

1. What is your position on the creation of a voucher program for Mississippi's public schools or perhaps a law making charter schools legal? (Buck Cooper: Jbc929@aol.com)
2. It seems the State of MS is in a crisis. It appears we are on a strict budget. There is talk of no money for state employee pay raises. There appears to be concern as to where the money will come from for the teachers' pay raise. We are cutting state government to the bone while many of the state agencies are suffering. It was not long ago that there was talk of surplus. What happened to the money? What is the real deal of the State of MS financially?
3. Is Jackson in a competition for the title of "Pothole Capital of the World?" Having occasion to visit Jackson three times in the year 2000, I was shocked and dismayed at the condition of streets throughout your state capital. Even I-20 and I-55 have ruts and potholes. I suggest your state government designate some of that gambling money for road construction. (Mary Bedell: sissy@alltel.net)
4. What is our most serious problem in Mississippi? What has caused you the most problems since you took office? (Thomas Toney: rene@panola.com)
5. What is your position on Mississippi's participation in the Streamlined Sales Tax Project (SSTP)? Does the agreement with other state jeopardize our standards (such as the taxation of food items)? Do you feel that this project could endanger online commerce from customers in MS, as many online retailers may not readily adopt such standards? Would retailers in the SSTP-covered states be at a disadvantage to those who are not? How does SSTP get around the federal online sales tax moratorium? (Mark Lyon: mark@marklyon.org)
6. Are you seriously considering not letting Mississippians vote on the flag issue? (Monica Andrews: mandrews@jackson.gannett.com)
7. Given the tight state budget in the coming year, how will the state pay for a proposed teacher pay raise? (Emily Wagster: ewagster@jackson.gannett.com)
8. State employees helped you get elected. Why haven't you advocated a pay raise for them? (Grace Simmons: gsimmons@jackson.gannett.com)

9. During the campaign in 1999, you said you wanted a comprehensive restructuring of the state tax code. This was in response to Mike Parker's call for a tax cut. Why haven't you done anything about restructuring the tax code? (Patrice Sawyer: [psawyer@jackson.gannett.com](mailto:psawyer@jackson.gannett.com))
  
10. Why did you fire Bettye Ward Fletcher? (Irene Hammack: [ihammack@communigroup.com](mailto:ihammack@communigroup.com))
  
11. If the Legislature does not support your proposal for using the AMS settlement money, what do you plan to do? (Deborah Skipper: [dskipper@jackson.gannett.com](mailto:dskipper@jackson.gannett.com))
  
12. Do you like the proposed state flag design that came from your commission? (Grace Simmons: [gsimmons@jackson.gannett.com](mailto:gsimmons@jackson.gannett.com))