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My suggestions on these (nothing earthshattering). thanks.

**NORTH CAROLINA****STATE ISSUES****NORTH CAROLINA JOB LOSSES**

North Carolina has lost 149,700 jobs in the manufacturing sector since February 2001, according to data for February 2004.<sup>1</sup> Hardest hit has been the textile and apparel manufacturing industry, which has suffered, in part, because of foreign competition. Furniture manufacturing, another leading industry in the state, has also experienced significant job loss. Since February 2001, North Carolina has lost about 56,100 textile-related jobs (roughly 35 percent) and about 18,400 jobs in the furniture industry (approximately 24 percent of the total furniture jobs in the state).

In July 2003, the Pillowtex Corporation, a large textile manufacturer in Kannapolis, announced it was filing for bankruptcy. The bankruptcy resulted in the layoff of 4,800 workers in North Carolina, the largest layoff in state history. Congressman Robin Hayes (R-08), who represents the district where Pillowtex is located, and Senator Elizabeth Dole (R, NC) worked closely with the Administration to secure Federal resources for workers who lost their jobs. In September 2003, Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao announced a \$20 million National Emergency Grant for North Carolina to help laid-off workers with healthcare coverage and job retraining. Secretary Chao also spearheaded an Interagency Working Group of nine Federal agencies to help make expertise and resources available to the community. In an unprecedented showing of Federal support, these nine Federal agencies had representatives at a temporary JobLink Resource Center at the Pillowtex Plant in Kannapolis on four consecutive Tuesdays to provide information and assistance to individuals and community officials.

Some leaders in the furniture and textile manufacturing industries in North Carolina have criticized the Administration for not addressing what they view as unfair overseas competition from China, particularly with regard to enforcing existing trade agreements. In November 2003, the Department of Commerce announced the Administration would impose limits on the importation of Chinese-made bras, dressing gowns, and knit fabric.

In February, North Carolina Senate candidate Congressman Richard Burr (R, NC-05) said he believes you should fire Council of Economic Advisers Chairman Greg Mankiw for saying that outsourcing of American jobs to overseas locations is good for the economy.

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On March 26, U.S. textile leaders announced the formation of a new advocacy group, the National Council of Textile Organizations. The group's goal is to unify the industry by bringing together a diverse group of textile-related industries to lobby Washington on trade and manufacturing issues. Allen Gant, a North Carolina textile executive, will be the organization's new chairman.

North Carolina's unemployment rate fell slightly in February from a year earlier with growth in construction, health services, and government jobs. The state added 10,700 new jobs between February 2003 and February 2004.

**TOBACCO BUYOUT**

North Carolina is the largest tobacco-producing state in the Nation. Legislation has been introduced in both the U.S. House and Senate that would provide \$13 billion (Senate version) to \$9.6 billion (House version, The Fair and Equitable Tobacco Reform Act of 2004) to end the Federal tobacco-support program for farmers and quota owners. Both the House and Senate measures would pay for the buyout through assessments on cigarette companies, which they would likely recover from smokers through increased prices. The Senate buyout bill would impose Federal regulation of cigarettes by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The House version does not contain FDA regulation.

Senator Dole supports the buyout. Congressman Burr, whose district includes R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, stepped down as Vice Chairman on the House Energy and Commerce Committee as a sign to North Carolina tobacco growers that he will not oppose a tobacco buyout. Congressman Burr's decision also stems from Democrat criticisms that he has delayed buyout legislation as Vice Chair of the Committee.

**U.S. NAVY LANDING FIELD**

In September 2003, the Navy announced its intention to build a practice landing field in rural Washington County (northeast North Carolina) for F/A-18 Super Hornet jet fighters based at Cherry Point, North Carolina, and Virginia Beach, Virginia. The jets, practicing for aircraft carrier duty, will make 32,000 touch-and-go maneuvers a year at the new landing field. The field would be five miles from the Pocosin refuge, where more than 100,000 waterfowl (mostly large snow geese and tundra swans) spend their winters.

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This week, country singer and FarmAid President Willie Nelson called on you to “intervene and direct the U.S. Navy to work with state and local authorities [in a way] that is mutually acceptable and beneficial to North Carolinians and all Americans.” In addition to the concern for wildlife, he indicated in a letter to you that nearly 100 farm families and rural residents would be displaced from their homes should the landing field be built.

