

The national recession has challenged us over the past three years, but we've met that challenge by cutting the fat out of state government and without raising taxes. This compromise proves that we can fund our state's budget while protecting our savings and without raising taxes. We've accomplished much during this session by putting our schools first, and working to create more jobs for the people of Mississippi. This good work has been done in the spirit of cooperation and compromise. I want to thank the members of the House for standing with me in my fight for fiscal responsibility. I am pleased that the Senate leadership came to the table and worked with us on this important issue.

The work that was expected of us is now complete.