

Statement of U.S. Representative Gene Taylor on the Retirement of Senator Trent Lott

I've enjoyed working with Senator Lott through the years that we've served together in the Congress. I've especially appreciated working with him on vital legislation affecting Mississippi since Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast. As a victim of the storm, Trent understands the sense of loss that so many of us experienced, and this perspective has made him an especially effective advocate on recovery-related issues.

Most recently, I've been working with Senator Lott to secure passage of multi peril insurance legislation through the Senate. Hopefully, Trent can arrange a Senate floor vote before he retires, and I pledge to help with any assistance that I can provide.

Trent Lott has very ably served the citizens of Mississippi in the House of Representatives and U.S. Senate for a combined 35 years. Although our State's delegation in Congress will remain very strong and effective, Senator Lott's retirement will have a significant impact. You simply can't replace that kind of experience overnight. I wish him all the best in his retirement.