

CABINET MEETING COMMUNIQUE
MEETING OF OCTOBER 6, 2005
AFTERNOON SESSION

Present: Crew, Dilworth, Hanson, Jones, Moulton, Pierce, Webb

- The Cabinet participated in a statewide conference call conducted by Commissioner E. Joseph Savoie. The primary focus was on FEMA and means by which to seek reimbursement of eligible expenses related to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.
- The Governor will likely call two special sessions of the Legislature, one in late October or early November to deal with non-budgetary matters such as suspension of rules and regulations as appropriate, and the other in January to deal with the state's financial condition as a result of the storms.
- Dr. Savoie discussed his second letter to Commissioner of Administration Jerry Luke LeBlanc, which seeks to have the postsecondary education systems and institutions, make targeted savings to help offset revenue losses to the state. If such an approach is approved, it could free colleges and universities to spend funds with more flexibility, although their contributions back to the state likely will be substantial.