

Article for Mississippi Democratic Party Newsletter

From Governor Ronnie Musgrove:

Mississippi continues to capture the attention of the nation with our active efforts to improve the lives of all the people of our great state. Last month we passed a historic teacher pay raise, which will lift our teacher salaries over the next several years from 49th to 19th in the nation. The New York Times, on the day after the vote, praised Mississippi for putting together a package that couldn't be matched in New York. David Broder of the Washington Post also noted the work that we've done to improve education, saying that governors are accomplishing the goals that Washington is still arguing about.

Now, we're working on helping our state employees with a long-overdue reform of their health insurance. At the Neshoba County Fair, I unveiled my proposal for doing this by maximizing federal dollars through the annual tobacco payments for health care. This plan is being discussed with Lieutenant Governor Amy Tuck, Speaker Tim Ford, Attorney General Mike Moore, and every member of the Legislature. I am confident we will work together to develop legislation that will serve as an example across the country.

The Jefferson-Jackson Dinner was a tremendous evening for the Mississippi Democratic Party. It was a pleasure to have DNC Chairman Terry McAuliffe come to speak to us, and I know great things lie ahead for our party. He spoke of the values of the South and not forgetting us at the national level. Thanks to all of you who helped put the dinner together, as well as to those who work each day to help the Mississippi Democratic Party reach its true potential.