Other opponents of the plan state the landing field will endanger wildlife in the area and put pilots at risk for bird strikes. Senator Dole has praised the Navy’s decision, as it will have a positive impact on the local economy and will strengthen the Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station. However, she has met with opponents of the plan and expressed her concerns about the potential impact on the environment.

The Department of the Interior does not agree with the Navy that the landing field should be built. Governor Mike Easley (D) issued a press release asking Department of Commerce Secretary Donald Evans to mediate the dispute. By law, the Secretary of Commerce mediates disputes between the Navy and Interior. In February, Governor Easley announced a special study group will work with the Navy to examine the impact the landing field will have on local communities. The study group is expected to make a recommendation within 60 days.

Two separate lawsuits challenging the airfield have been filed in Federal court by two counties and three conservation groups.

**NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND**

In March, members of the State Board of Education and officials with the State Department of Public Instruction traveled to Washington to express their concerns to the State’s congressional delegation about the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). State Superintendent Mike Ward (D) said he wants to use the State’s own accountability system rather than the one prescribed by law to meet the national standards. He said he feels the NCLB goals are the right ones, but the process has been flawed, and he believes the State has a better system, and he wants the flexibility to use it. The issue is expected to be addressed in the upcoming legislative session beginning in May.

**STATE LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING**

In November 2003, the State Legislature voted on House and Senate district maps after they were redrawn for the third time. Previous maps had been thrown out by the State

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Supreme Court. Several Republicans in the Legislature are opposed to the maps because their districts have been combined, potentially resulting in some legislators running against each other in primaries. Several of these legislators are angry with Republican State House co-Speaker Richard Morgan for agreeing to the plan.

In two opinions last year, the State Supreme Court handed down rules for the Legislature to follow in drawing new districts. Districts must be compact, splitting as few counties as possible, and legislators must abide by the Voting Rights Act when creating districts with substantial numbers of minority voters.

In December 2003, a group of Republican legislators filed a lawsuit challenging the new map. In January, State Superior Court Judge Robert Hobgood upheld a law requiring the State Supreme Court Chief to name three Superior Court judges to consider pending and future redistricting lawsuits. Lawyers for the Republican legislators filed notice of an appeal with the North Carolina Supreme Court. Due to the redistricting battle, the State's May 4 primary has been moved to July 20.

The U.S. Department of Justice endorsed North Carolina's proposed new State House and Senate districts in March. Justice Department lawyers said the state can prove that the General Assembly's plans for legislative districts will not dilute the power of minority voters.

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**STATISTICS**

2000 General Election Results  
(Presidential):

	Total Votes	% Won
<b>Bush</b>	1,631,163	56%
<b>Gore</b>	1,257,692	43%
<b>Other</b>	26,135	1%

1996 General Election Results  
(Presidential):

	Total Votes	% Won
<b>Dole</b>	1,213,819	49%
<b>Clinton</b>	1,098,297	44%
<b>Perot</b>	167,465	7%

**CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION****U.S. SENATE:**

- John Edwards (D), 1<sup>st</sup> term, elected in 1998 with 51%
- Elizabeth Dole (R), 1<sup>st</sup> term, elected in 2002 with 54%

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### U.S. HOUSE: 13 Total (7R, 6D)

- Frank Ballance (D-01), 1<sup>st</sup> term, elected with 64%
- Bob Etheridge (D-02), 4<sup>th</sup> term, re-elected with 65%
- Walter Jones (R-03), 5<sup>th</sup> term, re-elected with 91%
- David Price (D-04), 8<sup>th</sup> full term, 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive term, re-elected with 61%
- Richard Burr (R-05), 5<sup>th</sup> term, re-elected with 70%
- Howard Coble (R-06), 10<sup>th</sup> term, re-elected with 90%
- Mike McIntyre (D-07), 4<sup>th</sup> term, re-elected with 71%
- Robin Hayes (R-08), 3<sup>rd</sup> term, re-elected with 54%
- Sue Myrick (R-09), 5<sup>th</sup> term, re-elected with 72%
- Cass Ballenger (R-10), 10<sup>th</sup> term, re-elected with 59%
- Charles Taylor (R-11), 7<sup>th</sup> term, re-elected with 56%
- Melvin Watt (D-12), 6<sup>th</sup> term, re-elected with 65%
- Brad Miller (D-13), 1<sup>st</sup> term, elected with 55%

### STATE GOVERNMENT

Governor Michael “Mike” Easley (D), 1<sup>st</sup> term, elected in 2000 with 52%

