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. 1599: Appropriation; District Attorneys and staff.

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:

- 6 SECTION 1. The following sums, or so much thereof as may be
- 7 necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
- 8 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of
- 9 paying salaries and travel expenses of district attorneys and
- 10 assistant district attorneys of the state and paying office
- 11 expenses of district attorneys for the fiscal year beginning
- 12 July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002...... \$ 12,747,980.00.
- 13 SECTION 2. The following sums, or so much thereof as may be
- 14 necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any money in the Budget

15	Contingency Fund created in Senate Bill No. 2680, 2001 Regular
16	Session, not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying
17	travel expenses of district attorneys and assistant district
18	attorneys of the State for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
19	2001, and ending June 30, 2002 \$ 200,000.00.
20	SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
21	of Section 1, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be
22	expended for the respective purposes:
23	(a) Salaries and travel expenses of district
24	attorneys, assistant district attorneys and criminal
25	investigators of the state:
26	Salaries\$11,744,870.00
27	Travel Expenses
28	Tort Claims Assessment\$ 35,110.00
29	None of the funds authorized in this section shall be used
30	to reimburse district attorneys or their staff for taxable meals
31	incurred within their geographical district.
32	(b) Office expenses of district attorneys as
33	authorized by Section 25-31-8, Mississippi Code of 1972
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\$ 768,000.00.

- SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Eighty-five
- 8 Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-two Dollars (\$85,482.00) is provided to fund
- 9 salary and office expense for one (1) full-time legal assistant in the Sixth
- 10 Circuit Court District as authorized in Section 25-31-5(2)(f), Mississippi
- 11 Code of 1972.
- SECTION 5. 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 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after
- 19 **July 1, 2001**.

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CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

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Percy W. Watson	Bennie L. Turner
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