

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1320: Coastal wetlands; prohibit certain craft in coastal preserves.

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

1. That the House concur in Senate Amendment No. 1 with the following exception(s):

AMEND by striking lines 6 through 19 in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section 49-15-304, Mississippi Code of 1972:

49-15-304. The commission may adopt, modify or repeal rules or regulations to utilize, manage, conserve, preserve and protect the flora, fauna, tidelands, coastal wetlands, coastal preserves, marine waters and any other matter pertaining to marine resources under its jurisdiction. Rules and regulations adopted by the commission shall be consistent with the public policy expressed in Section 29-15-3 (public trust tidelands), Section 39-7-3 (antiquities and historic preservation), Section 49-15-1 (seafood), Section 49-17-3 (pollution control), Section 49-27-3 (coastal wetlands protection) and Section 57-15-6 (coastal zone management). The commission may make exceptions to and grant variances from any rules and regulations adopted by the commission. The commission shall give due consideration to permissible uses of the natural resources within its jurisdiction when promulgating rules and regulations.

AMEND further by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"TO CREATE A NEW CODE SECTION 49-15-304, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF

1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION ON MARINE RESOURCES TO
PROMULGATE REGULATIONS REGARDING MARINE RESOURCES IN ACCORDANCE
WITH PUBLIC POLICY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES."

2. That the Senate concur in the above exception(s).

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

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Michael W. Janus

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Billy Hewes III

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