

## CONNECTIONS

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### Greetings:

August 3, 1901 is the birthday of John Cornelius Stennis, namesake of the John C. Stennis Institute of Government at Mississippi State University. He was born near DeKalb, Kemper County, Mississippi; attended the county schools; graduated, Mississippi State College 1923; graduated, University of Virginia Law School 1928; admitted to the bar in 1928 and commenced practice in De Kalb, Miss.; member, State house of representatives 1928-1932; district prosecuting attorney 1932-1937; circuit judge 1937-1947; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate on November 4, 1947, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Theodore G. Bilbo and served from November 5, 1947, to January 3, 1953; reelected in 1952, 1958, 1964, 1970, 1976 and 1982; died April 23, 1995.

Here are some links of interest regarding Senator Stennis:

United State Senate History Page

<http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=S000852>

John C. Stennis Institute of Government

<http://www.sig.msstate.edu>

Stennis Center for Public Service Leadership

<http://www.stennis.gov>

USS John C. Stennis (CVN74)

<http://www.cvn74.navy.mil/home.html>

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DRIVE-THRU CONSTITUENT OFFICE – Pennsylvania State Representative Kevin Murphy can often be found serving constituents from his drive-thru office in Scranton.

<http://www.pahouse.com/Murphy/index.asp>

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PUTTING SMART GROWTH TO WORK IN RURAL COMMUNITIES - This report focuses on smart growth strategies that can help guide growth in rural areas while protecting natural and working lands and preserving the rural character of existing communities.

<http://tinyurl.com/2vsxvsg>

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CIVIC TOURISM, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF PLACE – If “sense of place” is so important, why are towns starting to look the same? Interesting comments by the director of the Civic Tourism Project.

<http://www.planetizen.com/node/44717>

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The MISSISSIPPI KIDS COUNT DATA BOOK is a 130-plus page book of facts about children in Mississippi. Subject areas include Oral Health, Mental Health, Obesity and Birth Outcomes. Click on the following link to order or download a copy:

<http://tinyurl.com/34hdn7p>

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STENNIS INSTITUTE TRAINING – Upcoming seminars and workshops include Measurements for Public Projects, Document Management, Mississippi Public Records Act 101, Legal Requirements for Public Meetings, and more. Check out the full schedule at:

<http://tinyurl.com/2dgzd39>

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## CALENDAR

August

10 – 12 Miss-Lou Regional Tourism Summit, Bay St. Louis

<http://tinyurl.com/28o8hhu>

11 - Greater Jackson Chamber Partnership membership luncheon: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Jackson Hilton, County Line Road, Jackson. The speaker is Dr. Marty Wiseman, of Mississippi State University Stennis Center. Cost: \$28. Registration required in advance. For more details, contact Debi Green at [dgreen@greaterjacksonpartnership.com](mailto:dgreen@greaterjacksonpartnership.com) or (601) 948-7575.

14 – 17 Southern Economic Development Council (SEDC) and Business Retention & Expansion International (BREI) Annual Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana.

<http://tinyurl.com/25dswz8>

21 - Stand-Up for the Gulf Coast Benefit: A special evening with Jay Leno, Beau Rivage Theatre; 100% of the show's ticket sales go to Gulf Coast Community Foundation Mississippi Oil Spill Recovery Fund.

<http://www.beaurivage.com/entertainment/jay-leno.aspx>

September

13 – Stennis-Capitol Press Luncheon: Speaker will be Steven Suitts, Vice President, Southern Education Foundation. The luncheon Web site is at:

<http://stenniscapitolpress.wordpress.com>

14 - MS Economic Development Council Member-to-Member Seminar, Jackson, MS.

Speaker: Rick Duke, CEcD, EDFP, Director, Trent Lott Center for Excellence in Economic Development and Entrepreneurship

[www.medc.ms](http://www.medc.ms)

15 – 16 2010 Intermodal Transportation Conference, Jackson, MS, presented by Mississippi World Trade Center. Brochure is online at:

<http://www.mswtc.org/events/InterTransConf.pdf>

19 – 24 New South Economic Development Course, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg.

[http://www.usm.edu/profdev\\_edoutreach/NEWSOUTH.html](http://www.usm.edu/profdev_edoutreach/NEWSOUTH.html)

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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

One measure of leadership is the caliber of people who choose to follow you.

- Dennis A. Peer

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