Massachusetts, a Civil War fort, is a major tourist attraction on nearby Ship Island.

Biloxi, established by French-Canadians, predates both New Orleans and Mobile and was the first permanent European settlement in the lower Mississippi Valley.

Gulfport was established in 1887, as the Gulf port terminus of a north-south railroad running through Mississippi and linking the interior of the state with Gulf of Mexico ship transport.

Amtrack plans to extend service from New Orleans to Jacksonville, Florida. Federal Railroad Commissioner Gil Carmichael, a Mississippian, is a strong proponent.

Jackson State University has been in the throes of a funding crisis. At one point it was \$2.6 million, now it is down to \$300,000.

Mississippi is facing a Medicaid crisis, as many as 2,700 current recipients could lose their benefits. The legislature appears to be ready to impose new taxes on providers and cut benefits to try to save the state fund \$30 million.

Term Limits have recently been shot down by Democrats in the Legislature. Republican Lt. Governor Eddie Briggs campaigned in favor of term limits, his Democrat predecessor served twelve years.

There is an ongoing competition between the Gulf Coast salt dome area and an area in Louisiana for a new strategic petroleum reserve site.

Richard Truely is from Mississippi, though not from the Gulfport area.

The Administration did not include funding for the Advanced Solid Rocket Motor (ASRM) in its budget. The testing was to be done at nearby Stennis Space Center. The Mississippi delegation expects to restore funding through the appropriation process.

While the Gulfport area is not immediately affected other Federal facilities in Mississippi, including NASA, NOAA and other military installations face cut-backs.

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WASHINGTON, DC

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Richard -

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March 3, 1992

The Honorable Dan Quayle
Vice President of the United States
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Mr. Vice President:

This week and next the convention on International Trade in Endanger Species of Wild Fauna and Flora is taking place in Japan. The United States is being represented by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Among the topics to be discussed is Central and South American Mahogany (*S. Macrophylla*). It is my understanding that the position of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is to support the position to list mahogany as an endangered species as an Appendix II listing which requires additional export and import permits from and to the various countries of which trade is taking place. Mahogany can in no way be considered an endangered species. Each tree after the eighth year produces seeds which, when released are blown over the forests by the wind, much like the Southern Pine Tree. A mature tree releases millions of seeds in a similar fashion. In addition, the common requirement of the producing countries, is the planting of mahogany seedlings throughout the areas where the producers work.

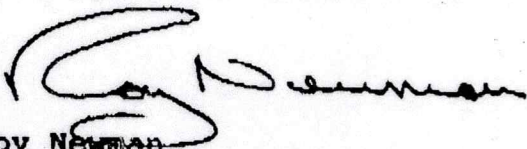
The companies working in mahogany are all small with very limited capital and in countries where interest rates are so high it makes borrowing working capital out of the question. The working time is only during the dry season which is only about 3 months of the year. This means during the dry season the producers are required to work day and night to accomplish anything in the way of production - investing all of their working capital and are deep in debt to creditors. Once they have their production ready to market any delay will guarantee bankruptcy. Export complications that will be brought on by CITES on both the exporter and importer will be many. None of the mahogany producers or importers are

wealthy, but we are employers from the time we enter an area until the customer buys the end product. Tropical timber industries account for 25% to 30% of the employment in the various countries where mahogany is produced. Mahogany entering the USA amounts to importing jobs. The raw mahogany is used for patterns in automobile plants, millwork for houses, furniture for homes, multiplying into many jobs all over our country. Jobs are needed today more than ever.

We appreciate the Bush-Quayle Administration taking a stand in our behalf and instructing the U.S. delegation to CITES to oppose the listing of mahogany as endangered species.

I take the privilege of thanking you on behalf of the people who will never have this opportunity for the many jobs you are saving - from the longshoremen who load and unload the ships, the truck drivers who deliver nationwide, to the factory workers who produce an American made product. Your efforts are helping save an uncountable number of jobs in Mississippi and in America, for this our employees thank you and your staff.

