

- **I've tried to call Attorney General Mike Moore to discuss the law regarding budget recommendations and revenue estimates**
  
- **At this point in time, I believe any budget submitted would be unlawful; the law is very clear in saying that both the executive and legislative recommendations "shall agree" on revenue estimates**
  - **I offered a compromise Wednesday**
  
  - **(read from state code, copies will be distributed to press)**

**■ In theory, I could submit a budget with revenue estimates of 8.6 percent, which would mean an additional \$300 million more than what the Joint Legislative Budget Committee has recommended**

**■ Here's why I'm not going to do that:**

- **It's a credit card mentality**
- **It's a credit card budget**
- **We could spend all we wanted, but the bill's going to come due**
- **That's not fiscally responsible**

- *We should not retreat from our responsibility to the people of Mississippi, and trade good policy for bad politics*
  
- **Good things are happening in Mississippi**
  - **Despite economic situation, announcement yesterday with Nissan**
    - **\$110 million investment**
    - **1,000 new jobs**
  
- **Whether it's education, health care or the budget, we are working for the best interests of the people of Mississippi; *that is the bottom line***
  
- **We're dealing with real numbers and real people; they demand a real solution**

