

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled **BILL:**

H.B. No. 1600: Appropriation; Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

- 1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.**
- 2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:**

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

5 SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
 6 necessary, is hereby authorized and approved for expenditure out
 7 of any funds which are received by or otherwise become available
 8 to the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport, for the
 9 purpose of defraying the expenses of the authority for the fiscal
 10 year beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000.....
 11 \$ 35,519,144.00.

12 SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
 13 Section 1, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be
 14 expended for the respective major objects or purposes of
 15 expenditure:

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

17 Personal Services:

18 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$	2,344,280.00
19 Travel and Subsistence.....		60,000.00
20 Contractual Services.....		3,435,675.00
21 Commodities.....		355,000.00
22 Capital Outlay:		
23 Other Than Equipment.....		21,634,189.00
24 Equipment.....		690,000.00
25 Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....		<u>7,000,000.00</u>
26 Total.....	\$	35,519,144.00

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

28	Permanent:	Full Time.	58
29		Part Time.	0
30	Time-Limited:	Full Time.	0
31		Part Time.	0

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

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37 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

38 SECTION 3. In the event of a natural disaster or other major
39 catastrophe whereby the expenditure of funds above the limits
40 contained herein are deemed necessary to rapidly repair or restore
41 port facilities, the Port Authority and the Department of Economic
42 and Community Development, with the approval of the Department of
43 Finance and Administration, may escalate expenditures under
44 Section 1 and the major objects contained in Section 2. However,
45 no escalation shall be authorized until source and availability of
46 such funds is shown.

47 SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the
48 Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport is hereby authorized
49 to escalate and expend funds from any source in accordance with
50 applicable rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and
51 Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of
52 federal funds.

53 SECTION 5. The money appropriated under the provisions of
54 Section 1 shall be disbursed upon bank checks signed by the proper
55 person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

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

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE:

X
Charlie Capps, Jr.

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Ted Foster

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Linda Coleman

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE:

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