Once again our sincere thanks,



Roy Newman
President

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Memorandum

TO: George Raisley
Office of Vice President Quayle

FROM: Bruce Lott
Office of Senator Trent Lott

DATE: Tuesday, March 3, 1992

RE: Hot Issues on the Mississippi Coast

- 1) DOCKSIDE GAMBLING ON THE MISSISSIPPI COAST
- Gambling is allowed on Cruise ships on the waters off the Mississippi Coast. The issue is on the ballot on Super Tuesday.
- 2) ADVANCED SOLID ROCKET MOTOR (ASRM)
- The issue is a touchy one on the Coast and Northeast Mississippi. The President's budget eliminates funding for the program. The ASRM is to be built in Iuka in Northeast Mississippi and the rockets would be tested at Stennis Space Center (in Hancock County) on the Coast.
- 3) STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE
- Mississippi has a site in the final running for the nation's newest strategic petroleum reserve. The site is in the salt domes near Richton in Perry County just to the north of the Coast. Mississippi is in competition with Louisiana for the site. Environmentalists prefer the Mississippi site because it is upland and the site and the pipeline would not impact wetlands. Louisiana's site would have a wetlands impact. Senator Lott has taken the lead on this, Governor Fordice came to Washington to meet with Energy officials, as well. Word is expected back from the Energy Department later this year.

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4) NUCLEAR WASTE DISPOSAL

- The Copiah County Board of Supervisors (in Central Mississippi) are looking into the possibility of storing nuclear waste in their county. Remarkably, this has not drawn widespread attention, but should any day now. It is a landmine of an issue. People in South Mississippi reacted strongly against a similar idea some years back when the federal government was looking at using the Richton salt domes (same as mentioned above) for nuclear waste storage. There is additional concern in South Mississippi, because the Tatum Salt Dome in nearby Lamar County was used for nuclear testing in the past.

5) JACK RUSS

- The House Sergeant at Arms is from Picayune in Pearl River County. His shooting this week in Washington has drawn a lot of attention back home. Crime is always a hot issue in Mississippi. You almost nothing to bad for criminals as far as most Mississippians are concerned. We're real law and order types.

6) CUTBACKS AT NASA AND NAVAL OCEANOGRAPHIC CENTER

- There is a lot of concern in Hancock County (just to the west of Gulfport) about cutbacks at the Stennis Space Center. Estimates are that cutbacks will cost about 100 jobs.

7) MARDI GRAS

- Mardi Gras is a big holiday on the Coast and they will have just finished celebrating on Tuesday night.

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IN GENERAL, The people of the Mississippi Coast are concerned about the economy, just like the rest of America.

MAJOR ECONOMIC FACTORS

- The Port of Gulfport
- Tourism
- Shipbuilding

SPECIAL NOTES:

- Thousands of tons of chicken from growers in Mississippi and throughout the region have been shipped to the former Soviet Union through the Port of Gulfport over the last couple of years.
- Gulfport is one of the largest banana ports in the world. A very large portion of bananas shipped to the U.S. from South America come through Gulfport.
- USA Today has rated the beaches on historic Ship Island (just a few miles off the Coast) as among the 10 best in America. (Ship Island is the location of an old Civil War fort - Fort Massachusetts.)

5TH DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL RACE

- The general view is that Democrat Incumbent Gene Taylor will get re-elected even though he opposed the Persian Gulf War. His vote was very unpopular in Mississippi (only Taylor and Espy voted against the President.)
- We've got some good candidates on our side, but there doesn't seem to be enough sentiment to get rid of Taylor. He generally votes fairly conservatively, and that's what's most important in the 5th, not party affiliation.

