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Friends,

As football season kicks off and the political season races into full gear, we bring you the newest edition of *The Capitol Voice*.

As we noted in our last issue, Mississippi is hosting elections this year for statewide, district, legislative, and a host of county offices. August was quite busy with the primaries held on August 2nd and runoffs held August 23rd. Hattiesburg Mayor Johnny DuPree was successful in the Democratic Gubernatorial runoff and made history by becoming the first African-American nominee for Governor on a major party ticket. On November 8th, he will face off against Lieutenant Governor Phil Bryant, who garnered 59% of the vote in a five-way GOP primary to win the nomination. State Treasurer Tate Reeves won the Republican primary for Lieutenant Governor and is heavily favored to be elected as the next Lieutenant Governor.

As you will see in the pages of this newsletter, there are numerous races for a wide array of offices that will be decided next month. Most politicians will be watching the House races closely as many seats could decide the fate of the next Speaker of the House, as current Speaker, Billy McCoy, opted for retirement. Republicans will make a strong push to elect one of their own to the top spot while Democrats work to hold onto the leadership post they have held since Reconstruction.

All in all, it was an exciting primary season that has paved the way for some hotly contested races leading up to November 8th. As always, we work diligently to keep abreast of all things political to ensure our clients are in the best position possible to advance their strategies and goals. Please contact us if you have any questions or need any assistance.



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The Butler Snow Government Relations Group differs from more traditional lobbying groups. Our strategic approach not only includes providing traditional lobbying services for clients but also providing business development services. Because we have a wide array of contacts at every level of government and the private sector, the Government Relations Group can connect clients with key decision makers across the state, region, and nation. With our capabilities, we can also serve as a key resource for our clients by actually leading and executing business development plans. We work closely with our clients to understand key business development goals, formulate specific action plans, and ensure we regularly measure progress. Our team can develop plans for businesses of all sizes, from small start-ups to mid-size firms to larger corporations. Whether we serve as a sole resource for business development activities, or enhance your internal team, the Butler Snow Government Relations Group can provide valuable services that help you achieve your strategies for business growth.



Mississippi Special Session

The Mississippi Legislature convened on Friday, September 2nd, for a one-day special session to vote on incentives for two economic development projects. The Legislature approved legislation that will provide \$175 million in incentives to Calisolar and HCL Clean Tech.

Calisolar, a California-based company, produces silicon castings for solar panels and other industrial purposes and plans to open a plant in Columbus, Mississippi, with a total investment from the company of \$600 million. The state's assistance includes a \$59.5-million secured loan for the building and equipment and \$15.75 million in grants for infrastructure and workforce training.

HCL Clean Tech plans to locate several facilities in Mississippi: a headquarters in Olive Branch, a research and development center in Grenada, and three commercial plants in Booneville, Hattiesburg, and Natchez, for a total investment of \$1 billion. HCL Clean Tech converts biomass from wood chips into cellulosic sugars that can be used for surfactants, cosmetics, industrial lubricants, and other products. The incentive package provides HCL Clean Tech with a \$95-million loan and \$5-million grant that can be used for training, infrastructure, or equipment.

In addition to the incentive packages described above, the Legislature also approved a change in the Mississippi Advantage Jobs Act which is a rebate program originally passed in 2000 and designed to encourage businesses to create new, quality jobs in the state. The change passed during the Special Session expands the program's definition of "qualified business or industry" to include manufacturers that have a minimum of 5,000 existing employees and provide an average annual salary (excluding benefits) of at least 110 percent of the state or county average wage.

In The News

In The News (continued)



Mike Foley, Account Manager for CenterPoint Energy, and Tommie Cardin

Ken Nicholson of Clean Energy Fuels, Joe Sims of Pinnacle Consulting, and Butler Snow Attorney Wilson Montjoy

2011 ENERGY FORUM

Butler Snow sponsored the 2011 Energy Forum: *Unlocking the Value of Natural Gas*, at the Jackson Convention Center. The Forum convened a number of the top leaders in the U.S. natural gas industry for a discussion on the role of natural gas in Mississippi and the nation. A reception for special guests was hosted at Butler Snow the day preceding the Forum.

