

*Remarks for the  
Grand Opening of MHP Brookhaven Substation  
February 20, 2003*

- Story of Jordan / 15-point buck / priorities
  
- Priorities for MS: jobs and education
  - Public safety key to meeting these priorities
  
- Success in education with early and full funding
  - REPRESENTS HISTORIC ACTION
  - UNPRECEDENTED COOPERATION
  - MISSISSIPPI IS MOVING FORWARD

## ■ Impact of national recession

- More than \$7 trillion lost in stock market
- More than two million Americans out of work
- States cutting school week / releasing prisoners / massive lay-offs

## ■ Effects of national recession touches everyone

- Recession has no respect for political parties
- Every state affected

- Have to deal with the impact here in MS
  - Protect people in short term / prepare for long term
  
- Best way to do that is through education
  - Everybody benefits from good schools
  
- Comprehensive plan for education
  - Funding education at 62%
  - Fully funding MAEP for the first time
  - Funds teacher pay raise
  - Addresses needs of higher education

- We are making a difference
  - Teacher pay from 49<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Computers in the Classroom
  - MS one of six states for “Following the Leaders”/ No Child Left Behind
  - Leadership Summit/six priorities from early childhood to adult learning
  - Princeton Review - #6 best testing in the nation
  
- Investments in education benefit every Mississippian, not just students
  - People want to live in good communities
  - Good schools, good jobs, good communities

- Those are the results of good leadership
  - Those are the results our people demand and deserve
  
- Key component of good community = safety
  - Pleased to see this substation opening here in Brookhaven
  
- MHP working hard to protect all Mississippians
  - Want to thank Commissioner Huggins for his leadership
  - Especially want to thank men and women of the patrol

- They are the ones on the front lines
  - They sacrifice to keep us safe
  - We need to remember and appreciate what they do
  - Think about where we would be without them
  
- Today we're strengthening a good community here in Brookhaven
  - When one community is made stronger, MS is made stronger