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..... FAMILIAR NAME SPOUSE FIRST TITLE.....	 D CONTACT. Contact Info.....	CATEGORIES...
Mailing Label	NAME	Phone Number
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Ms. Leigh Allen Post Office Drawer 119 Jackson, MS 39205	Leigh	09/23/91 Mississippi Republican Fundraiser in Jackson, MS
Mr. Bob Anthony American Poultry International Post Office Box 16805 Jackson, MS 39236	Bob Chairman	(601) 992-1717 W 09/23/91 Mississippi Republican Fundraiser in Jackson, MS
Mr. Alan Bank 1006 Fawn Drive Tupelo, MS 38801	Alan	(601) 680-2699 W 09/23/91 Mississippi Republican Fundraiser in Jackson, MS
Mr. Haley Barbour P.O. Box 960 Yazoo City, MS 39194	Haley Marsha	(202) 333-8767 O 08/03/91 attended private meeting at Camp David (601) 746-2134 O 08/12/91 Met in Mississippi and returned to Washington with (601) 746-4292 H 01/23/90 VP aboard Air Force II 09/05/91 Jim Pitts suggested that the VP call. Private dinner in honor of Lee Atwater at the residence Met in the VP office were he introduced the VP to Marshall Hahn
Ms. Esther Barrett 806 Second Street Gulfport, MS 39501	Esther	(601) 863-5617 W 09/23/91 Mississippi Republican Fundraiser in Jackson, MS
The Honorable John Buckley 2815 Jamestown Road Hattiesburg, MS 39402	John Councilman	03/11/91 Attended reception on March 11, 1991
Mr. Rick Calhoon 36 Moss Forest Circle Jackson, MS 39211	Rick	(601) 948-5279 W 09/23/91 Mississippi Republican Fundraiser in Jackson, MS
Mr. Wil Colom Post Office Box 866	Wil	(601) 327-0903 W 09/23/91 Mississippi Republican Fundraiser in Jackson, MS

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Columbus, MS 39703					
Mr. Bill Cossar Post Office Box 1640 Jackson, MS 39215	Bill			09/23/91 Mississippi Republican Fundraiser in Jackson, MS	POLITICAL
Mr. Hal Daughdrill 1675 Lakeland Drive Suite 400 Jackson, MS 39216	Hal			(601) 362-9895 W 09/23/91 Mississippi Republican Fundraiser in Jackson, MS	POLITICAL
Mr. Tam Etheridge Broiler Industry Choctaw Maid Farms 302 East Franklin Street Carthage, MS 39051	Tam	Nora	President	(601) 296-2622 O 10/17/91 Dinner in Honor of Team 100 at the White House	BUS/ECON POLITICAL TEAM 100 PERSONAL
Ms. Jody Fall Telephone Electronics Post Office Box 22923 Jackson, MS 39225	Jody		President	09/23/91 Mississippi Republican Fundraiser in Jackson, MS	POLITICAL BUS/ECON
Mr. Doug Fontaine La Font Inn Highway 90 Pascagoula, MS 39567	Doug		President	08/12/91 Met VP during his trip to Pascagoula. VP typed note on 9/3	BUS/ECON
Mr. Don Ford American Poultry International Post Office Box 16805 Jackson, MS 39236	Don			(601) 992-1717 W 09/23/91 Mississippi Republican Fundraiser in Jackson, MS	POLITICAL BUS/ECON
The Honorable Kirkwood Fordice Kirk P.O. Box 139 Jackson, MS 39205	Pat		Governor	(601) 359-3102 D 11/30/91 VP wrote follow-up note after coutesy meeting with (601) 359-3100 O 02/03/92 Governor-Elect and Mrs. Fordice. (601) 359-3175 H 02/03/92 Attended Governors Reception at the Residence. (601) 359-2917 F VP wrote follow up note after Governors State	PERSONAL POLITICAL INTERGOVTL GOVS

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Dinner, 2/2/92.

