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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1633

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND  
2 MAINTENANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES FOR THE FISCAL  
3 YEAR 2000.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
6 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
7 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and  
8 maintenance of the Department of Marine Resources for the fiscal  
9 year beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000.....  
10 ..... \$ 2,704,452.00.

11 SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
12 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in any special  
13 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of  
14 Marine Resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, and  
15 ending June 30, 2000..... \$ 3,476,649.00.

16 Of the funds appropriated in this section, Eight Hundred  
17 Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00) is derived from the state excise  
18 taxes upon gasoline, oil and other petroleum products.

19 SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
20 Sections 1 and 2, not more than the amounts set forth below shall  
21 be expended for the respective major objects or purpose of  
22 expenditure:

23 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

24 Personal Services:

25 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. \$ 3,113,084.00  
26 Travel and Subsistence..... 59,039.00

27	Contractual Services.....	1,723,786.00
28	Commodities.....	382,011.00
29	Capital Outlay:	
30	Other Than Equipment.....	0.00
31	Equipment.....	489,000.00
32	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>414,181.00</u>
33	Total.....	\$ 6,181,101.00

34 FUNDING:

35	General Funds.....	\$ 2,704,452.00
36	Special Funds.....	<u>3,476,649.00</u>
37	Total.....	\$ 6,181,101.00

38 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

39	Permanent: Full Time. . . . .	67
40	Part Time. . . . .	0
41	Time-Limited: Full Time. . . . .	17
42	Part Time. . . . .	0

43 From the funds provided in the budget category "Personal  
44 Services: Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits," funds may be  
45 expended for the following purposes, in compliance with the  
46 policies established by the State Personnel Board and any  
47 conditions placed on such expenditures:

48 (a) The components of the Variable Compensation Plan  
49 shall be maintained within the constraints of the funds  
50 appropriated herein.

51 (b) Funds are provided to adjust the Variable  
52 Compensation Plan, including realignment, to ensure that all  
53 full-time employees with at least six (6) months of continuous  
54 current service, as of June 30, 1999, receive an increase of One  
55 Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00). Funds are provided to  
56 adjust critical job classes up to an additional One Thousand  
57 Dollars (\$1,000.00).

58 (c) If an employee is currently at or above the end  
59 salary for his or her job classification, then the increase shall

60 be built into the employee's base salary. To be eligible for any  
61 increase authorized in this section, employees may not have a  
62 current performance rating below "meets expectations" as of the  
63 effective date of the increase. Employees who subsequently  
64 receive a performance rating of "meets expectations" or above  
65 during Fiscal Year 2000 shall receive the salary increase  
66 effective the date of the rating.

67 It is the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds  
68 required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal  
69 Year 2001 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2000 funds appropriated for  
70 that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the  
71 agency's budget by the Mississippi Legislature.

72 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
73 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

74 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be  
75 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are  
76 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this  
77 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

78 SECTION 4. In addition to all other sums heretofore  
79 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
80 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
81 Treasury to the credit of the Tidelands Fund No. 3450, to the  
82 Department of Marine Resources for the purpose of defraying the  
83 expenses of the Tidelands projects for the fiscal year beginning  
84 July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000..... \$ 4,700,000.00.

85 Tidelands Projects:

86 City of Moss Point - Waterfront Acquisition/Access

87 and Development: Pelican Landing..... \$ 250,000.00

88 Clower-Thornton Nature Area, The Garden Clubs

89 of Mississippi - Trail Improvements in

90 Clower-Thornton Nature Area..... \$ 25,000.00

91 City of Biloxi - McDonnell Avenue

92 Boat Launch..... \$ 500,000.00

93	Biloxi Port Commission - Lighthouse		
94	Fishing Docks - Phase IV.....	\$	365,000.00
95	City of Gautier - Gautier Park Waterfront		
96	Improvements.....	\$	40,000.00
97	Harrison County Board of Supervisors - Popps		
98	Ferry Causeway Waterfront Phase II.....	\$	200,000.00
99	City of Bay St. Louis - Bay St. Louis Urban		
100	Waterfront Improvements.....	\$	700,000.00
101	City of Waveland - Public Marina Project		
102	Phase III.....	\$	270,000.00
103	Department of Marine Resources -		
104	Discretionary funds.....	\$	<u>2,350,000.00</u>
105	TOTAL:	\$	4,700,000.00

106 Each political subdivision receiving funds authorized in this  
107 section shall be held responsible for complying with Section  
108 29-15-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, and shall be subject to an  
109 audit by the State Auditor and shall submit detailed reports on  
110 December 31 and June 30 to the Commission on Marine Resources on  
111 how funds authorized in this section were expended.

112 It is the intention of the Legislature that any political  
113 subdivision seeking to qualify for Tidelands Funds for the  
114 subsequent fiscal year shall submit a proposal to the Commission  
115 on Marine Resources no later than July 1, 1999.

116 It is the intention of the Legislature that if the amount of  
117 Tidelands Funds appropriated in this act exceed the actual amount  
118 of Tidelands Funds available, the available funds shall be  
119 allocated on a pro rata basis between projects listed in this  
120 section.

121 SECTION 5. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
122 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
123 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
124 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
125 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the

126 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

127 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from

128 and after July 1, 1999.