

**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. 1636: Appropriation; Department of Marine Resources.

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

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

**AMEND** by striking lines 10 through 42 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

.....\$ 2,596,647.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Marine Resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, and ending June 30, 2001.....\$ 10,549,166.00.

Of the funds appropriated in this section, Three Million Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$3,050,000.00) is derived from the state excise taxes upon gasoline, oil and other petroleum products.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be expended for the respective major objects or purpose of expenditure:

**MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:**

Personal Services:

Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits...	\$ 4,723,541.00
Travel and Subsistence.....	83,460.00
Contractual Services.....	1,516,931.00
Commodities.....	523,708.00

Capital Outlay:

Other Than Equipment.....	100,000.00
Equipment.....	785,743.00
Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>5,412,430.00</u>
Total.....\$	13,145,813.00

FUNDING:

General Funds.....\$	2,596,647.00
Special Funds.....	<u>10,549,166.00</u>
Total.....\$	13,145,813.00

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time.....	112
	Part Time.....	0
Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	20
	Part Time.....	0

**AMEND FURTHER by striking lines 79 through 120 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Five Million one Hundred Fifty-one Thousand Eighty-five Thousand Dollars (\$5,151,085.00) shall come from any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Tidelands Fund No. 3452, to the Department of Marine Resources for the Tidelands projects listed below:

PUBLIC ACCESS PROJECTS:

Biloxi Port Commission-West Biloxi Boat	
Launch/Marina . . . . .	\$ 250,000.00
Biloxi Port Commission-Point Cadet	
Marina-J Pier . . . . .	150,000.00
Biloxi Port Commission-Deer Island	
Beach Restoration . . . . .	150,000.00
Biloxi Port Commission-Lighthouse Fishing	
Docks . . . . .	150,000.00
D'Iberville Port Commission-Marina	
Complex-Phase V . . . . .	150,000.00
City of Gulfport-Moses Pier Improvements-	
Phase II. . . . .	200,000.00
City of Gulfport-Urie Pier Improvements-	
Phase III . . . . .	50,000.00
City of Gulfport-Courthouse Road Boat	

Launch Area-Phase I . . . . .	200,000.00
City of Pass Christian-E. Harbor Bulkhead Repairs/Upgrades. . . . .	250,000.00
City of Long Beach-FY2001 Harbor Improvements . . . . .	250,000.00
Harrison County Board of Supervisors-Popps Ferry-Phase III . . . . .	150,000.00
City of Bay St. Louis-Ulman Avenue Pier-Phase III . . . . .	100,000.00
City of Waveland-Phase III Pier Expansion/ Related Improvements . . . . .	150,000.00
City of Gautier-Graveline Bayou Sys.Siltation Control Plan-Phase I. . . . .	100,000.00
City of Pascagoula-Bayou Chicot Dredging . .	100,000.00
City of Pascagoula-Reclamation and Conservation Round Island Lighthouse Beach . . . . .	100,000.00
Jackson County Board of Supervisors-Ocean Springs Harbor Phase II . . . . .	210,000.00
Jackson County Board of Supervisors- St. Martin Bayou Phase I. . . . .	136,000.00
Biloxi Bay Chamber of Commerce-Marsh Development With Public Access Bathing Piers and Shelters . . . . .	<u>50,000.00</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC ACCESS. . . . .	\$2,896,000.00

MANAGEMENT PROJECTS:

DMR-Marine Studies and Project Initiatives .	\$2,055,085.00
Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum . . . .	<u>200,000.00</u>
TOTAL MANAGEMENT . . . . .	\$2,255,085.00
TOTAL TIDELANDS APPROPRIATION . . . . .	\$5,151,085.00

**AMEND FURTHER by inserting the following new SECTION 6 after line 141 and renumbering succeeding sections:**

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that any funds appropriated to Jackson County Board of Supervisors in House Bill No. 1635, 1996 Regular Session, and not yet expended on Fort Bayou Park and Boat Ramp, may be used to perform dredging at the mouth of the Fort Bayou Channel.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

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Charlie Capps, Jr.

X \_\_\_\_\_

John Read

X \_\_\_\_\_

Frank Hamilton

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

X \_\_\_\_\_

Jack Gordon

X \_\_\_\_\_

Tommy A. Gollott

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Neely C. Carlton