Mr. James Furrh
1212 Capital Towers
Jackson, MS 39201

Jim

(601) 948-7242 O 09/23/91 Mississippi Republican Fundraiser in Jackson, MS

POLITICAL
PERSONAL

Mr. Frank Genzer
145 St. Jude
Biloxi, MS 39530

Frank

(601) 374-2354 W 09/23/91 Mississippi Republican Fundraiser in Jackson, MS

POLITICAL

Mr. Dan Grafton Beech Aerospace 555 Industrials Drive South Madison, MS 39110	Dan	President	(601) 856-2274 W 09/23/91 Mississippi Republican Fundraiser in Jackson, MS	POLITICAL BUS/ECON
Mr. Tom Gresham Post Office Box 690 Indianola, MS 38751	Tom		(601) 887-2160 W 09/23/91 Mississippi Republican Fundraiser in Jackson, MS	POLITICAL
The Honorable Pete Halat City of Biloxi Biloxi, MS	Mayor Halat	Mayor	(601) 435-6254 08/12/91 Greeter in Biloxi/Pascagoula Mississippi	MAYORS INTERGOVTL POLITICAL GREETERS
Mr. David Halbrook State of Mississippi , MS	David	State Representa	(601) 247-2994 O 06/26/91 Met David Halbrook's grandson and namesake at St. Jude's Children (601) 247-2737 H 08/13/91 Hospital. Was in Washington in July and stopped by the WW office to personally thank VP for visiting his grandson. Attended the National Conference of State Legislators in Orlando, FL introduced the VP to his wife and daughter	INTERGOVTL ST LEGS POLITICAL GOP ST LEG PHONE
The Honorable Dick Hall State of Mississippi P.O. Box 55942	Dick	State Senator	(601) 359-3065 O	POLITICAL PERSONAL INTERGOVTL

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Jackson, MS 39296				ST LEGS GOP ST LEG
Dr. James Hays 4342 North Honeysuckle Lane Jackson, MS 39211	James	(601) 982-5654 W	09/23/91 Mississippi Republican Fundraiser in Jackson, MS	POLITICAL
Mrs. Ann Hebert Jackson County Republican Wome 5102 Fern Street Pascagoula, MS 39567	Ann President		08/12/91 VP addressed her group while on his visit to Pascagoula. Sent typed note on 9/3	POLITICAL
Mr. Keith Hill Hill Enterprises 120 North Congress #420 Jackson, MS 39205	Keith	(601) 969-0100 W	09/23/91 Mississippi Republican Fundraiser in Jackson, MS	POLITICAL
Mr. Chet Hollomon 248 East Capital Street #634 Jackson, MS 39201	Chet	(601) 354-0890 W	09/23/91 Mississippi Republican Fundraiser in Jackson, MS	POLITICAL
Mr. Henry Holman Ellis Isle Shopping Center 1770 Ellis Avenue Jackson, MS 39204	Henry	(601) 948-0361 W	09/23/91 Mississippi Republican Fundraiser in Jackson, MS	POLITICAL
Mr. W.H. Holman, Jr. Jitney Jungle Stores of Americ , MS	Henry CEO	(601) 948-0361 W		BUS/ECON CEO
Mr. David Hoster 4128 Sand Ridge Drive Jackson, MS	David	(601) 362-5008 W	09/23/91 Mississippi Republican Fundraiser in Jackson, MS	POLITICAL
Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Hughes	Dudley and Ro	(601) 969-7474 W	04/19/91 Southern Baptist Convention Public Affairs	RELIGION

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4050 Crane Blvd. Jackson, MS 39216			09/23/91 committee	BAPTISTS POLITICAL
			White House Briefing -- only Robbie attended Mississippi Republican Fundraiser in Jackson, MS	
Mr. Randy James 217 West Capitol Street Jackson, MS 39201	Randy		(601) 948-5279 W 09/23/91 Mississippi Republican Fundraiser in Jackson, MS	POLITICAL
Mr. Seymour Johnson Post Office Box 7 Indianola, MS 38751	Seymour		(601) 887-2488 W 09/23/91 Mississippi Republican Fundraiser in Jackson, MS	POLITICAL
The Honorable Jimmy Kemp P.O. Box 1430 Meridian, MS 39303	Jimmy	Mayor	(601) 485-1927 O 01/24/92 Attended coffee with VP in EOB office; VP wrote follow up letter on 1/30/92.	POLITICAL MAYORS
Mr. Stephen Lambright Anheuser-Busch Companies One Busch Place St. Louis, MS 63118	Stephen	Vice President &		BUS/ECON
Jean Lindsey Post Office Box 2766 Laurel, MS 39442	Jean		(601) 649-2261 W 09/23/91 Mississippi Republican Fundraiser in Jackson, MS	POLITICAL
The Honorable Ray Mabus State of Mississippi P.O. Box 139 Jackson, MS 39205	Ray	Governor	(601) 359-3100 O	GOP GOVS
Mr. Howard McMillan 1200 Meadowbrook Road Jackson, MS 39206	Howard		(601) 981-2835 W 09/23/91 Mississippi Republican Fundraiser in Jackson, MS	POLITICAL
Ms. Evelyn McPhail	Evelyn	Republican State	(601) 948-5191 O 08/12/91 Introduced Senator Lott at the Luncheon that the	POLITICAL

