

*Remarks for the  
Online Driver's License Renewal Press Conference  
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Thank you, Commissioner Huggins, and good afternoon. Two hours ago, we took another step forward into the new and exciting world of what we call “e-government” – that effort to use technology to better serve the people of Mississippi.

At 12:00 noon today, the Mississippi Department of Public Safety went live with its new online driver's license renewal system. What does this mean?

First of all, it means no more standing in line to get a new license. With the click of a mouse button, you will be able to renew your Mississippi driver's license and save yourself time for other things you need to do.

I believe Major Jenkins would also agree that it's going to make his job a little easier.

This system is a development of the e-Government Commission created two years ago. Other programs are being developed as a result of the Commission's work, including the ability to obtain a hunting license from the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks or a DEQ permit on-line.

When we make it easier to do things such as this on-line, we make government more responsive and accessible to our people and to business.

That's good for them, and it's good for Mississippi.

I'm proud of where we are headed with this technology. I've said before that we are moving toward an economy that's borderless, wireless and global, and this new system reinforces that fact.

The role of technology in our everyday lives is constantly growing, changing, and evolving – and we have to be prepared to use it and make it work for us. That’s exactly what we’ve done here today.

The result is a Mississippi that’s ready to compete in the 21<sup>st</sup> century – and that’s a great thing.