

# Congressman Thompson votes to pass democrats' Moving Forward Act, H.R. 2

## Sweeping bill invests over \$1.5 trillion to create jobs rebuilding America's infrastructure

### Press Release

On July 1, United States Representative Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS), voted to pass H.R. 2, the Moving Forward Act, House Democrats' sweeping legislation to invest more than \$1.5 trillion in modern, sustainable infrastructure while creating millions of good-paying jobs, combatting the climate crisis and addressing disparities in communities across Mississippi and throughout the country.

Among the many far-reaching provisions of the Moving Forward Act:

- The INVEST in America Act, a nearly \$500 billion investment to rebuild and reimagine the nation's transportation infrastructure by fixing our crumbling roads and bridges, improving safety, reducing gridlock and putting the U.S. on a path toward zero emissions from the transportation sector by cutting carbon pollution, investing in public transit and the national rail network, building out fueling infrastructure for low and zero-emission vehicles and deploying technology and innovative materials. The INVEST in America Act is fueled by American workers and ingenuity thanks to strong Buy America provisions and labor protections. Under H.R. 2, Mississippi would receive \$3,750,521,857 in highway and transit funding alone.
- Invests in schools with the Reopen and Rebuild America's Schools Act, which funds \$130 billion in school infrastructure target-

ed at high-poverty schools with facilities that endanger the health and safety of students and educators. This investment will help students get back to school and create more than 2 million jobs to help workers get back to work.

- Addresses structural challenges and upgrades child care facilities by leveraging a 5-year, \$10 billion federal investment to generate additional state and private investments in making sure that child care settings are safe, appropriate and able to comply with current and future public health directives.

- Invests over \$100 billion into our nation's affordable housing infrastructure to create or preserve 1.8 million affordable homes. These investments will help reduce housing inequality, create jobs and stimulate the broader economy, increase community and household resiliency in the face of natural disasters, improve hazardous living conditions and increase the environmental sustainability of our housing stock.

- Protects access to safe drinking water by investing over \$25 billion in the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and other programs to ensure all communities have clean drinking water and to help remove dangerous contaminants like PFAS from local water systems.

- Modernizes our energy infrastructure for a clean energy future by investing more than \$70 billion to transform our electric grid to accommodate more renewable

energy, expand renewable energy, strengthen existing infrastructure, help develop an electric vehicle charging network and support energy efficiency, weatherization and Smart Communities infrastructure.

- Delivers affordable high-speed broadband Internet access to all parts of the country by investing \$100 billion to promote competition for broadband internet infrastructure in unserved and underserved communities, prioritizing those with persistent poverty. Gets children connected to remote learning, closes broadband adoption and digital skills gaps and enhances payment support for low-income households and the recently unemployed.

- Modernizes the nation's health care infrastructure by investing \$30 billion to upgrade hospitals to increase capacity and strengthen care, help community health centers respond to COVID-19 and future public health emergencies, improve clinical laboratory infrastructure, support the Indian Health Service's infrastructure and increase capacity for community-based care.

- Modernizes and strengthens the United States Postal Service by investing \$25 billion to modernize postal infrastructure and operations, including a zero emissions postal vehicle fleet, processing equipment and other goods.

- Promotes new renewable energy infrastructure by incentivizing the development of wind and solar on public

# Lexington airport receives funds from CARES Act

### Press Release

On Wednesday, July 1, United States Representative Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS) announced the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration has awarded grant funds to the City of Lexington for the C.A. Moore Airport - \$303,488.

Other airports/municipalities and building a workforce for offshore wind.

- Promotes investments in our communities by spurring private investment through the tax code, through a revitalized Build America Bonds program, expansions of Private Activity Bonds and significant enhancements to the New Markets Tax Credit and the Rehabilitation Tax Credit.

palities in Mississippi's 2nd Congressional District were also awarded funds. The grants are being funded as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic

Security Act (CARES Act) of 2020. These grants provide economic relief funds for any purpose for which airport revenue may be lawfully used.

# Former Mississippi state flag finds new home at archives

### Press Release

On June 30, 2020, Governor Tate Reeves signed House Bill 1796, which establishes a commission to redesign the Mississippi state flag. According to the legislation, the removal of the former official state flag shall take place not later than fifteen days from the effective date of this act.