Lieutenant Governor Beverly Perdue (D), 1<sup>st</sup> term, elected in 2000 with Governor Easley

Secretary of State Elaine Marshall (D), 2<sup>nd</sup> term, re-elected in 2000 with 54%

Attorney General Roy Cooper, III (D), 1<sup>st</sup> term, elected in 2000 with 51%

Auditor Ralph Campbell, Jr. (D), 3<sup>rd</sup> term, re-elected in 2000 with 51%

Treasurer Richard Moore (D), 1<sup>st</sup> term, elected in 2000 with 55%

Superintendent of Public Instruction Mike Ward (D), 2<sup>nd</sup> term, re-elected in 2000 with 53%

Agriculture Commissioner W. Britt Cobb, Jr. (D)

Labor Commissioner Cherie Berry (R), 1<sup>st</sup> term, elected in 2000 with 50%

Insurance Commissioner Jim Long (D), 5<sup>th</sup> term, re-elected in 2000 with 57%

**State House: 120 (61R, 59D)**

**Co-Speakers: Richard Morgan (R) and Jim Black (D)**

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Republican Leader: Joe Kiser  
Democrat Leader: Joe Hackney

**State Senate:** 50 (23R, 27D)  
President: Lieutenant Governor Beverly Perdue (D)  
Majority Leader: Tony Rand (D)  
Minority Leader: Patrick Ballantine (R)

### STATE PARTY

Chairman: Ferrell Blount  
National Committeeman: Jim Cain  
National Committeewoman: Linda Shaw

### STATE DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

#### **Estimated Population 2000:**

North Carolina: 8,049,313, an increase of 21.4% since 1990

National: 281,421,906, an increase of 13.1% since 1990

#### **Race/Ethnicity:**

North Carolina: 70.2% White, 21.6% African-American, 4.7% Hispanic,  
1.4% Asian, 1.2% Native American

National: 69.1% White; 12.5% Hispanic; 12.3% African-American; 3.6%  
Asian; 0.9% Native American

#### **Median Age:**

North Carolina: 35.3 years (12.0% are 65 years and older)

National Median: 35.3 years (12.4% are 65 years and older)

#### **College Educated:**

North Carolina: 22.5%

National: 24.4%

#### **Median Income:**

North Carolina: \$39,184

National: \$41,994

#### **Households:**

North Carolina: 68.9% family households; 52.5% married couple families

National: 68.1% family households; 51.7% married couple families

(Source: 2000 U.S. Census Bureau)

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### **YOUR PREVIOUS TRAVEL**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>City</b>
Remarks at Centennial of Flight Celebration	December 17, 2003	Kitty Hawk
Bush–Cheney '04 Luncheon and Conversation on the Economy and Job Training	November 7, 2003	Winston-Salem
Address to Marines and Families at Camp Lejeune	April 3, 2003	Jacksonville
Dole for Senate Rally	October 24, 2002	Charlotte
Malpractice Reform event at High Point Hospital and Dole Fundraiser	July 25, 2002	High Point; Greensboro
Airport Welcome and Fort Bragg Visit	March 15, 2002	Fayetteville
Welfare reform event at Chamber of Commerce and Dole Fundraiser	February 27, 2002	Charlotte
Citizen Preparedness Message Event; Meeting with Grassroots Leaders; and Roundtable at the Center for Community Safety	January 30, 2002	Winston-Salem
Tour and Remarks at Concord Middle School and North Carolina Welcome	April 11, 2001	Concord; Greenville

### **THE VICE PRESIDENT'S PREVIOUS TRAVEL**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>City</b>
Burr for Senate Fundraiser and Hayes for Congress Fundraiser	September 12, 2003	Raleigh Charlotte
Dole for Senate Fundraiser	October 29, 2002	Wilmington
Southern Republican Leadership Conference and Dole Fundraiser	June 28, 2002	Charlotte; Raleigh

<sup>1</sup> Bureau of Labor Statistics

<sup>2</sup> *McLaughlin & Associates poll*; conducted 1/7 – 1/8 for nominee Richard Vinroot surveyed 400 likely GOP primary voters

with a +/- 4.9% margin of error.

<sup>3</sup> *Research 2000 poll*; conducted 1/5 – 1/8- for the *Raleigh News and Observer* surveyed 600 likely voters with a margin of

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## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

### MEETING ON THE ECONOMY

Monday, April 5, 2004

9:50 a.m. – 10:05 p.m.

