

American Legion Boys State
Tuesday, May 23rd
10:00 a.m.
State Capitol – House Chambers

There will be approximately 425 participants. They are 16 – 17 years of age from across the state. They are good students who are pretty politically aware. I would suggest a more personable approach. With that many students in the House Chambers, you will not really have room to walk around, and you will have to speak from the dais, so I would think about taking your coat off and rolling up your sleeves.

Opening

- 1.) Thanks for the introduction
- 2.) Front porch story
- 3.) Talk about the importance of their participation in this program.

Main Points

- 1.) They are here running for office (Talk about your campaign for Governor)
 - a. Do they know what they want to accomplish?
 - b. What issues do they feel are important?
 - i. How you decided what issues were important in this legislative session.

1. Education – raising teacher pay to the Southeastern Average

2. Economic Development – better jobs for Mississippians

3. Healthcare – CHIP

2.) Your duties as Governor

a. Go through a typical (ha ha) day.

b. Duties as Governor vs. as Lt. Governor

c. Challenges

d. Working together (public, private and legislature)

e. Finding solutions that work for the people of Mississippi

3.) Tips for successful government

a. Spoke to a group of teachers from the Coast last week about voter apathy.

- b. The average citizen must realize that their vote counts.
- c. People are losing faith in many elected officials.
- d. People don't think that they are being heard.
- e. Personal differences cannot get in the way of finding solutions.
- f. Treat each other with respect.

Closing

- 1.) It has been a pleasure to be here.
- 2.) Wish you well
- 3.) Be glad to answer any questions you may have.