To: Appropriations

MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE                        REGULAR SESSION 2001
By: Senator(s) Gordon, Thames, Dearing,
    Gollott, Little, White (5th)

SENATE BILL NO. 3087
(As Sent to Governor)

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE

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

SECTION 1. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as
may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the
State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to defray the
expenses of the Department of Finance and Administration for the
fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002

.............................................. $ 13,467,459.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
Treasury to the credit of the Department of Finance and
Administration for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred
in the operation of the various offices of the department for the
fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002......

.............................................. $ 16,384,724.00.

SECTION 3. With the funds appropriated under the provisions
of Sections 1 and 2, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent: Full Time............ 368
            Part Time............  2
Time-Limited: Full Time............  1
            Part Time............  0

Provided that a report based on expenditures incurred during
the current and immediate-past fiscal years shall be provided to
each regularly scheduled legislative session. This report should
reflect expenditures as a result of the operation of the Robert E. Lee Building, the Woolfolk State Office Building, the Gartin and Sillers Buildings, the Capitol Buildings, the Central High School Building, the 301 Building and other state buildings, and this report should contain any steps taken to reduce operating costs.

It is also the intention of the Legislature that no state-owned aircraft shall be utilized by any person except for official business only.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, the amount of Sixty Thousand Dollars ($60,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be expended for premium payments for flood insurance on state-owned facilities. However, no such premium shall be paid until reviewed and approved by the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. Said payments are to be made from accrued interest earnings from loans under the Disaster Assistance Program.

SECTION 5. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Tort Claims Fund for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Tort Claims Board in the administration of the Tort Claims Act for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002.

................................................ $ 12,234,005.00.

SECTION 6. With the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 5, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent: Full Time.............. 6
Part Time............ 0
Time-Limited: Full Time.............. 0
Part Time............ 0

SECTION 7. With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of the Legislature that it shall be the agency's
responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2003 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2002 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2003 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2002 appropriation for "Personal Services" when annualized. If, at the end of any calendar month, the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken action(s) which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2002 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers within each specific budget or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 8. The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management of the Office of General Services is hereby expressly authorized and empowered to receive, budget and expend any state, local or other source funds designated for supplemental funding of construction and/or repairs and renovation projects.
SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the following amounts are authorized to be spent out of the Statewide Cost Allocation Fund No. 3143 by the Department of Finance and Administration:

(a) One Hundred Sixty-six Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars ($166,250.00) for the purpose of defraying computer expenses.

(b) Six Hundred Twenty-eight Thousand One Hundred Ninety-four Dollars ($628,194.00) for the purpose of defraying the cost of the acquisition, development and implementation of the Statewide Automated Accounting System.

(c) One Hundred Eighty-three Thousand Four Hundred Dollars ($183,400.00) for implementation and operation of an imaging/electronic processing system.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Hundred Sixty-five Thousand Dollars ($165,000.00) is authorized to be spent out of the Local Disaster Loan Fund No. 3144 by the Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose of defraying the cost of the Air Transport Services.

SECTION 11. The Office of Capitol Facilities, Department of Finance and Administration, is hereby expressly authorized and empowered to receive funds from state agencies for the rent of office space in the Eldon Bolton Office Building in Biloxi, Mississippi, and the State Service Center in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. The Office of Capitol Facilities is further authorized and empowered to budget and expend any such funds received to operate and maintain, and up to Five Dollars ($5.00) per square foot of rental receipts to finish tenant space, in the Eldon Bolton Office Building in Biloxi, Mississippi, and the State Service Center in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, as state office buildings. Monies received for rent of such office space are to be deposited in a special fund in the State Treasury. Any funds
on hand at the end of the fiscal year shall lapse into the State
General Fund.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that the
Department of Finance and Administration shall maintain complete
accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all
funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be
in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal
Year 2001. It is further the intention of the Legislature that
the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2003 shall be
submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format
and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail
provided during the Fiscal Year 2002 budget request process.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that the
Department of Finance and Administration is hereby authorized to
escalate, budget and expend funds from the Statewide Cost
Allocation Fund in an amount not to exceed Eight Hundred Thousand
Dollars ($800,000.00) in accordance with rules and regulations of
the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner
consistent with the escalation of federal funds, for the purpose
of paying increased utility costs for the Capitol Complex for
Fiscal Year 2002.

SECTION 14. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money collected
into the Statewide Cost Allocation Fund during Fiscal Year 2001
not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of authorizing the
expenditure of these funds, originally authorized for specific
purposes in Senate Bill No. 3242, Regular Session of 2000, and in
Senate Bill No. 3059, Regular Session of 2001, to be used for any
purpose deemed necessary for the operation of the Department of
Finance and Administration for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
2001, and ending June 30, 2002........................ $ 500,000.00.
Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2001.

SECTION 15. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of State General Funds, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3242, Regular Session of 2000, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002............ $ 300,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2001.

SECTION 16. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 17. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2001.