COFFEE WITH THE SENATOR

Butler Snow hosted the Madison County Business League in our conference center for its "Coffee with the Senator" series with special guest U.S. Senator Thad Cochran. Senator Cochran addressed issues related to the federal budget and appropriations process as well as measures for job creation and deficit reduction.

In addition to Senator Cochran, Representative Gregg Harper (MS-3) and many local elected officials were in attendance for the breakfast.



Caroline Sims and Senator Thad Cochran

Ridgeland Mayor Gene Magee, Sidney Allen, Congressman Gregg Harper (MS-3), and Chip Reynolds, District Director for Congressman Harper

CONGRESSMAN HARPER LUNCHEON

Government Relations Director Sidney Allen, a member of the Madison County Business League Government Relations Committee, recently attended a League luncheon at which Representative Gregg Harper was the featured speaker. Numerous elected officials attended the event, including GOP gubernatorial nominee Lt. Governor Phil Bryant, who introduced Congressman Harper.



Will Longwitz, Lt. Governor Phil Bryant, GOP nominee for Governor, and Sidney Allen

NESHOBA COUNTY FAIR

In late July, members of the Butler Snow Government Relations Group attended the 2011 Neshoba County Fair in Philadelphia, Mississippi. Wednesday and Thursday at the Fair are dominated by political speeches and campaigning, and it is a must stop for any candidate running for statewide office. The Fair was made famous in 1980 when Ronald Reagan delivered a speech there after officially receiving the Republican nomination for President of the United States.



Sidney Allen and Caroline Sims with Lt. Governor Phil Bryant, Deborah Bryant, Patrick Bryant, and Butler Snow Governmental Attorney Katie Bryant at the Neshoba County Fair

RECEPTION FOR TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONER

Butler Snow sponsored a meet and greet reception for Tennessee Commissioner of Transportation John Schroer in our Memphis, Tennessee office. The reception was part of the Tennessee Department of Transportation Project Tour and was co-sponsored by Barge Waggoner, EnSafe, Greater Memphis Chamber, Kimley-Horn and Associates, and Powers Hill Design.



Butler Snow Attorney Jimmy Palmer, EnSafe Executive Phil Coop, and Commissioner of Transportation John Schroer

STATE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVES FORUM

Charlie Williams participated in the State Hospital Association Executives Forum (SHAEF) Summer Meeting which was held in Santa Fe, New Mexico, in August. Charlie gave a presentation on Medicaid matters in several states and provided a legislative perspective for the group.



Charlie Williams and Mississippi Hospital Association Executive Director Sam Cameron at the SHAEF conference in Santa Fe

BREAKFAST WITH SENATOR TOM KING

The Butler Snow Government Relations Group recently hosted State Senator Tom King, GOP nominee for Southern District Transportation Commissioner, in our office for a breakfast meeting. The breakfast with Senator King and other similar events hosted by the Government Relations Group offer great opportunities for our clients, Butler Snow attorneys, invited guests, and officials to discuss important policy issues.



State Senator Tom King and Sidney Allen

2011 Mississippi Election Update

With party primaries behind us, the stage is set for Mississippi's general election that will be held on Tuesday, November 8th. The election chart included here shows candidates in the statewide, district, and legislative races throughout the state.

