

**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. 3125: Appropriation; Finance & Admin. Consol.

**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:**

5 SECTION 1. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as  
6 may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the  
7 State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to defray the  
8 expenses of the Department of Finance and Administration for the  
9 fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999 and ending June 30, 2000.....  
10 ..... \$ 15,011,470.00.

11 SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
12 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
13 Treasury to the credit of the Department of Finance and  
14 Administration for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred  
15 in the operation of the various offices of the department for the  
16 fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999 and ending June 30, 2000.....  
17 ..... \$ 15,629,646.00.

18 SECTION 3. With the funds appropriated under the provisions  
19 of Sections 1 and 2, the following positions are authorized:

20 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

21	Permanent:	Full Time. . . . .	367
22		Part Time. . . . .	5
23	Time-Limited:	Full Time. . . . .	0
24		Part Time. . . . .	0

25 Provided that a report based on expenditures incurred during  
26 the current and immediate-past fiscal years shall be provided to  
27 each regularly scheduled legislative session. This report should  
28 reflect expenditures as a result of the operation of the Robert E.

29 Lee Building, the Woolfolk State Office Building, the Gartin and  
30 Sillers Buildings, the Capitol Buildings, the Central High School  
31 Building, the 301 Building and other state buildings, and this  
32 report should contain any steps taken to reduce operating costs.

33 It is also the intention of the Legislature that no  
34 state-owned aircraft shall be utilized by any person except for  
35 official business only.

36 SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
37 Section 2, the amount of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00), or  
38 so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be expended for premium  
39 payments for flood insurance on state-owned facilities. However,  
40 no such premium shall be paid until reviewed and approved by the  
41 Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. Said  
42 payments are to be made from accrued interest earnings from loans  
43 under the Disaster Assistance Program.

44 SECTION 5. In addition to all other sums herein  
45 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
46 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special  
47 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Tort Claims Fund  
48 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Tort Claims Board  
49 in the administration of the Tort Claims Act for the fiscal year  
50 beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000.....  
51 ..... \$ 11,104,004.00.

52 SECTION 6. With the funds appropriated under the provisions  
53 of Section 5, the following positions are authorized:

54 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

55	Permanent:	Full Time. . . . .	6
56		Part Time. . . . .	0
57	Time-Limited:	Full Time. . . . .	0
58		Part Time. . . . .	0

59 SECTION 7. From the funds provided in this act, funds may be  
60 expended for the following purposes, in compliance with the  
61 policies established by the State Personnel Board and any  
62 conditions placed on such expenditures:

63 (a) The components of the Variable Compensation Plan

64 shall be maintained within the constraints of the funds  
65 appropriated herein.

66 (b) Funds are provided to adjust the Variable  
67 Compensation Plan, including realignment, to ensure that all  
68 full-time employees with at least six (6) months of continuous  
69 current service, as of June 30, 1999, receive an increase of One  
70 Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00). Funds are provided to  
71 adjust critical job classes up to an additional One Thousand  
72 Dollars (\$1,000.00).

73 (c) If an employee is currently at or above the end  
74 salary for his or her job classification, then the increase shall  
75 be built into the employee's base salary. To be eligible for any  
76 increase authorized in this section, employees may not have a  
77 current performance rating below "meets expectations" as of the  
78 effective date of the increase. Employees who subsequently  
79 receive a performance rating of "meets expectations" or above  
80 during Fiscal Year 2000 shall receive the salary increase  
81 effective the date of the rating.

82 It is the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds  
83 required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal  
84 Year 2001 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2000 funds appropriated for  
85 that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the  
86 agency's budget by the Mississippi Legislature.

87 Any transfers within each specific budget or escalations  
88 shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and  
89 procedures established by law.

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

94 SECTION 8. The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property  
95 Management of the Office of General Services is hereby expressly  
96 authorized and empowered to receive, budget and expend any state,  
97 local or other source funds designated for supplemental funding of  
98 construction and/or repairs and renovation projects.

99 SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the  
100 following amounts are authorized to be spent out of the Statewide  
101 Cost Allocation Fund No. 3143 by the Department of Finance and  
102 Administration:

103 (a) One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00)  
104 for the purpose of defraying computer expenses.

105 (b) Five Hundred Sixty Thousand Eight Hundred  
106 Thirty-nine Dollars (\$560,839.00) for the purpose of defraying the  
107 cost of the acquisition, development and implementation of the  
108 Statewide Automated Accounting System.

109 (c) One Hundred Fifty-three Thousand Four Hundred  
110 Dollars (\$153,400.00) for an imaging/electronic processing  
111 feasibility study and initial phase of implementation.

