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**May 14, 2008 -- Miss.-1: Another Fair Trade Victory**

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It's been quite a year in Mississippi politics. First, Sen. Trent Lott (R-Miss.) left the Senate to become a lobbyist. Then, Rep. Roger Wicker (R-Miss.) was elevated to his seat. Both Lott and Wicker are dedicated foes of fair trade, voting wrong on over a dozen pieces of legislation each.

Now, fair trader Travis Childers (D) has taken that open seat by a nearly ten point margin. As [John Nichols reports](#), [Childers](#) campaigned heavily on a "no more NAFTAs" platform. He follows on the impressive [net fair trade additions of Bill Foster \(D-Ill.\) and Don Cazayoux \(D-La.\)](#).

Some of you may remember in [Nov. 2006, how we tallied 30 net fair trade additions](#) to House's membership. Well, it is with some excitement that I say we have now surpassed that to reach 31. How does the math work out? Well, 2 supposed fair traders flaked on us - Reps. Nick Lampson (D-Texas) and Tim Mahoney (D-Fla.). These two voted against fair trade on both the Peru FTA (Nov. 2007) and Fast Track cancellation (April 2008). In Mahoney's case, it was particularly bad, since he campaigned strongly against CAFTA in the seat left by Mark Foley, who occasionally voted with fair traders (on Fast Track, for instance). So the victories of Childers, Cazayoux and Foster bring us to 31.

**May 05, 2008 -- La.-6: Another fair trade election victory**

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Don Cazayoux, the Democrat who just won the Louisiana-6 House seat long held by the GOP, campaigned and won on a fair trade platform. Here's what he told the [Daily King Fish](#):

*I support fair trade agreements that raise labor standards for all workers - both here in the United States and abroad - while ensuring that American businesses remain competitive. I will vote to close tax loopholes that reward companies for moving our jobs overseas. I oppose the Colombian Free Trade Agreement in its current form and believe that we need to renegotiate CAFTA and NAFTA to include more protections for our workers.*

Cazayoux takes the open seat vacated by Rep. Richard Baker (R-La.), who voted against fair trade on 18 out of 18 votes in his 22 years in Congress, including NAFTA, WTO, Peru FTA, and CAFTA (which even many GOP in La. opposed, including now-Gov. [Bobby Jindal](#), who [William Kristol](#) says might be McCain's running mate).

UPDATE: Special elections this cycle have been good for fair traders. And as we documented back in March, fair trader [Rep. Bill Foster \(D-Ill.\) took Denny Hastert's seat](#). Foster ran paid ads on trade. Also, fair traders were able to keep several more seats that

were opened up through the special elections of Reps. Andre Carson (D-Ind.), Laura Richardson (D-Calif.), Jackie Speier (D-Calif.), and Niki Tsongas (D-Mass.). This crew all voted for fair trade in the [Fast Track cancellation vote](#) in April.