

**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. 3261: Appropriation; Agriculture & Commerce - Support and Grain Div.

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 as follows:**

**Delete lines 10 through 67 and insert in lieu thereof the following:**

July 1, 2000, and ending June 30, 2001.....\$ 8,428,032.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds, which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, and ending June 30, 2001.....  
.....\$ 1,941,918.00.

The funds authorized for expenditure under the provisions of this section include subscription fees produced from the Market Bulletin and admission fees produced from the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum.

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 purposes of expenditure:

SUPPORT

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

Personal Services:

Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits...	\$	6,776,031.00
Travel and Subsistence.....		135,280.00
Contractual Services.....		1,080,749.00
Commodities.....		372,378.00

Capital Outlay:

Other Than Equipment.....		0.00
Equipment.....		1,035,626.00
Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....		<u>318,774.00</u>
Total.....	\$	9,718,838.00

FUNDING:

General Funds.....	\$	7,776,920.00
Special Funds.....		<u>1,941,918.00</u>
Total.....	\$	9,718,838.00

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time.....	174
	Part Time.....	12
Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	16
	Part Time.....	0

GRAIN DIVISION:

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

Personal Services:

Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits...	\$	552,959.00
Travel and Subsistence.....		12,000.00
Contractual Services.....		35,828.00
Commodities.....		14,875.00

Capital Outlay:

Other Than Equipment.....		0.00
Equipment.....		35,200.00
Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....		<u>250.00</u>
Total.....	\$	651,112.00

FUNDING:

General Funds.....	\$	651,112.00
Special Funds.....		<u>0.00</u>
Total.....	\$	651,112.00

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time.....	24
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Part Time.....	1
Time-Limited: Full Time.....	0
Part Time.....	0

**Insert a new Section 10 and a new Section 11, and renumber subsequent sections, said new sections to read as follows:**

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce may expend out of these funds such sums as may be necessary to provide transportation and transportation related services, including the operation or use of buses, vans or other vehicles owned or leased by the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce, in support of the annual meeting of the Southern Legislative Conference hosted by the State of Mississippi.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce is hereby authorized to accept, budget and expend funds from any source in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

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