On Wednesday, July 1, Lieutenant Governor Delbert Hosemann and House Speaker Philip Gunn presented Mississippi Department of Archives and History with the last flags to fly over the state capitol. The flags will be added to the permanent collection.

The Mississippi Code does

not provide guidelines for flag retirement ceremonies, but according to Mississippi Code Section 3-3-15, "The state flag shall receive all of the respect and ceremonious etiquette given the American flag."

Organizations that receive flags for dignified and respectful removal include local fire departments, American Legion posts, Veterans of Foreign Wars posts, and the Boy Scouts of America. In some cases, local history museums may accept donations of flags.

This public notice is listed on the MDAH website at <https://www.mdah.ms.gov/news/retirement-former-mississippi-state-flag>.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### "TO THE PUBLIC AND TO THE TAXPAYERS OF HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI:

**"You are hereby notified that the real and personal property assessment rolls of the above named County for the year 2020 have been equalized according to law, and that said rolls are ready for inspection and examination, and that any objections to said rolls, or any assessment therein contained, shall be made in writing and filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of said County on or before the 20th day of August, 2020, at his office in the Courthouse of said County, and that all assessments to which no objection is then and there made will be finally approved by said Board of Supervisors, and that all assessments to which objection is made, and which may be corrected and properly determined by this Board, will be made final by this Board of Supervisors, and that said rolls and the assessments contained therein will be approved by this Board of Supervisors; and that,**

**"1. This Board will be in session for the purpose of hearing objections to the said assessments which may be filed at the Courthouse in the City of Lexington, said County and State, on the 20th day of August, 2020, and,**

**"2. This Board of Supervisors will remain in session from day to day until all objections, lawfully filed, shall have been disposed of and all proper corrections made in the said rolls.**

**"Witness the signature and seal of the said Board of Supervisors this the 6th day of July, 2020, and**

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF HOLMES COUNTY**

**By /s/ James Young  
President**

**By /s/ Charlie Lockett  
Chancery Clerk**

**Ordered and Adjudged this 6th day of July, 2020.**

**/s/ James Young**

**NOTE: Said rolls are available for inspection in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room. Assistance in examining the rolls is available from personnel of the County Appraisal Office in the Courthouse. Questions regarding assessments may also be made by telephone to said Office, 662.834.3737; if no answer, call the Assessor's Office, 662.834.2865. Blank forms for use in filing objections may be obtained from the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room.**

# MDES helps Mississippi employers ReStart MS

### Press Release

Employers in Mississippi will have help in getting their employees back to work, thanks to a new online reporting system called ReStart MS. The Mississippi Department of Employment Security (MDES) developed this system to assist the business community in transitioning employees, who were separated from their jobs due to COVID-19 back into the workforce. This announcement is presented July 2.

"We are proud to announce this new system to assist employers as they reopen for business," said Jackie Turner, Executive Director for MDES. "We hope Mississippi employers will utilize this tool to report information to MDES and use it to view

the status of their employees filing for Unemployment Insurance benefits."

ReStart MS provides employers with information on employees presently filing or who have previously filed for Unemployment Insurance benefits. Utilizing this system will aid in the prevention of improper unemployment payments and assist in getting the workforce back to work sooner.

ReStart MS allows employers to report:

- Rehires
- Refusal of Work
- Inability to Locate
- Potential Fraudulent / ID Theft Claims

Mississippi Law requires employers to report refusals to work within ten days of the date of refusal.

"Fraud is a major issue

that we are working to combat. This new system allows employers to report fraudulent claims to MDES," said Timothy Rush, Director of Re-Employment at MDES. "Since the report is coming directly from the employer, this will allow MDES to identify fraudulent claims and stop payments."

Employers can access Re-start MS by visiting <https://restartms.mdes.ms.gov> and entering their Unemployment Insurance, ReEmployMS, system User ID, and Password. Employers will also receive a letter from MDES with a unique authorization code that will allow them to create an account.

For more information about ReStart MS, visit <https://mdes.ms.gov/restartms>.