

Tecumseh Products Announcement  
Wednesday, May 3, 2000  
2:00 p.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Capitol Rotunda

Stand up straight and speak in low tones. Be enthusiastic.

- When I said economic development is a priority of my administration, I meant it.
- This announcement today is another reinforcement that public and private interests can find common ground and higher levels of new partnerships.
- I want to congratulate Tecumseh Products for this decision to expand in Lee and Alcorn Counties.
- Approximately 700 more people will have jobs because of the expansion.
- Approximately 700 more people will receive training that will carry them to new heights of professional and personal achievement.
- That's what our economic development program is all about.

- Today is an occasion to re-commit ourselves to some basic principals of economic development in Mississippi:
  - We will produce a proactive program to encourage business and industry recruitment and expansion.
  - The message today to Todd Herrick and Tecumseh and, in fact, to other companies either here now, or looking at Mississippi for a possible relocation or expansion site, is simply this...We want you in Mississippi.
  - We are producing a long-range strategic plan to guide our efforts in this important field.
  - We will build new partnerships to promote economic development.
  - And, we'll do it together – at the community level, the regional level and the state level.
  - I'm excited about the opportunities and delighted that we can share this good news with you today.