Office	General Election Candidates	Senate District	General Election Candidates	Senate District	General Election Candidates (cont'd)
Governor	Phil Bryant (R) – Brandon Johnny DuPree (D) – Hattiesburg	Senate 1	Chris Massey (R) – Nesbit	Senate 27	Hillman Frazier (D) (i) – Jackson
		Senate 2	Michael Cobb (R) – Walnut Bill Stone (D) (i) – Ashland	Senate 28	Alice Harden (D) (i) – Jackson
Lt. Governor	Tracella Lou O'Hara Hill (Rf) – Terry Tate Reeves (R) – Brandon	Senate 3	Nickey Browning (D) (i) – Ecru Betsey Hamilton (R) – New Albany	Senate 29	David Blount (D) (i) – Jackson Steve Stanford (R) – Clinton
		Senate 4	Rita Parks (R) – Corinth Eric Powell (D) (i) – Corinth	Senate 30	Dean Kirby (R) (i) – Pearl
Secretary of State	Delbert Hosemann (R) (i) – Jackson John Luke Pannell (Rf) – New Albany	Senate 5	Jerry Don Keith (R) – Tishomingo J. P. Wilemon Jr. (D) (i) – Belmont	Senate 31	Terry Burton (R) (i) – Newton Melvin Hendricks (D) – Meridian
		Senate 6	Nancy A. Collins (R) (i) – Tupelo Stacy Dale Scott (D) – Sherman	Senate 32	Sampson Jackson (D) (i) – Preston
Attorney General	Jim Hood (D) (i) – Okolona Steven Simpson (R) – Long Beach	Senate 7	Hob Bryan (D) (i) – Amory	Senate 33	Videt Carmichael (R) (i) – Meridian
		Senate 8	Patsy Gregory (R) – Okolona Russell Jolly (D) – Houston	Senate 34	Gary Blakeney (R) – Taylorsville Haskins Montgomery (D) (i) – Bay Springs
Treasurer	Lynn Fitch (R) – Madison Connie Moran (D) – Ocean Springs Shawn O'Hara (Rf) – Hattiesburg	Senate 9	Gray Tollison (D) (i) – Oxford	Senate 35	Perry Lee (R) (i) – Mendenhall
		Senate 10	Vann J. Branch (R) – Pope Steve Hale (D) – Senatobia	Senate 36	Albert Butler (D) (i) – Port Gibson
Auditor	Ashley Norwood (Rf) – Canton Stacey Pickering (R) (i) – Laurel	Senate 11	Robert Jackson (D) (i) – Marks	Senate 37	Bob Dearing (D) (i) – Natchez Melanie Sojourner (R) – Natchez
		Senate 12	Derrick T. Simmons (D) (i) – Greenville	Senate 38	Kelvin Butler (D) (i) – Magnolia
Insurance Commissioner	Mike Chaney (R) (i) – Vicksburg Louis Fondren (D) – Pascagoula Barbara D. Washer (Rf) – Hattiesburg	Senate 13	Clayton Barksdale (I) – Cleveland Willie Simmons (D) (i) – Indianola	Senate 39	Sally Doty (R) – Brookhaven W. L. Rayburn (D) – Brookhaven
		Senate 14	Lydia Chassaniol (R) (i) – Winona Carlos E. Moore (D) – Grenada	Senate 40	Angela Hill (R) – Picayune
Commissioner of Agriculture	Joel Gill (D) – Pickens Cindy Hyde-Smith (R) – Brookhaven Cathy L. Toole (Rf) – Biloxi	Senate 15	Gary Jackson (R) (i) – Weir	Senate 41	Joey Fillingane (R) (i) – Sumrall
		Senate 16	Bennie Turner (D) (i) – West Point	Senate 42	Chris McDaniel (R) (i) – Laurel
Public Service Commissioner Northern	Boyce Adams (R) – Columbus Brandon Presley (D) (i) – Nettleton	Senate 17	Terry Brown (R) (i) – Columbus	Senate 43	Phillip Gandy (R) – Waynesboro James P. Snyder (I) – Waynesboro James Walley (D) – Waynesboro
		Senate 18	Steven Kilgore (D) – Philadelphia Giles Ward (R) (i) – Louisville	Senate 44	John A. Polk (R) – Hattiesburg Lajena Williams (Rf) – Petal
Public Service Commissioner Central	Danny Ayers (I) – Jackson Addie Green (D) – Bolton Lynn Posey (R) (i) – Union Church	Senate 19	Merle Flowers (R) (i) – Southaven	Senate 45	Billy Hudson (R) (i) – Hattiesburg
		Senate 20	Josh Harkins (R) – Flowood	Senate 46	Joe Bye (D) – Bay St. Louis Philip Moran (R) – Kiln James "Ken" Overstreet (C) – Diamondhead
Public Service Commissioner Southern	Leonard Bentz (R) (i) – Biloxi Mike Collier (D) – Hattiesburg	Senate 21	Kenneth Wayne Jones (D) (i) – Canton Loren Ross (R) – Flora	Senate 47	Tony Smith (R) – Picayune
		Senate 22	Eugene "Buck" Clarke (R) (i) – Hollandale George "Boo" Hollowell (D) – Greenville	Senate 48	Deborah Dawkins (D) (i) – Pass Christian Ashley Skellie (R) – Long Beach
Transportation Commissioner Northern	Ray Minor (D) – Holly Springs Mike Tagert (R) (i) – Starkville	Senate 23	Briggs Hopson III (R) (i) – Vicksburg	Senate 49	Sean Tindell (R) – Gulfport Jason Vitosky (I) – Gulfport
		Senate 24	David Jordan (D) (i) – Greenwood Rogrick Wardell (I) – Greenwood	Senate 50	Travis Burke (I) – D'Iberville Tommy Gollott (R) (i) – Biloxi
Transportation Commissioner Central	Marshand Crisler (D) – Jackson Dick Hall (R) (i) – Brandon	Senate 25	Will Longwitz (R) – Madison Cecilia Sampayo (D) – Jackson	Senate 51	Michael Watson (R) (i) – Pascagoula
		Senate 26	John Horhn (D) (i) – Jackson	Senate 52	Brice Wiggins (R) – Pascagoula