112 SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Two  
113 Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000.00) is authorized  
114 to be spent out of the Local Disaster Loan Fund No. 3144 by the  
115 Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose of  
116 defraying the cost of the Air Transport Services.

117 SECTION 11. The Office of Capitol Facilities, Department of  
118 Finance and Administration, is hereby expressly authorized and  
119 empowered to receive funds from state agencies for the rent of  
120 office space in the Eldon Bolton Office Building in Biloxi,  
121 Mississippi, and the State Service Center in Hattiesburg,  
122 Mississippi. The Office of Capitol Facilities is further  
123 authorized and empowered to budget and expend any such funds  
124 received to operate and maintain, and up to Five Dollars (\$5.00)  
125 per square foot of rental receipts to finish tenant space, in the  
126 Eldon Bolton Office Building in Biloxi, Mississippi, and the State  
127 Service Center in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, as state office  
128 buildings. Monies received for rent of such office space are to  
129 be deposited in a special fund in the State Treasury. Any funds  
130 on hand at the end of the fiscal year shall lapse into the State  
131 General Fund.

132 SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
133 Department of Finance and Administration shall maintain complete

134 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all  
135 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be  
136 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal  
137 Year 1999. It is further the intention of the Legislature that  
138 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2001 shall be  
139 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format  
140 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail  
141 provided during the Fiscal Year 2000 budget request process.

142 SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that  
143 positions currently assigned to the Department of Information  
144 Technology Services for operation of the Mississippi Management  
145 and Reporting System and paid by funds of the Department of  
146 Finance and Administration be transferred to the Department of  
147 Finance and Administration. The Executive Director of the  
148 Department of Information Technology Services and the Executive  
149 Director of the Department of Finance and Administration are  
150 hereby authorized to effect such transfers as of July 1, 1999.  
151 The Department of Finance and Administration is further authorized  
152 to escalate the number of positions herein authorized up to but  
153 not to exceed fifteen (15) positions for such transfers.

154 This is a transfer of positions with no funds involved.

155 SECTION 14. Of the funds provided herein, Two Hundred  
156 Ninety-eight Thousand Thirty-three Dollars (\$298,033.00) in State  
157 General Funds and ten (10) positions are provided to Capitol  
158 Facilities to improve and maintain the grounds of the Capitol  
159 Complex.

160 SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated in this act, funds in  
161 the amount of Thirty-eight Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars  
162 (\$38,250.00) are included to defray the cost of realigning the DFA  
163 - Budget Analyst IV positions (PIN 1772, 1778, 1773, and 1776) at  
164 an annualized cost not to exceed Six Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars  
165 (\$6,900.00) for each position, and the DFA - Budget Analyst Senior  
166 position (PIN 1771) at an annualized cost not to exceed Ten  
167 Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$10,650.00).

168 SECTION 16. Of the funds appropriated in this act, funds in

169 the amount of One Hundred Thirty-six Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-  
170 two Dollars (\$136,422.00) are included to defray the cost of  
171 realigning the General Services - Architect positions (PIN 1753,  
172 1757, 1764, 1766 and 9008), the General Services - Building  
173 Inspector positions (PIN 1754, 1758, 1761, 1765, and 9036) and the  
174 Buildings, Grounds, Real Property Management Bureau Assistant  
175 Director position (PIN 1767) at an annualized cost not to exceed  
176 Twelve Thousand Four Hundred Two Dollars (\$12,402.00) for each  
177 position.

178 SECTION 17. In addition to all other sums herein  
179 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
180 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
181 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of  
182 Finance and Administration for the purpose of completing the  
183 construction of the Dr. Eldon Langston Bolton State Office  
184 Building in Biloxi, Mississippi, for the period beginning upon  
185 passage and through June 30, 2000..... \$ 536,000.00.

186 SECTION 18. With the funds appropriated in this act, the  
187 Department of Finance and Administration shall spend not more than  
188 Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) to conduct and prepare  
189 a study to determine whether there is a significant statistical  
190 disparity between the qualified minority contractors in the State  
191 of Mississippi and the number of minority contractors actually  
192 engaged by the State of Mississippi or the prime contractors of  
193 the state.

194 SECTION 19. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
195 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
196 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
197 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
198 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
199 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

200 SECTION 20. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
201 and after July 1, 1999, except for Section 17 which shall take  
202 effect and be in force from and after its passage.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and**

inserting in lieu thereof the following:

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE  
2 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FOR FISCAL YEARS 1999 AND  
3 2000.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE:

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE:

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