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(100th)

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1256

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE HATTIESBURG CONVENTION
2 COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING THE HATTIESBURG/SOUTH
3 MISSISSIPPI VISITOR CENTER, AND PRESCRIBING CERTAIN CONDITIONS
4 THAT THE COMMISSION MUST MEET TO RECEIVE THE APPROPRIATION, FOR
5 THE FISCAL YEAR 2001.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

7 SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much of it as may be
8 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
9 Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Hattiesburg Convention
10 Commission for the purpose of constructing the Hattiesburg/South
11 Mississippi Visitor Center for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
12 2000, and ending June 30, 2001.....\$400,000.00.

13 SECTION 2. (1) The money appropriated in Section 1 of this
14 act shall be used by the Hattiesburg Convention Commission to
15 construct the Hattiesburg/South Mississippi Visitor Center at the
16 intersection of Interstate 59 and U.S. Highway 49, which will be
17 operated by the Hattiesburg Convention and Visitors Bureau to
18 provide tourists traveling in the southern part of the state with
19 a clearly identifiable location to stop, collect visitor
20 information, address personal and family travel needs and learn
21 more about the State of Mississippi.

22 (2) In order for the Hattiesburg Convention Commission to
23 receive the money appropriated by this act:

24 (a) The commission must obtain and donate the land
25 needed for the visitor center and for parking, ingress and egress;

26 (b) The commission and the Hattiesburg Convention and
27 Visitors Bureau jointly must provide \$400,000.00 or such higher

28 amount as necessary to complete the construction of the visitor
29 center; and

30 (c) The commission and the visitors bureau must equip,
31 furnish, maintain and provide personnel for the visitor center.

32 SECTION 3. The money appropriated by this act shall be paid
33 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State General Fund
34 not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State
35 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his
36 warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or
37 officers in the manner provided by law.

38 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from
39 and after July 1, 2000.