(i) = incumbent

House District	General Election Candidates
House 1	Bubba Carpenter (R) (i) – Burnsville Thomas McCarley (D) – Iuka
House 2	Nick Bain (D) – Corinth A. L. Wood III (R) – Corinth
House 3	William Tracy Arnold (R) – Booneville Tommy Cadle (D) – Booneville
House 4	Jody Steverson (D) – Ripley James Benefield (R) – Ripley
House 5	Kelvin Buck (D) (i) – Holly Springs
House 6	Forrest Hamilton (R) (i) – Olive Branch Harold M. Taylor (L) – Hernando
House 7	Wanda Jennings (R) (i) – Southaven
House 8	Trey Lamar (R) – Senatobia
House 9	Clara Burnett (D) (i) – Tunica
House 10	Greg Hodges (D) – Tutwiler Nolan Mettetal (R) – Sardis
House 11	Joe Gardner (D) (i) – Batesville
House 12	Brad Mayo (R) – Oxford Hollman Raney (D) – Oxford
House 13	Billy Gray (D) – Hickory Flat Steve Massengill (R) – New Albany
House 14	Margaret Rogers (R) (i) – New Albany
House 15	Mac Huddleston (R) (i) – Pontotoc
House 16	Ben "Buddy" Coggin III (R) – Nettleton Steve Holland (D) (i) – Plantersville
House 17	Brian Aldridge (R) (i) – Tupelo
House 18	Jerry Turner (R) (i) – Baldwyn
House 19	Mark Duvall (D) (i) – Mantachie Randy Boyd (R) – Mantachie
House 20	Chris Brown (R) – Aberdeen Jimmy Puckett (D) (i) – Amory
House 21	Donnie Bell (D) (i) – Fulton Deborah Tierce (R) – Fulton
House 22	Preston Sullivan (D) (i) – Okolona
House 23	Jim Beckett (R) (i) – Bruce Steve Whitten (D) – Calhoun City
House 24	Sid Bondurant (R) (i) – Grenada Kevin Horan (D) – Grenada
House 25	W. E. "Gene" Alday (R) – Walls John Mayo (D) (i) – Clarksdale
House 26	Chuck Espy (D) (i) – Clarksdale
House 27	Dewayne Gill (R) – Vaughan Ferr Smith (D) (i) – Carthage
House 28	David Dallas (D) – Cleveland Tommy Taylor (R) – Boyle
House 29	Linda Coleman (D) (i) – Mound Bayou
House 30	Robert Huddleston (D) (i) – Sumner
House 31	Sara Thomas (D) (i) – Indianola
House 32	Troy D. Brown Sr. (I) – Greenwood Willie Perkins Sr. (D) (i) – Greenwood
House 33	Jerreric Chambers (R) – Oakland Sean T. Holmes (L) – Oxford Tommy Reynolds (D) (i) – Charleston
House 34	Linda Whittington (D) (i) – Schlater
House 35	Jan R. "Jay" Butler Jr. (L) – Eupora Joey Hood (R) – Ackerman
House 36	David Gibbs (D) (i) – West Point
House 37	Gary Chism (R) (i) – Columbus
House 38	Tyrone Ellis (D) (i) – Starkville

