REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S.B. No. 2333: Regional jail; Kemper County contract with Neshoba County instead of Noxubee.

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

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 47-5-931, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

12 47-5-931. (1) The Department of Corrections, in its 13 discretion, may contract with the board of supervisors of one or more counties and/or with a regional facility jointly operated by 14 two (2) or three (3) counties, to provide for housing, care and 15 16 control of not more than two hundred fifty (250) offenders who are in the custody of the State of Mississippi. Any facility owned or 17 18 leased by a county or counties for this purpose shall be designed, constructed, operated and maintained in accordance with American 19 Correctional Association standards, and shall comply with all 20 21 constitutional standards of the United States and the State of Mississippi, and with all court orders that may now or hereinafter 22 23 be applicable to the facility. If the Department of Corrections contracts with more than one (1) county to house state offenders 24 25 in county correctional facilities, excluding a regional facility, then the first of such facilities shall be constructed in Sharkey 26 27 County and the second of such facilities shall be constructed in 28 Jefferson County.

(2) The Department of Corrections shall contract with the
30 boards of supervisors of the following counties to house state
31 inmates in regional facilities: (a) Marion and Walthall Counties;
(b) Carroll and Montgomery Counties; (c) Stone and Pearl River

33 Counties; (d) Winston and Choctaw Counties; (e) Kemper and Neshoba 34 Counties; (f) Holmes County and any contiguous county in which there is located an unapproved jail; and (g) Bolivar County and 35 any contiguous county in which there is located an unapproved 36 37 jail. The Department of Corrections may contract with the boards of supervisors of the following counties to house state inmates in 38 39 regional facilities: (a) Yazoo County and any contiguous county, (b) Chickasaw County; and (c) George and Greene Counties. The 40 Department of Corrections shall decide the order of priority of 41 42 the counties listed in this subsection with which it will contract for the housing of state inmates. For the purposes of this 43 44 subsection the term "unapproved jail" means any jail that the local grand jury determines should be condemned or has found to be 45 46 of substandard condition or in need of substantial repair or 47 reconstruction.

48 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from 49 and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-931, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, 2 TO PROVIDE THAT KEMPER COUNTY MAY OPERATE A REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL 3 FACILITY WITH NESHOBA COUNTY INSTEAD OF NOXUBEE COUNTY; TO PROVIDE 4 THAT YAZOO COUNTY MAY BE CONSIDERED AS A SITE FOR A REGIONAL 5 FACILITY; TO PROVIDE THAT CHICKASAW COUNTY MAY BE CONSIDERED AS A SITE FOR A REGIONAL FACILITY; TO PROVIDE THAT GEORGE AND GREENE 6 COUNTIES MAY BE CONSIDERED AS A SITE FOR A REGIONAL FACILITY; AND 7 8 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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