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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1633
(As Passed the House)

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 Each political subdivision receiving funds authorized in this
86 section shall be held responsible for complying with Section
87 29-15-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, and shall be subject to an
88 audit by the State Auditor and shall submit detailed reports on
89 December 31 and June 30 to the Commission on Marine Resources on
90 how funds authorized in this section were expended.

91 It is the intention of the Legislature that any political
92 subdivision seeking to qualify for Tidelands Funds for the

93 subsequent fiscal year shall submit a proposal to the Commission
94 on Marine Resources no later than July 1, 1999.

95 It is the intention of the Legislature that if the amount of
96 Tidelands Funds appropriated in this act exceed the actual amount
97 of Tidelands Funds available, the available funds shall be
98 allocated on a pro rata basis between projects listed in this
99 section.

100 SECTION 5. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
101 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
102 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
103 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
104 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
105 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

106 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from
107 and after July 1, 1999.