

*Remarks for the  
Fox Hunt  
March 13, 2003*

- Recognize Robert Clark / other dignitaries
- Hunting stories / love of hunting
  - Story of Jordan / 15-point buck
- Teddy Roosevelt, who we all know once hunted in Mississippi, said it well
  - “The chase is among the best of all national pastimes”
- Want to keep the chase going strong in Mississippi
  - Ensure future generations have opportunities to hunt and enjoy Mississippi’s outdoors
- We do that by protecting and managing Mississippi’s outdoor resources
  - Forests / over 800,000 acres of prime game areas and 38 Wildlife Management Areas
  - One of nation’s largest populations of white-tail deer
- We do that by making it easier for hunters to hunt
  - On-line registration for hunting / fishing licenses
  - Conservation officers that keep hunting safe while helping manage wildlife populations
- Most important, we do it by protecting the rights of hunters
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment is very clear – “right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed”
  - I believe in and support that right
- Proud to sign bill this past December
  - Limit authority to sue gun manufacturers / distributors / dealers
  - Have to protect attempts to infringe on 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights