## **AG Hood leads national support of federal** legislation combatting illegal robocalls

General Hood is taking another step in stopping robocalls by supporting federal legislation known as the Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence Act (TRACED).

The TRACED Act would assist in combating illegal robocalls by requiring industry-wide implementation of call authentication protocols. Also known as STIR/ SHAKEN, this framework helps voice providers prevent spoofed calls because each telephone service provider connecting the call will obtain a digital certificate verifying the calling number. The legislation would also establish an Interagency Working Group, protect carriers who inadvertently block legitimate calls, and penalize people who repeatedly seek access to phone numbers for illegal purposes.

Mississippi who isn't fed up with the endless amount of robocalls, and as attorney general, this is one more step I'm taking to put an end to legislation has broad bipartisan support because it's something that is affecting

## **AG Hood announces relief** program in Wells Fargo settlement

not yet been made whole ers are able to make sure through existing remediation they receive any relief they programs from the Decem- are entitled to under this ber 2018 Wells Fargo settlement can now seek to have said. "Our office is followtheir inquiry or complaint ing through on its promise reviewed by a Wells Fargo to protect Mississippians' escalation team for possible rights to financial well-being

Attorney General Jim Hood announced that Wells Fargo has begun a consumer redress review program. which was a key component of the settlement to resolve claims that the bank violated state consumer protection laws by (1) opening millions of unauthorized accounts and enrolling customers into online banking services Wells Fargo will provide without their knowledge or periodic reports to the states consent, (2) improperly referring customers for enrollment in third-party renters and life insurance policies, (3) improperly charging auto loan customers for forceplaced and unnecessary collateral protection insurance, (4) failing to ensure that customers received refunds of unearned premiums on Life Insurance certain optional auto finance

lock extension fees. "When we announced this funds: 1-844-860-6962 \$2.5 million settlement for we would follow up with 385-5008.

guaranteed asset/auto pro-

customers for mortgage rate

attached letter of support to the authors of the legislation.

During an annual meeting of the National Association of Attorneys General this week, General Hood and others will meet with Senators Ed Markey (D- MA) and John Thune (R-SD) to discuss the problem of robocalls and to express their support of the TRACED Act.

"There are no blue robocalls or red robocalls, just unwanted robocalls. This bipartisan effort from all of the nation's attorneys general is a powerful statement that we need to take action now to stop the scourge of robocalls and robotexts and that there is support from all corners to do so. I thank our leading law enforcement officials for their support for the TRACED Act," said Sen. Markey.

Unwanted telemarketing "I don't know a person in calls have been on the rise over the last few years. In 2018, robocalls increased by more than 36%. As chief legal officers of the states and territories, attorneys general it," General Hood said. "This lead the enforcement of donot-call laws and aid consumers who are scammed by illegal calls.

In addition to his support of General Hood is joined by the TRACED Act, General 54 other state and territory at- Hood previously joined the

Mississippians who have this information so consumsettlement," General Hood

> over corporate interests." As part of the program, Wells Fargo will maintain a website that contains information regarding consumers' eligibility for redress. Wells Fargo's website describes the issues covered by the settlement agreement and provides escalation phone numbers consumers may use to request review. In addition,

> Consumers with questions or concerns may call the following Wells Fargo escalation phone numbers:

about ongoing remediation

- Unauthorized Accounts / Improper Retail Sales Practices: 1-844-931-2273
- · Improper Renters and Referrals: 1-855-853-9638
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  - · Guaranteed Asset/Auto Protection ("GAP")
- Mortgage Interest Rate Mississippi, we said that Lock Extension Fees: 1-866-

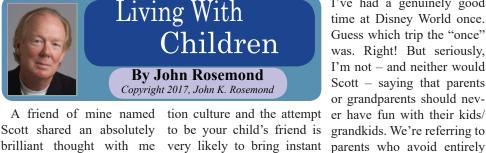
Jim torneys general in sending the Mississippi Public Service Commission in publishing a guide for consumers with helpful information to block or filter unwanted calls. He also joined a bipartisan coalition of 34 other attorneys general in calling upon the Federal Communications Commission to create new rules allowing telephone service providers to block more of the illegal robocalls. Additionally, General Hood is part of a multistate working group of AGs that is reviewing the technology used by major telecom companies to combat these calls.

The group hopes to develop a detailed understanding of what is technologically feasible to minimize unwanted robocalls and illegal telemarketing as well as to engage the major telecom companies and encourage them to expedite the best possible solutions for consumers.

In addition to General Hood, the attorneys general or a staff representative attending Tuesday's meeting with Sens. Markey and Thune include AG Jason Ravnsborg (SD), AG Doug Peterson (NE), AG Gordon MacDonald (NH), AG Josh Stein (NC), and AG Jeff Landry (LA).

## \*Pav Raise

(Continued from page 1.) a Long Beach Republican, says it remains possible that lawmakers could settle on a different amount, depending on how much money is estimated to be available.



unannounced at his workplace, a bank, the other day.

to talk about is parenting, like, you know, police only only want to talk about operations they've performed and coroners only want to on the only topic I don't particularly want to talk about, naturally.

In fact, he was very complimentary, telling me that he and his lovely wife, Monica, started reading this column when their children were young and still keep up with it. In the course of almost putting me to sleep, Scott suddenly wakes me up by telling me he has a theory about parents.

"You probably won't think much of it," he says, "being the expert and all."

"It's probably brilliant," I say, and it was.

Scott has figured out – on his own but remember he's been reading my column for more than twenty years now, so I feel entitled to take some credit – that the reason so many parents these days want to be their children's best friends is because we live in an instant-gratifica-

to be your child's friend is grandkids. We're referring to when I dropped in on him gratification, as in: (a) the the responsibilities of parentparent puts energy into trying hood by trying to turn it into to be a friend, (b) the child something it is not: to wit, a Everyone thinks all I want likes having an adult friend friendship. more than he does or would

> by properly-thinking peo- the local petting zoo. ple, parenting is not likely I wrote a similar column to bring instant gratifica- years ago, by the way. In it, tion. Raising a child out of I coined the term "McParnarcissistic incivility into enting." It's what instantresponsible, compassionate gratification-oriented parents adulthood is, after all, a slog do. They take the easy way that requires of parents that out of everything concerning they sometimes do what they their kids, including trying to would rather not do, like ad- be their best buds. The op-

was famous for them.)

parents should never try to People Who Raise Children have fun with their kids, like Who May Not Realize Untake them to Disney World?" til They Are On Their Own

I'm not the person to ask That They Were Raised Well that question. I've been to And Call You One Day And Disney World four times: Thank You. once with my own kids when they were young; twice with grandchildren; and once Rosemond: johnrosemond. with another adult couple. com, parentguru.com.

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I've had a genuinely good time at Disney World once. Guess which trip the "once" was. Right! But seriously, I'm not - and neither would Scott – saying that parents or grandparents should nev-

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When you avoid responhaving an adult who accept- sibility for something for want to talk about the arrests ed the sometimes onerous which you are, in fact, rethey've made and surgeons responsibilities of being an sponsible, you are being irauthentic parent, and so (c) responsible. So, Scott and I the parent receives approval are indeed saying that trying from the child - a synonym to be your child's friend is irtalk about autopsies they've for approval being, in this responsible. Children do not done. So, I drop in on Scott, case, instant gratification. need 30- or 40-something just to chat, and he starts in (The preceding is known, in year-old friends. They need literary circles, as a run-on adult parents who are willing sentence. Thomas Jefferson to take the occasional heat and perform the occasional Brilliant! Remember, this distasteful function, like inwas Scott's idea, but he forming a child that he is not wants to remain anonymous. yet well-behaved enough to Indeed, when done properly go to Disney World or even

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## What if Things Only Get Worse?

will. He predicts spiritual bailouts, ecological turmoil, and worldwide persecution. Yet in the midst of it all, he contends bravery is still an

option. (Matthew 24:4-14) Things are going to get bad, really bad, before they get better. And when conditions worsen, "See to it that you are not alarmed" (Matt. 24:6 NIV). Jesus chose a stout term for alarmed that he used on no other occasion. It means "to wail, to cry aloud," as if Jesus counseled the disciples, "Don't freak out when bad stuff happens."

"See to it..." Bosses and teachers are known to use that phrase. "See to it that you fill out the reports." Or "Your essay is due tomorrow. See to it that you finish your work." The words call for additional attention, special focus, extra resolve. Isn't this what Christ is asking of us? In this dangerous day, on this Faberge'-fragile globe, with financial collapse on the news and terrorists on

Christ tells us that they the loose, we have every reason to retreat into bunkers of

dread and woe. But Christ says to us, "See to it that you are not alarmed." (NIV)

"Keep your head and don't panic" (MSG).

"See that you are not troubled" (NKJV).

And remember: "All these [challenging times] are the beginning of birth pains (Matt. 24:8 NIV), and birth pangs aren't all bad. (Easy for me to say.) Birth pains signal the onset of the final push. The pediatrician assures the mom-to-be, "It's going to hurt for a time, but it's going to get better." Jesus assures us of the same. Global conflicts indicate our date on the maternity calendar. We are in the final hours, just a few pushes from delivery, a few brief ticks of eternity's clock from the great crowning of creation. A whole new world is coming!

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