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I have allowed some appropriations bills to become law without my signature today. The reason is that while we have reached common ground with the legislature on many of the priorities important to the people of Mississippi, the process in which this common ground was reached is not healthy. The legislature's reliance on inflated revenue estimates and one time funding is not the fiscally responsible way to run our state. We must take a long hard look at the process by which we budget our tax-payers' dollars to ensure that we are in fact good stewards of their money.