

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am sure all AOS members are delighted with the passage by the State Legislature of the bill protecting all Alabama birds of prey. I would like to urge all of the membership to express appreciation to Representative Jim Wood of Mobile who sponsored this needed piece of legislation. We should all make every effort to give this new conservation law the best possible publicity in order to make it effective and to protect these beleaguered species from wanton shooting.

The dedication efforts of conservation-minded Alabamians are having good results in the area of anti-pollution legislation. The Legislature is obviously receptive to new ideas concerning conservation and we will all benefit from strong bills to protect our environment.

Let us all strive for a realistic approach to pollution problems so that our state can achieve good economic growth without sacrificing any of the abundant natural beauty and wildlife that we are so fortunate to have and want future generations to enjoy. We do not blindly oppose progress, but we do oppose blind progress.



Eugene B. Sledge, President

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