

March 11, 2011

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE FOR HOUSE BILL 262

I am returning House Bill Number 262: "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-19-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND FROM JUNE 30, 2011, TO JUNE 30, 2014, THE DATE OF REPEAL ON THE LAW PROVIDING FOR THE AUTHORITY OF THE MISSISSIPPI FORESTRY COMMISSION TO HIRE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO INVESTIGATE AND MAKE ARRESTS ASSOCIATED WITH WOODS ARSON; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES." without my approval, and assign the following reasons for my veto.

House Bill 262 is identical to Senate Bill 2518 which I have signed into law today. Therefore, there is no need for House Bill 262.

Respectfully submitted,

HALEY BARBOUR
GOVERNOR