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House 39	Jeff Smith (R) (i) – Columbus
House 40	Shirley Aguilera-Logan (D) – Horn Lake Pat Nelson (R) – Southaven
House 41	Esther Harrison (D) (i) – Columbus
House 42	Reezy Dickson (D) (i) – Macon Roy O. VanDevender (I) – DeKalb
House 43	Michael T. Evans (D) – Preston Russ Nowell (R) (i) – Louisville
House 44	Scott Bounds (R) (i) – Philadelphia
House 45	Bennett Malone (D) (i) – Carthage Jay Mathis (R) – Carthage
House 46	Bobby Howell (R) (i) – Kilmichael
House 47	Bryant Clark (D) (i) – Pickens
House 48	Jason M. White (D) – West
House 49	Willie Bailey (D) (i) – Greenville
House 50	John Hines (D) (i) – Greenville
House 51	Rufus Straughter (D) (i) – Belzoni
House 52	Tommy Woods (R) (i) – Byhalia
House 53	Bobby Moak (D) (i) – Bogue Chitto
House 54	Alex Monsour Jr. (R) (i) – Vicksburg Sam Smith (R) – Vicksburg
House 55	George Flagg Jr. (D) (i) – Vicksburg Sam Smith (R) – Vicksburg
House 56	Jim Culberson (D) – Yazoo City Philip Gunn (R) (i) – Clinton
House 57	Edward Blackmon (D) (i) – Canton
House 58	Rita Martinson (R) (i) – Madison
House 59	Kevin McGee (R) (i) – Brandon
House 60	John L. Moore (R) (i) – Brandon
House 61	Ray Rogers (R) (i) – Pearl
House 62	Tom Weathersby (R) (i) – Florence
House 63	Deborah Butler Dixon (D) – Jackson
House 64	Dorsey Carson (D) – Jackson Bill Denny Jr. (R) (i) – Jackson
House 65	Mary Coleman (D) (i) – Jackson
House 66	Cecil Brown (D) (i) – Jackson
House 67	Earle Banks (D) (i) – Jackson
House 68	Credell Calhoun (D) (i) – Jackson
House 69	Alyce Clarke (D) (i) – Jackson
House 70	James Evans (D) (i) – Jackson
House 71	Adrienne Wooten (D) (i) – Jackson
House 72	Kimberly Buck (D) (i) – Jackson
House 73	Jim Ellington (R) (i) – Raymond Brad Oberhausen (D) – Terry
House 74	Mark Baker (R) (i) – Brandon
House 75	Tom Miles (D) – Morton Brenda Whatley-Kirby (R) – Forest
House 76	Greg Holloway Sr. (D) (i) – Hazlehurst
House 77	Andy Gipson (R) (i) – Braxton
House 78	Randy Rushing (R) – Decatur
House 79	Bo Eaton II (D) (i) – Taylorsville Ron Swindall (R) – Laurel
House 80	Omeria Scott (D) (i) – Laurel
House 81	Steve Horne (R) (i) – Meridian
House 82	Charles Young Jr. (D) – Meridian
House 83	Gary D. Houston (D) – Meridian Greg Snowden (R) (i) – Meridian Samuel Thompson (I) – Meridian
House 84	William G. Lee (D) – Stonewall William E. Shirley Jr. (R) – Quitman

