

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MADAM PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1569: 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 all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

5 SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
6 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
7 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and
8 maintenance of the Department of Marine Resources for the fiscal
9 year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002.....
10 \$ 2,194,341.00.

11 SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
12 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in any special
13 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of

14 Marine Resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and
15 ending June 30, 2002..... \$ 5,810,887.00.

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

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

23 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

24 Personal Services:

25	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.	\$ 4,734,041.00
26	Travel and Subsistence.....	83,460.00
27	Contractual Services.....	1,601,931.00
28	Commodities.....	523,708.00
29	Capital Outlay:	
30	Other Than Equipment.....	15,000.00
31	Equipment.....	785,743.00
32	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>261,345.00</u>
33	Total.....	\$ 8,005,228.00

34 FUNDING:

35 General Funds..... \$ 2,194,341.00

36 Special Funds..... 5,810,887.00
37 Total..... \$ 8,005,228.00

38 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

39	Permanent:	Full Time	110
40		Part Time	0
41	Time-Limited:	Full Time	24
42		Part Time	5

43 Each Marine Conservation Officer and Supervisor shall be
44 furnished an allowance for uniforms not to exceed Four Hundred
45 Fifty Dollars (\$450.00) per annum.

46 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of
47 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to
48 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal
49 Services" for Fiscal Year 2003 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2002
50 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions
51 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2003 budget by the
52 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the
53 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall
54 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all
55 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this
56 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure
57 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual

58 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2002 appropriation for "Personal
59 Services" when annualized. If, at the end of any calendar month,
60 the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken
61 action(s) which would cause the agency to exceed this projected
62 annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2002 "Personal Services"
63 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions
64 which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation
65 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
66 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

67 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance
68 with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

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

73 SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the
74 Department of Marine Resources shall have the authority to
75 receive, budget and expend funds from any source that may become
76 available to the department in accordance with the rules and
77 regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a
78 manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

79 SECTION 5. In addition to all other sums heretofore

80 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
81 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
82 Treasury to the credit of the Tidelands Fund No. 3450, to the
83 Department of Marine Resources for the purpose of defraying the
84 expenses of the Tidelands projects for the fiscal year beginning
85 July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002..... \$ 5,000,000.00.

86 With the funds appropriated in this section, the following
87 projects are authorized:

88 PUBLIC ACCESS PROJECTS:

89	City of Biloxi-Seafood Museum. . . . .	.\$ 200,000.00
90	City of Biloxi-Lighthouse Restoration. .	.\$ 100,000.00
91	City of Gulfport-Courthouse Road Boat	
92	Launch Area-Phase II. . . . .	.\$ 400,000.00
93	City of Pass Christian-Harbor	
94	Improvements. . . . .	.\$ 200,000.00
95	City of Long Beach-FY2002 Harbor	
96	Improvements. . . . .	.\$ 200,000.00
97	Harrison County Board of Supervisors-	
98	Popps Ferry Causeway. . . . .	.\$ 400,000.00
99	Hancock County Board of Supervisors-	
100	Bayou Caddy Marina. . . . .	.\$ 200,000.00
101	Hancock County Board of Supervisors -	

102	Clermont Harbor Pier. . . . .	.\$	100,000.00
103	City of Bay St. Louis - Ulman Avenue		
104	Pier . . . . .	.\$	200,000.00
105	City of Moss Point-Waterfront		
106	Development: Pelican Landing. . . .	.\$	300,000.00
107	City of Ocean Springs-Fort Bayou Boat		
108	Ramp. . . . .	.\$	200,000.00
109	Jackson County Board of Supervisors-		
110	St. Martin Bayou Phase II.	\$	150,000.00
111	Hancock County Board of Supervisors -		
112	Curtis Johnson	\$	60,000.00
113	Hancock County Board of Supervisors -		
114	Dunbar	\$	75,000.00
115	Hancock County Board of Supervisors -		
116	McCleod Park	\$	50,000.00
117	City of Pascagoula-Reclamation and		
118	Conservation of Round Island		
119	Lighthouse Beach	\$	100,000.00
120	Jackson County Board of Supervisors -		
121	Ocean Springs Harbor -		
122	Phase III.	\$	150,000.00
123	Jackson County Board of Supervisors -		

124	Graveline Bayou Dredging -	
125	Phase II	\$ 75,000.00
126	D'Iberville Port Commission - Fountain	
127	Beach Public Access and Habitat	
128	Learning Center.	\$ 100,000.00
129	City of Gulfport - Moses Pier	
130	Improvement.	\$ 50,000.00
131	Mississippi Maritime Museum	\$ 50,000.00
132	City of Waveland.	\$ 150,000.00
133	TOTAL PUBLIC ACCESS	\$3,510,000.00
134	MANAGEMENT PROJECTS:	\$1,490,000.00
135	USM - Cedar Point Nature and Wildlife	
136	Preserve and Public Interpretation	
137	Center	\$ 200,000.00
138	Restoration West End of Deer Island . .	\$ 300,000.00
139	Hancock County Low Profile Reefs. . . .	\$ 150,000.00
140	Harrison County Low Profile Reefs . . .	\$ 200,000.00
141	Jackson County Low Profile Reefs. . . .	\$ 150,000.00
142	Department of Marine Resources	
143	Management Projects.	\$ 490,000.00
144	TOTAL MANAGEMENT:	\$1,490,000.00
145	TOTAL TIDELANDS:	\$5,000,000.00

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Each political subdivision receiving funds authorized in this section shall
6 be held responsible for complying with Section 29-15-9, Mississippi
7 Code of 1972, and shall be subject to an audit by the State Auditor and shall
8 submit detailed reports beginning June 30, and every six (6) months
9 thereafter for the duration of the project to the Department of Marine
10 Resources on how funds authorized in this section were expended.

11 It is the intention of the Legislature that any political subdivision
12 seeking to qualify for tidelands funds for the subsequent fiscal year shall
13 submit a proposal to the Department of Marine Resources no later than July
14 1, 2001. All proposals submitted will be reviewed and evaluated by the
15 Department of Marine Resources in accordance to department plans and
16 procedures. Multi-phased projects, multi-year projects, proposed projects
17 with high dollar value and projects that have a record of stacking funds shall
18 be considered as low priority projects when evaluated.

19 It is the intention of the Legislature that if the amount of the tidelands
20 funds appropriated in this act exceed the actual amount of tidelands funds
21 available, the available funds shall be made allocated on a pro rata basis
22 between projects listed in this section.

23 SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department
24 of Marine Resources be allowed to make necessary transfers from the
25 Subsidies, Loans and Grants category of expenditures to any other
26 categories of expenditures for the purpose of expending Tidelands funds as
27 appropriated in House Bill No. 1636 of the Regular Session of 2000.

28 SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the
29 State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the
30 proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the

31 State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants
32 upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the
33 manner provided by law.

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35 SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after
36 July 1, 2001, except for Section 6 which shall take effect from and after
37 passage and through June 30, 2001.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

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