

**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. 3139: Appropriation; IHL - University Research Center and Maintenance.

**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:**

6 SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
7 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
8 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees  
9 of State Institutions of Higher Learning, who is assigned custody  
10 and management of the center: (1) to defray the expenses of  
11 operating and maintaining the Education and Research Center of  
12 Mississippi and the Mississippi Automated Resource Information  
13 System (MARIS), including but not limited to the maintenance of  
14 said buildings and grounds and expenses for fuel, water,  
15 electricity, telephones, supplies and salaries for personnel  
16 necessary therefor; and (2) to be used for the support and  
17 maintenance of the University Research Center for the fiscal year  
18 beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000 . . . . .  
19 \$ 3,882,543.00.

20 SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
21 necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special  
22 funds which are collected by or otherwise become available and  
23 funds available from building use charge for the following  
24 purposes: (1) to defray the expenses of operating and maintaining  
25 the Education and Research Center of Mississippi and the  
26 Mississippi Automated Resource Information System (MARIS),  
27 including but not limited to the maintenance of said buildings and  
28 grounds, and expenses for fuel, water, electricity, telephones,

29 supplies and salaries for personnel necessary therefor; and (2) to  
30 be used for the support and maintenance of the University Research  
31 Center for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, and ending  
32 June 30, 2000..... \$ 1,506,791.00.

33 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be  
34 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are  
35 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this  
36 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available. Any  
37 transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the  
38 terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

39 SECTION 3. Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and  
40 paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be  
41 in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of  
42 Mississippi and Section 25-4-103, Mississippi Code of 1972.

43 SECTION 4. All fees charged and collected by the University  
44 Research Center for services provided by the Mississippi Automated  
45 Resource Information System (MARIS) shall be deposited in a  
46 special fund to be known as the "Mississippi Automated Resource  
47 Information System (MARIS) Revolving Fund." All monies in the  
48 revolving fund shall be used by MARIS exclusively for the support  
49 of MARIS projects and activities.

50 SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
51 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2001 shall be submitted to  
52 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of  
53 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided  
54 during the Fiscal Year 2000 budget request process.

55 SECTION 6. Of the funds authorized for expenditure in  
56 Section 2, the following amounts shall be derived from the  
57 Education Enhancement Fund as follows:

58 (a) Four Hundred Twenty-nine Thousand Four Hundred  
59 Twelve Dollars (\$429,412.00) shall be derived from  
60 funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and  
61 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

62 (b) One Hundred Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$135,000.00)  
63 shall be derived from funds deposited pursuant to

64 Section 27-103-203(1), Mississippi Code of 1972.

65 SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, funds in  
66 the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) are  
67 provided for the purpose of defraying the expenses of preparing an  
68 economic assessment of the riverboat gaming industry in the State  
69 of Mississippi. This study is to include but not be limited to an  
70 analysis of the problem, opportunities and growth potential of the  
71 riverboat gaming industry in Mississippi. The study is to include  
72 revenue growth projections for local and state government and to  
73 determine whether riverboat gaming revenues will help stabilize or  
74 destabilize revenue collections during an unstable economy. The  
75 University Research Center may request the assistance of  
76 university personnel and may contract with public or private  
77 resources for the purposes of conducting this study.

78 SECTION 8. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
79 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
80 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
81 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
82 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
83 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

84 SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
85 and after July 1, 1999.

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CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE:

X  
Dick Hall

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Terry L. Jordan

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Ron Farris

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE:

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Ed Perry

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