Central Piedmont Community College

Charlotte, North Carolina

Karl Rove / Margaret Spellings

#### I. PURPOSE

To greet meeting participants you were originally scheduled to meet on February 26 to discuss the economy. The meeting was postponed due to inclement weather.

#### II. BACKGROUND

You will discuss economic policy and local job training efforts with North Carolina business and community leaders.

##### Central Piedmont Community College

Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC) is the largest community college in North Carolina and serves 70,000 students annually. CPCC is a national leader in workforce development and job training for displaced workers. Additional information on CPCC is in the briefing paper for today's remarks.

**Note:** This event in Congressman Robin Hayes (R, NC-08) district, and he will attend the event.

**Note:** CPCC's Chairman of the Board of Trustees, John "Bill" Disher, passed away at his home on Saturday, March 27, 2004, at the age of 70.

#### III. PARTICIPANTS

Vincent James, Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees, CPCC (will greet you upon arrival)  
Tommy Norman, President, CPCC Foundation (will greet you upon arrival)

##### Meeting Participants

Dr. Tony Zeiss, President, CPCC (will greet you upon arrival)

Pickett Council, Vice President, Council Tool Company and Chair, Small Business Advisory Board, North Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry

Frank Dowd, Chairman and CEO, Charlotte Pipe and Foundry Company

Joel Long, Vice President, Commercial Divisions, Gastonia Sheet Metal

Bob Morgan, President, Gaston Chamber of Commerce  
Perri Morgan, North Carolina State Director, National Federation of Independent Business  
Fred Spach [SPOCK], Part-Owner, Carolina Brush Company

White House Staff

Joe Hagin, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations

IV. PRESS PLAN

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V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- You arrive at CPCC and are met by Tony Zeiss, Vincent James, and Tommy Norman.
- You and Tony Zeiss proceed to Room 204.
- You begin participation in meeting.
- You conclude meeting and proceed with Tony Zeiss to offstage announce for remarks.

VI. REMARKS

None

VII. ATTACHMENT

Background on Meeting Participants

## **BACKGROUND ON MEETING PARTICIPANTS**

### Dr. Tony Zeiss, President, Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC), Charlotte, North Carolina

- Tony has served as President of CPCC since 1992.
- Tony was the North Carolina Community College System's President of the Year in 2002.
- CPCC is the largest community college in North Carolina, serving approximately 70,000 students each year. During Tony's tenure, CPCC has grown from one campus to six and has become a leader in workforce development and job training for displaced workers. CPCC is also working with Charlotte Mayor Pat McCrory (R) to develop training programs for growing local industries.
- Tony is married and has two grown sons and two grandchildren.

### Pickett Council, Vice President, Council Tool Company, Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina

**Note:** Pickett also serves as the Chair of North Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry (NCCBI)'s Small Business Advisory Board. NCCBI serves as North Carolina's chamber of commerce and manufacturing association and has over 2,000 member companies, including large and small businesses, local colleges, universities, and community colleges.

- Council Tool Company is a C Corporation with \$6 million in revenues and 47 employees.
- Council Tool Company is a fourth-generation, family-owned custom tool manufacturer, founded in 1886 by Pickett's great-grandfather. The company has the most product on order right now in its history.
- Investment: Pickett invested about \$250,000 last year in new equipment. (The business had net-operating losses carried forward in 2003. Savings from the increased small business expensing and bonus depreciation will be carried forward to future years.)
- Death Tax: Pickett's father (81) has been following an estate tax plan for the past 15 years, including gifting to her and her siblings and purchasing life insurance dedicated to paying the tax.

**Note:** Since the time of the original scheduled meeting, Pickett became engaged to Lendon Ellis.

### Frank Dowd, IV, Chairman and CEO, Charlotte Pipe and Foundry Company, Charlotte, North Carolina

- Charlotte Pipe and Foundry is a C Corporation with \$500 million in revenues and 1,300 employees.
- Charlotte Pipe and Foundry is a fourth-generation, family-owned business founded by Frank's great-grandfather. It manufactures cast iron and plastic pipe and fittings for residential, commercial, and industrial applications.
- Charlotte Pipe and Foundry works with CPCC to provide additional training for its employees, including financial literacy, journalism, and business writing.
- Employment: Frank hired eight people last month and expects further growth this year.
- Investment: Frank plans to invest \$17 million in 2004 in new equipment.
- Tax Relief: Charlotte Pipe will save \$2.4 million from bonus depreciation in the 2004 tax year.
- Death Tax: Frank's father (77) and uncle (72) have been planning for the past 25 years to transition the business to the next generation, including gifting and life insurance policies.

