

Clarion-Ledger Editorial Board

- FOUND COMMON GROUND WITH LEGISLATURE IN SEVERAL AREAS
 - MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
 - WORKFORCE TRAINING
 - REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE
 - PUBLIC SAFETY
 - LOWERING BAC TO .08
 - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BILLS
 - EDUCATION
 - TEACHER PAY
 - TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLIES – TEACHERS WON'T PAY OUT OF OWN POCKET
- HOPED TO FIND COMMON GROUND ON HEALTH CARE
- MEDICAID BILLS PASSED BY LEGISLATURE WILL HAVE DEVASTATING EFFECT
 - UNDERFUNDING OF \$120M = \$480M LOSS IN HEALTH CARE SERVICES
 - EVEN BOBBY MOODY SCENARIO OF \$82M UNDERFUNDING = \$328M LOSS IN SERVICES
 - WITH ANY SCENARIO, PEOPLE LOSE
- RICA LEWIS-PAYTON ONLY HAS AUTHORITY TO CUT OPTIONAL SERVICES
 - CAN CUT EVERY SERVICE BESIDES NURSING HOMES AND PRESCRIPTION DRUGS = ONLY \$49M IN SAVINGS
 - TO MAKE UP \$480M LOSS, MUST CUT NURSING HOMES AND PRESCRIPTION DRUGS
- THIS IS NOT SCARE TACTIC; IT'S THE TRUTH
 - DIDN'T HAVE TO HAPPEN THIS WAY

-- THIS IS NOT A REPLAY OF LAST YEAR

- YESTERDAY TRIED TO FIND MORE COMMON GROUND
 - LETTER TO SPEAKER / LT. GOVERNOR
 - FOURTH PROPOSAL OFFERED
 - WANTED TO FIND SOLUTION
- COMMEND SPEAKER FOR EFFORT TO FIND COMMON GROUND
- REAL ISSUE NOT ABOUT SUSTAINING OR OVERRIDING VETO
 - REAL ISSUE ABOUT PROTECTING THOSE DEPENDING ON MEDICAID
 - MISSISSIPPI'S SENIORS, DISABLED AND CHILDREN