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State of Mississippi 555 Tombigbe Jackson, MS 39201	(601) 354-0972 F 08/12/91 VP addressed. (601) 255-7905 H Jim Pitts suggested that you call while in MS. (601) 366-4767 H Met with the VP during his visit to Pascagoula	GOP CHAIRS INTERGOVTL PHONE COMM MEM
Mr. John Palmer MTEL Post Office Box 2469 Jackson, MS 39225	(601) 944-7100 W 09/23/91 Mississippi Republican Fundraiser in Jackson, MS 01/14/92 VP addressed B/Q '92 National Finance Meeting at JW Marriott.	POLITICAL PERSONAL
Ms. Susan Parker Department of HHS/SSA 4615 North Park Avenue, #1702 Chevy Chase, MS 20814	Assoc. Comm.-Dia 06/11/91 VP addressed the Bush-Quayle Senior Executive Service Association in Room 450 of the OE0B/Contact: Jerome Donahue (202)647-5614	SESA ADMIN
Mr. Clark Reed, SR. P.O. Box 894 Greenville, MS 38701	(601) 332-0033 H (601) 359-1026 O (601) 335-8850 F	POLITICAL PERSONAL
MR. Michael Retzer 1215 S. Main Street Greenville, MS 38701	(601) 332-3419	POLITICAL PERSONAL
Mr. Gerald St. Pe Ingalls Ship Building Ingalls Ship Building, Inc. Post Office Box 149 Pascagoula, MS 39568	President (601) 935-1122 O 08/12/91 Gave the VP a tour of his shipyard in Pascagoula. VP sent a typed note on 9/3 telling him that he would be in Jackson on 9/23	BUS/ECON POLITICAL GOP EXEC INTERGOVTL LOCAL EXEC PHONE
Chancellor R. Gerald Turner The University of Mississippi , MS	Chancellor (601) 232-7111 O 05/16/90 VP addressed Ole Miss commencement.	ACADEMICS EDUCATION PHONE
Sister Josephine Therese Uhll St. Dominic Health Services	Sister Uhll President and Ch (601) 982-0121 W 09/23/91 Mississippi Republican Fundraiser in Jackson, MS	POLITICAL HEALTH

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969 Lakeland Drive Jackson, MS 39216		RELIGION
Billy Van Devender Post Office Box 5327 Jackson, MS 39216	Billy (601) 354-0904 W 09/23/91 Mississippi Republican Fundraiser in Jackson, MS	POLITICAL
Mr. William Van Devender P.O. Box 5327 Jackson, MS 39296	William (601) 354-0904 O	POLITICAL PERSONAL
Mr. and Mrs. Perry Wells Shelby County Republican Party 9110 Brookhollow Drive Olive Branch, MS 38654	Perry and Dor Very Large Contr 06/26/91 Tennessee GOP/Republican Party of Shelby County Fundraising Luncheon -The Racquet Club -Contact: Dr. Phillip Langsdon 901/755-6465 (o) 757-5543 (fax) 756-8321 (h)	POLITICAL GOP EXEC INTERGOVTL LOCAL EXEC
Mr. Liles Williams Post Office Box 1819 Jackson, MS 39215	Liles (601) 969-1811 W 09/23/91 Mississippi Republican Fundraiser in Jackson, MS	POLITICAL
Ms. Ann Wilson Mississippi GOP 31 Polo Drive Jackson, MS 39211	Ann National Committ (601) 956-2051 (08/12/91 Met with the VP during hsi visit to Pascagoula (601) 762-8684 (09/23/91 sent typed note on 9/3 Mississippi Republican Fundraiser in Jackson, MS	POLITICAL COMM MEM

Previous Travel Mississippi:

1990/05/12	Oxford	Mississippi	University of MS Commencemenr
1990/05/16	Jackson	Mississippi	Mississippi GOP Reception
1991/08/12	Pascagoula	Mississippi	Jackson County Founder's Day
		Mississippi	Major Donor Reception
1991/09/23	Jackson	Mississippi	MS GOP Gub. Fundraiser