Joel Long, Vice President, Commercial Divisions, Gastonia Sheet Metal, Gastonia, North Carolina

- Gastonia Sheet Metal is a C Corporation with \$10 million in revenues and 100 employees.
- Gastonia Sheet Metal is a third-generation, family-owned business founded by Joel's grandfather. It installs, and services residential, commercial, and industrial air conditioning systems. The company also operates a commercial roofing and sheet metal division.
- Employment: Joel recently hired two people.
- Investment: Joel invested \$140,000 in 2003, but he plans to invest about \$600,000 in 2004, including the purchase of a \$500,000 duct-work fabrication machine.
- Tax Relief: Gastonia Sheet Metal will save about \$82,000 from bonus depreciation in the 2004 tax year.
- Death Tax: Joel's father is in the process of transferring ownership of the company to Joel's generation. He has a life insurance policy to pay part of the expected tax.

Bob Morgan, President, Gaston Chamber of Commerce, Gastonia, North Carolina

- Bob Morgan has served as President of the Gaston Chamber of Commerce since August 2002.
- The Gaston Chamber is a non-profit membership association representing over 860 businesses. Its mission is to promote jobs and capital investment and to serve as the voice for business in Gaston County.
- Bob worked for the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce from 1991 to 2002, when he managed programs on business advocacy, economic development, area councils, and small business development.

Perri Morgan, North Carolina State Director, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), Raleigh, North Carolina

- Perri has been the North Carolina State Director for NFIB since 1995.
- She has nearly 30 years of experience in the non-profit association management field.
- Perri works on issues of importance to independent businesses, including worker's compensation and tort reform.
- Perri says that the two largest issues facing North Carolina are worker training and the cost of health care. She is optimistic about North Carolina's economic recovery and says the "optimism index is up."

Fred Spach [SPOCK], Part-Owner, Carolina Brush Company, Gastonia, North Carolina

- Carolina Brush Company is an S Corporation with \$4.3 million in revenues and 38 full-time employees.
- Carolina Brush Company is a family-owned custom brush manufacturer.
- Employment: Fred would like to add four to six full-time employees in the next six to eight months.
- Investment: Fred plans to invest \$200,000 this year in capital equipment.
- Tax Relief: Carolina Brush will save about \$33,000 from increased small business expensing and bonus depreciation in the 2004 tax year.
- Death Tax: Fred's grandmother (96) is still a part-owner of the business.

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## **MISSOURI BRIEFING**

### **STATE ISSUES**

#### **STATE LEGISLATURE**

The Missouri Legislature began the 2004 session on January 7 facing budget deficits approaching one billion dollars. The state's budget has been a source of opposition between the Republican-controlled General Assembly and Governor Bob Holden (D) for the last two legislative sessions.

On January 21, in his State of the State address, Governor Holden proposed an \$18.82 billion state operating budget for FY 2005 that would increase state spending by \$743 million (a 4.1 percent rise). For the third year in a row, Governor Holden called for raising tobacco taxes; eliminating certain corporate tax breaks; boosting income taxes for high-income earners; and increasing levies on casino operators while repealing the per-patron gambling loss limit. Republicans rejected all of these ideas last year.

Lawmakers returned to work on March 29 from a spring break, with seven weeks remaining in the 2004 legislative session. Facing deficits, Republicans have been working on budget proposals which call for no increases in education spending and \$48.2 million in cuts to social services, such as Medicaid. Governor Holden indicated he may veto the education and health care portions of the budget.

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#### **MISSOURI JOB LOSSES**

In 2002, Missouri lost 43,000 jobs, a decline of 1.6 percent from one year earlier when Missouri lost 34,000 jobs. According to the latest information from the Bureau of Labor and Statistics, Missouri added 27,000 jobs in 2003. The employment rate and job loss figures fluctuate from month to month, sparking frequent reports and analysis by the news media. In December 2003, the unemployment rate was 5.4 percent, in January 4.7 percent, and in February 5.1 percent. Jobs and the economy are top concerns for Missouri voters and candidates in 2004.

