

5. Again building on the economic development foundation which already exists, we need to ensure that Mississippi remains on the leading edge by offering attractive, realistic and effective programs. Part of that process will revolve around incentives for companies in targeted industrial segments which show the most promise for not only existing but also thriving in Mississippi. The exact nature of such incentives is currently under review but I am confident that we will produce a package which will help achieve the goal of raising the standard of living and quality of life for all Mississippians.

- 6 We are taking the time to carefully study the laws which govern economic development activities in Mississippi and assess their effectiveness in relation to our major competing states. We're looking at incentives and disincentives for companies to locate or expand in Mississippi, so that we can know which are the most appealing. As soon as this study is complete, I'll be able to give a more definitive answer on the agenda items of any special legislative session.