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To: Conservation and Water
Resources; Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 964
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE TASK FORCE ON RECYCLING; TO PROVIDE FOR
2 THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE TASK FORCE; TO PROVIDE DUTIES
3 FOR THE TASK FORCE; TO REQUIRE THE TASK FORCE TO MEET QUARTERLY;
4 TO ASSIGN THE TASK FORCE TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF
5 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY; AND FOR
6 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is created the Task Force on
9 Recycling, which will be responsible for developing a
10 comprehensive plan to establish a system to recycle household
11 items. The task force will serve as a consensus group designed to
12 coordinate efforts by the state, counties and municipalities to
13 create an effective recycling system in the state.

14 (2) The task force shall consist of nineteen (19) members.

15 (a) Six (6) members shall be appointed by the Governor
16 from each of the following industries:

- 17 (i) Plastic recycling;
- 18 (ii) Metal recycling;
- 19 (iii) Paper recycling;
- 20 (iv) Glass recycling;
- 21 (v) Household and highway hazardous waste
- 22 recycling; and
- 23 (vi) Solid waste disposal.

24 (b) In addition to the members appointed by the
25 Governor, membership of the task force will include one (1)
26 representative from each of the following agencies, associations
27 or entities, as designated by each respective agency, association
28 or entity:

- 29 (i) Mississippi Municipal League;

- 30 (ii) Mississippi Association of Supervisors;
31 (iii) Department of Corrections;
32 (iv) Department of Environmental Quality;
33 (v) Cooperative Extension Service, one who is a
34 county home economist;
35 (vi) Sierra Club;
36 (vii) Keep Mississippi Beautiful;
37 (viii) Mississippi Malt Beverage Association;
38 (ix) Mississippi Soft Drink Association;
39 (x) Mississippi Retail Association;
40 (xi) Mississippi Manufacturer's Association;
41 (xii) Mississippi Petroleum Marketers and
42 Convenience Stores Association; and
43 (xiii) Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation.

44 **SECTION 2.** (1) The Task Force on Recycling has the
45 following duties:

46 (a) Undertake a statistical and qualitative examination
47 of the benefits of recycling in Mississippi;

48 (b) Develop a comprehensive plan to recycle household
49 items;

50 (c) Report to the Mississippi State Legislature by
51 December 31, 2004, with a system to allow counties and
52 municipalities to collect items to be recycled.

53 (2) The Governor shall designate a chairman for the task
54 force from its membership. The task force shall meet and conduct
55 business at least quarterly. All meetings of the task force will
56 be open to the public, with opportunities for public comment
57 provided on a regular basis. Notice of all meetings shall be
58 given as provided in the Open Meetings Act and appropriate notice
59 also shall be given to all persons so requesting of the date, time
60 and place of each meeting.

61 (3) (a) The task force is assigned to the Mississippi
62 Department of Environmental Quality for administrative purposes
63 only.

64 (b) Membership in the task force shall be voluntary.
65 No member of the task force shall be compensated or reimbursed
66 with state funds for the discharge of duties associated with this
67 task force.

68 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
69 and after July 1, 2004.