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#### **SAME-SEX MARRIAGE PROPOSAL**

The Missouri State Senate has passed a proposal calling for a state constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage. A similar measure was overwhelmingly approved by the House on March 31. If approved by both chambers, it will go before voters without the Governor's signature. At that point, Governor Holden would decide whether the issue appears on the August primary ballot or on the November ballot.

#### **MISSOURI RIVER UPDATE**

On March 19, after more than a decade of work and consultations with the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), released the new "Master Manual" for operation of the Missouri River. The "Annual Operating Plan" for 2004 operations was also finalized. The final release came after U.S District Judge Paul Magnuson in Minnesota denied the Corps' request for an extension and ordered the release of the final plan by March 19. The draft "Master Manual" had been released on February 27 with a shortened comment period to meet the March 19 deadline.

The FWS's 2003 Biological Opinion Amendment for the Master Manual, issued in December 2003, laid out a "Reasonable and Prudent Alternative" (RPA) to address jeopardy to the Pallid Sturgeon.

Since the release of the FWS's Biological Opinion in December, there has been much confusion among stakeholders about what the RPA will mean for navigation on the river and for potential flooding. At the request of Senator Bond (R, MO), there have been a number of meetings with river stakeholders.

The Corps and the FWS have identified more than 1,200 acres of land deemed suitable for adaptation to new habitat. Habitat construction must be completed by July 1 to allow higher flows in the summer to meet minimum navigational needs. Barge operators have been announcing plans to quit running towboats on the river as a result of the unpredictability of water levels. Hopefully, having the 1,200 acre habitat completed before July 1 will ease concerns among stakeholders. In 2000, you weighed in on the side of the Missouri farmers, who were concerned about flooding along the river banks and low flows affecting the ability to move goods along the river in the early fall months.

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#### **CONCEALED HANDGUNS**

In May 2003, the Missouri Legislature passed a measure allowing citizens to carry concealed handguns with a special permit. Governor Holden vetoed the bill, citing a statewide referendum on the issue that failed in 1999. In September 2003, the Missouri Legislature overrode the Governor's veto, but the law was immediately challenged. On February 26, the State Supreme Court ruled five to two that the Legislature has the ability to allow concealed handguns. However, the Court also ruled that the law was an unfunded mandate on local governments that violates the state Constitution. At least three bills in the Legislature address the unfunded mandate problem.

#### **TORT REFORM**

In order to address concerns that too many doctors are leaving Missouri to avoid the high cost of medical liability insurance and malpractice lawsuits, the Missouri Legislature is again considering proposals that would lower the cap on non-economic damages and limit personal injury lawsuits. Governor Holden vetoed a tort reform bill last year.

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### **BUSH-CHENEY '04 CAMPAIGN**

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### **STATISTICS**

#### **2000 General Election Results (Presidential):**

	Total Votes	% Won
<b>Bush</b>	1,189,924	50%
<b>Gore</b>	1,111,138	47%
<b>Nader</b>	38,515	2%
<b>Other</b>	20,315	1%

#### **1996 General Election Results (Presidential):**

	Total Votes	% Won
<b>Clinton</b>	1,025,935	48%
<b>Dole</b>	890,014	41%
<b>Perot</b>	217,219	10%
<b>Other</b>	24,928	1%

### **CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION**

#### **U.S. SENATE:**

- Senator Christopher “Kit” Bond (R), 3<sup>rd</sup> term, re-elected in 1998 with 53%
- Senator Jim Talent (R), 1<sup>st</sup> term, elected in 2002 with 50%

#### **U.S. HOUSE: 9 Total (5R, 4D)**

- William Clay, Jr. (D-01), 2<sup>nd</sup> term, re-elected with 70%
- Todd Akin (R-02), 2<sup>nd</sup> term, re-elected with 67%
- Richard “Dick” Gephardt (D-03), 14<sup>th</sup> term, re-elected with 59%
- Ike Skelton (D-04), 14<sup>th</sup> term, re-elected with 68%
- Karen McCarthy (D-05), 5<sup>th</sup> term, re-elected with 66%
- Sam Graves (R-06), 2<sup>nd</sup> term, re-elected with 63%
- Roy Blunt (R-07), 4<sup>th</sup> term, re-elected with 75%
- Jo Ann Emerson (R-08), 4<sup>th</sup> full term, re-elected with 72%
- Kenny Hulshof (R-09), 4<sup>th</sup> term, re-elected with 68 %

