

Retirement Bill
Post Special Session Press Conference

Scenario II
Talking Points

- Good Afternoon
- I congratulate the members of the Mississippi House and Senate for ACTING RESPONSIBLY by voting to repeal the legislative retirement benefits of House Bill 1281.
- I called this special session to have legislators repeal this provision before the law went into effect on July 1st .
- Today, that is exactly what happened.
- By voting to repeal this provision today, we have saved taxpayers \$_____annually.
- I have always been opposed to this provision of the bill; however, I have supported the provision that benefits our state employees, teachers and Mississippi Highway Patrol officers.
- By making today's call exclusively for the purpose of addressing the legislative retirement benefits, we have **saved** the important part of this bill, which positively benefits Mississippi state employees, Mississippi teachers and Mississippi Highway Patrol officers.

(pause)

- I asked Legislators to attend this special session and not receive payment for their work.
- The legislators agreed to that request and did the right thing by not appropriating funds to pay themselves for attending the special session.
- That means we have saved an additional \$30,000 for tax payers of Mississippi today.
- In total, we have saved tax payers \$_____.
- We have done what is right, and legislators voted in the best interest of the people of Mississippi.