

By: Senator(s) Stogner, Hyde-Smith

To: Agriculture

SENATE BILL NO. 2517

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE A PREFERENCE FOR THE PROCUREMENT OR
2 PURCHASE OF MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS PRODUCED IN THE STATE OF
3 MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, the following terms
6 shall have the following meanings ascribed to them:

7 (a) "Meat" and "meat product" means beef and products
8 made from those meats.

9 (b) "Other products" includes "other meat" and "other
10 meat products" and means products which are produced, processed
11 and harvested outside the state.

12 (2) Each purchasing agent shall procure or purchase
13 Mississippi products which are equal in quality to other products,
14 provided the cost of the Mississippi products does not exceed the
15 cost of other products by more than seven percent (7%).

16 (3) In order to qualify as Mississippi products for the
17 purpose of this section, meat and meat products shall be processed
18 in the State of Mississippi from animals which are alive at the
19 time they enter the processing plant.

20 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to
21 the contrary, each procurement officer, purchasing agent or
22 similar official who procures or purchases products under the
23 provisions of this section shall procure or purchase other meat
24 and meat products which are further processed in the State of
25 Mississippi under the grading and certification service of the
26 Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce and which are
27 equal in quality to other meat and meat products, provided the

28 cost of the further processed meat and meat products does not
29 exceed the cost of other meat or meat products by more than four
30 percent (4%).

31 SECTION 2. This act shall be codified as a separate section
32 within Chapter 7 of Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

33 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
34 and after July 1, 2001.