### **STATE GOVERNMENT**

Governor Bob Holden (D), 1<sup>st</sup> term, elected in 2000 with 49%

Lieutenant Governor Joe Maxwell (D), 1<sup>st</sup> term, elected in 2000 with 52%

Secretary of State Matt Blunt (R), 1<sup>st</sup> term, elected in 2000 with 51%

Attorney General Jay Nixon (D), 3<sup>rd</sup> term, re-elected in 2000 with 60%

Treasurer Nancy Farmer (D), 1<sup>st</sup> term, elected in 2000 with 52%

Auditor Claire McCaskill (D), 2<sup>nd</sup> term, re-elected in 2002 with 60%

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**State House:** 163 (90R, 73D)

Speaker: Catherine Hanaway (R)

Majority Leader: Jason Crowell (R)

Minority Leader: Rick Johnson (D)

**State Senate:** 34 (20R, 14D)

President: Lieutenant Governor Joe Maxwell (D)

Majority Leader: Michael Gibbons (R)

Minority Leader: Ken Jacob (D)

### **STATE PARTY**

Chairman: Ann Wagner (RNC Co-Chair)

National Committeeman: Lance Beshore

National Committeewoman: Ann Dickinson

### **STATE DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE**

#### **Estimated Population:**

Missouri: 5,595,211, an increase of 9.3% since 1990

National: 281,421,906, an increase of 13.1% since 1990

#### **Race/Ethnicity:**

Missouri: 83.8% White; 11.2% African-American; 2.1% Hispanic; 1.1% Asian

National: 69.1% White; 12.5% Hispanic; 12.3% African-American; 3.6%

Asian; 0.9% Native American

#### **Median Age:**

Missouri: 36.1 years (13.5% are 65 years and older)

National: 35.3 years (12.4% are 65 years and older)

#### **College Educated:**

Missouri: 21.6%

National: 24.4%

#### **Median Household Income:**

Missouri: \$37,934

National: \$41,994

#### **Households:**

Missouri: 67.3% family households; 52.0% married couple families

National: 68.1% family households; 51.7% married couple families

(Source: 2000 U.S. Census Bureau)

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2004 - SENATOR KIT BOND (R) UP

2004 - GOVERNOR BOB HOLDEN (D) UP

### **MISSOURI BRIEFING**

#### **YOUR PREVIOUS TRAVEL**

Event	Date	Location
Conversation on the Economy	February 9, 2004	Springfield
Conversation on the No Child Left Behind Act	January 5, 2004	St. Louis
Remarks on the Economy	September 4, 2003	Kansas City
Remarks at American Legion National Convention and Finance Event for Senator Bond	August 26, 2003	St. Louis
Aerial Tour of Tornado Damage and FEMA Briefing	May 13, 2003	Pierce City
Tour and Remarks at Boeing F-18 Production Facility	April 16, 2003	St. Louis
Economic Growth Package Event – JS Logistics	January 10, 2003	St. Louis
Missouri Welcome	November 4, 2002	St. Charles
Missouri Welcome	October 18, 2002	Springfield
Water Treatment Plant Event and Finance Event for Jim Talent	June 11, 2002	Kansas City
Roundtable and Remarks at Albers Manufacturing; Meeting with Faith Leaders; and Finance Event for Jim Talent and Missouri Victory 2002	March 18, 2002	O'Fallon St. Louis St. Louis
Airport Welcome and Aurora Feed Plant Event	January 14, 2002	Springfield/ Aurora
Drop-by Target Store with Families and Welcome at Truman High School	August 21, 2001	Kansas City Independence
Tax Relief Event at Baijan Industries	March 26, 2001	Kansas City
Education Event at Moline School and Meeting with Archbishop Justin Rigali	February 20, 2001	St. Louis

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### **THE VICE PRESIDENT'S PREVIOUS TRAVEL**

Event	Date	Location
Remarks at Statewide Lincoln Day Dinner	February 7, 2004	St. Louis
Secretary of State Matt Blunt Fundraiser	December 12, 2003	Kansas City
University of Missouri-Columbia Commencement	May 15, 2003	Columbia
Missouri Welcome	November 2, 2002	Springfield
Missouri Welcome	October 31, 2002	Cape Girardeau
Finance Event for Missouri GOP Victory and Congressman Graves	April 4, 2002	Kansas City
Tax Relief Event	July 2, 2001	Kansas City