

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. 3149: Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Comm. - Support.

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 of money, or so much thereof as
7 may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the
8 State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Fair Commission
9 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of said Mississippi Fair
10 Commission, the Mississippi Livestock Coliseum, the Industrial
11 Showcase, the Trade Mart Building and for the purpose of paying
12 any indebtedness which may accrue for the period beginning upon
13 passage and ending June 30, 2000..... \$ 3,335,921.00.

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

18 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

19	Personal Services:	
20	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$ 1,403,271.00
21	Travel and Subsistence.....	10,000.00
22	Contractual Services.....	1,541,650.00
23	Commodities.....	175,000.00
24	Capital Outlay:	
25	Other Than Equipment.....	0.00
26	Equipment.....	33,000.00
27	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>173,000.00</u>
28	Total.....	\$ 3,335,921.00

29 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

30	Permanent:	Full Time.	17
31		Part Time.	42
32	Time-Limited:	Full Time.	0
33		Part Time.	0

34 From the funds provided in the budget category "Personal
35 Services: Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits," funds may be
36 expended for the following purposes, in compliance with the
37 policies established by the State Personnel Board and any
38 conditions placed on such expenditures:

39 (a) The components of the Variable Compensation Plan
40 shall be maintained within the constraints of the funds
41 appropriated herein.

42 (b) Funds are provided to adjust the Variable
43 Compensation Plan, including realignment, to ensure that all
44 full-time employees with at least six (6) months of continuous
45 current service, as of June 30, 1999, receive an increase of One
46 Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00). Funds are provided to
47 adjust critical job classes up to an additional One Thousand
48 Dollars (\$1,000.00).

49 (c) If an employee is currently at or above the end
50 salary for his or her job classification, then the increase shall
51 be built into the employee's base salary. To be eligible for any
52 increase authorized in this section, employees may not have a
53 current performance rating below "meets expectations" as of the
54 effective date of the increase. Employees who subsequently
55 receive a performance rating of "meets expectations" or above
56 during Fiscal Year 2000 shall receive the salary increase
57 effective the date of the rating.

58 It is the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds
59 required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal
60 Year 2001 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2000 funds appropriated for
61 that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the
62 agency's budget by the Mississippi Legislature.

63 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with

64 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law.

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

69 SECTION 3. No operation, maintenance or service contracts,
70 agreements or obligations for commodities, concessions, or
71 catering services, shall be entered into or renewed by this agency
72 for a period of more than three (3) years nor unless said
73 contracts, agreements or obligations have been made in accordance
74 with Sections 31-7-11, 31-7-13, 31-7-55 and 31-7-57, Mississippi
75 Code of 1972.

76 SECTION 4. With the funds appropriated herein, not to exceed
77 Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), the Mississippi Fair Commission
78 shall conduct a feasibility study to determine the financial and
79 economic impact of having a professional hockey league based in
80 the Mississippi Coliseum. The Mississippi Fair Commission shall
81 provide a report of this feasibility study to the Legislature no
82 later than January 5, 2000.

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

89 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from
90 and after its passage and through June 30, 2000.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE:

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Dick Hall

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CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE:

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