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House 85	Chuck Middleton (D) (i) – Port Gibson
House 86	Sherra Lane (D) (i) – Waynesboro Mark Purvis (R) – Waynesboro
House 87	Daniel Kilpatrick (R) – Louin Johnny Stringer (D) (i) – Montrose
House 88	Jonathan L. Hodge (D) – Laurel Donald Holifield (I) – Laurel Gary Staples (R) (i) – Laurel
House 89	Bobby Shows (R) (i) – Ellisville Jerdon L. Welborn (D) – Laurel
House 90	Joe Warren (D) (i) – Mount Olive
House 91	Cindy Shivers Bryan (R) – New Hebron Bob Evans (D) (i) – Monticello
House 92	Becky Currie (R) (i) – Brookhaven Ken Dale Sullivan (D) – Wesson
House 93	Dirk Dedeaux (D) (i) – Sellers Timmy Ladner (R) – Poplarville
House 94	Robert Johnson (D) (i) – Natchez
House 95	Jessica Upshaw (R) (i) – Diamondhead
House 96	Angela Cockerham (D) (i) – Magnolia
House 97	Sam Mims V (R) (i) – McComb
House 98	David Myers (D) (i) – McComb
House 99	Bill Pigott (R) (i) – Tylertown
House 100	Harry C. Griffith (D) – Columbia Ken Morgan (R) (i) – Morgantown
House 101	Hank Lott (R) – Sumrall
House 102	Toby Barker (R) (i) – Hattiesburg David Cook (D) – Hattiesburg
House 103	Percy Watson (D) (i) – Hattiesburg
House 104	Larry Byrd (R) (i) – Petal Randy Walker (Rf) – Petal
House 105	Laticia Ann Carnelson (I) – Leakesville Dennis L. Debar Jr. (R) – Leakesville Dale Kimble (D) – Leakesville
House 106	Herb Frierson (R) (i) – Poplarville Donna Y. Knezevich (L) – Poplarville
House 107	Douglas Lee (D) – Lucedale Doug McLeod (R) – Lucedale
House 108	Mark Formby (R) (i) – Picayune
House 109	Manly Barton (R) – Moss Point
House 110	Billy Broomfield (D) (i) – Moss Point
House 111	Charles Busby (R) – Pascagoula Brandon Jones (D) (i) – Pascagoula
House 112	John Read (R) (i) – Gautier
House 113	Hank Zuber III (R) (i) – Ocean Springs
House 114	Jeff Guice (R) (i) – Ocean Springs
House 115	Randall Patterson (D) (i) – Biloxi Patrick Williams (R) – Biloxi
House 116	Casey Eure (R) (i) – Biloxi Quentin Lyles (D) – D'Iberville
House 117	Scott DeLano (R) (i) – Biloxi
House 118	Greg Haney (R) – Gulfport
House 119	Sonya Williams-Barnes (D) – Gulfport
House 120	Richard Bennett (R) (i) – Long Beach Charles Boggs (D) – Long Beach
House 121	Carolyn Crawford (R) – Pass Christian Diane Peranich (D) (i) – DeLisle
House 122	David Baria (D) – Bay St. Louis Dorothy Wilcox (R) – Waveland

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