

**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. 1657: Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System-administrative expenses; maintenance and operation of building.

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 17 through 37 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

June 30, 2001.....\$ 8,799,566.00.

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

**MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:**

Personal Services:

Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..\$	4,735,206.00
Travel and Subsistence.....	93,500.00
Contractual Services.....	2,515,280.00
Commodities.....	368,520.00

Capital Outlay:

Other Than Equipment.....	950,000.00
Equipment.....	136,960.00
Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>100.00</u>
Total.....\$	8,799,566.00

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	122
	Part Time	0
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0

**AMEND FURTHER on page 3 by inserting the following new Sections 5, 6 and 7 and renumbering succeeding sections:**

SECTION 5. With the funds appropriated herein, not more than Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) shall be used to conduct a comprehensive study of the feasibility of providing one (1) health insurance program for all retired public employees. The study shall be completed by December 15, 2000, and copies of the study shall be provided to the Legislature.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated herein, Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$950,000.00) is provided for the purpose of purchasing and renovating the existing office building located at 301 North President Street in Jackson, Mississippi. These funds may be expended for that purpose only if the Public Employees' Retirement System can secure a long-term lease for the building from either the State Legislature or an agency of state government.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated herein, Three Hundred Seventy-one Thousand (\$371,000.00) is provided for architectural fees for planning future construction and/or renovations.

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Charlie Capps, Jr.

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