

*Remarks for the
Gaming Commission Press Conference
March 10, 2003*

Good afternoon. Today, I am announcing the appointments of Robin Robinson and Howard Sanders to the Mississippi Gaming Commission.

Howard will serve the remainder of the term vacated by the resignation of A.J. Pitts, a term that will expire September 30, 2005. Howard brings a unique background to the Gaming Commission, a mixture of education and business that will provide the Commission with a new and strong voice.

Robin brings extensive business experience to the Commission for a four-year term that will begin October 1 of this year, and run through September 30, 2007. Her broad experience in business strengthens the ability of the Commission to oversee the integrity and regulation of the gaming industry in Mississippi.

I want to take a moment to thank the PEER Committee for their prompt action regarding these appointments. It has been an unusual year, with so many appointments due, and I appreciate the work they have done.

I also want to thank the Senate for their work in dealing with the heavy load of advise and consent appointments, and I ask that they continue their diligent work with the goal of completing the process for all appointees before the end of the session.

The Mississippi Gaming Commission has a strong mission, to ensure the safety and integrity of the gaming industry in our state. With the addition of Robin Robinson and Howard Sanders, that mission will continue on with the dedication and commitment the people of Mississippi expect and deserve.

(offer podium to Robin and Howard, then open the floor to questions)