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Links: MFA Government Affairs

<http://www.msforestry.net/governmentaffairs.php>

MFA Online

www.msforestry.net

MS State Legislature

<http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/>

Grow the Vote – your source of information for the forest products industry

www.GrowTheVote.org

New Feature!

MFA Member Question of the Week

MFA invites all MFA and CFA members to submit their government affairs questions to Bruce Alt at balt@msforestry.net. Each week, one question will be answered in the *Legislative Bulletin*.

Q: What is the best way to contact my state legislator?

A: Telephone: 601.359.3770 for House and Senate Members during the session. If they are not in their offices, the Capitol operator will take a message that will be delivered to them. Email: Every legislator has a laptop computer, but many

Meet Your Senate Leaders

President of the Senate Lt. Governor Phil Bryant (R) *at left*, was first appointed State Auditor by former Governor Kirk Fordice in 1996, won re-election in 1999, and ran without opposition in 2003. Bryant was elected Mississippi's Lt. Governor in November 2007. Bryant is a native of Jackson and a graduate of USM and Mississippi College.



President Pro Tempore Billy Hewes III (R) *at right*, has been in the legislature since 1992, currently the chair of the Rules Committee. Hewes is a native of Gulfport and a graduate of USM.



Senate Forestry Committee Chairman Per Lee (D) *at left*, retired from the Mississippi Cooperative Service as a County Agent and began his legislative career in 2004. Lee also serves as the vice-chair for the Agriculture Committee. Lee resides in Mendenhall and is a graduate of LSU and MSU.



Senate Forestry Committee Vice-Chair Vincent Davis (D) *at right*, is a freshman legislator from Fayette. An attorney, Davis is a graduate of Alcorn State University.



Senate Forestry Committee Members: Tommy Dickerson, Joey Fillingane, Cindy Hyde-Smith, David Jordan, Walter Michel and Eric Powell.

Meet your House of Representatives Leaders

Speaker of the House William J. McCoy (D) *at left*, has been in the Miss. legislature since 1980. He has served as Speaker of the House since 2004 and is the vice-chair of the Legislative Budget Committee. McCoy is a resident of Rienzi, and a graduate of NEJC and MSU.



Speaker Pro Tempore J. P. Compretta (D) *at right*, served from 1976-1984, returning in 1988 and serving to the present. Compretta currently serves as the Chair of the Rules Committee. He is a resident of Bay St. Louis and a graduate of PRJC, USM and Mississippi College School of Law.

House Forestry Committee Chairman Gregory Holloway (D) *at left*, was elected to the legislature in 2000. He is a resident of Hazelhurst and a graduate of Alcorn State University and Jackson State University.



House Forestry Committee Vice-Chairman Bill Pigott (R) *at right*, is a freshman legislator from Tylertown. Pigott is a graduate of PRCC and MSU.


