

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. 1623: Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

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, to the State Soil and
8 Water Conservation Commission for the purpose of defraying the
9 administrative expenses of the commission and carrying out the
10 provisions of Section 69-27-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972,
11 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending
12 June 30, 2002..... \$ 877,775.00.

13 SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
 14 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special
 15 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Soil and
 16 Water Conservation Commission which is comprised of special
 17 source funds collected by or otherwise available to the
 18 commission, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the
 19 commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending
 20 June 30, 2002.....
 21 \$ 1,053,509.00.

22 SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
 23 of Section 1 and Section 2, not more than the amounts set forth
 24 below shall be expended for the respective major objects or
 25 purposes of expenditure:

26 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

27 Personal Services:

28 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits. \$ 816,255.00
 29 Travel and Subsistence..... 23,000.00
 30 Contractual Services..... 141,758.00
 31 Commodities..... 77,850.00

32 Capital Outlay:

33 Other Than Equipment..... 0.00
 34 Equipment..... 7,800.00

35 Subsidies, Loans and Grants..... 864,621.00

36 Total..... \$ 1,931,284.00

37 FUNDING:

38 General Funds..... \$ 877,775.00

39 Special Funds..... 1,053,509.00

40 Total..... \$ 1,931,284.00

41 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

42 Permanent: Full Time 17

43 Part Time 0

44 Time-Limited: Full Time 2

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Part Time 0

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

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

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

30 SECTION 4. The State Soil and Water Conservation Commission is

31 hereby authorized to retain all funds generated from the sale of equipment.
32 Any funds made available from the sale of equipment shall be deposited into
33 the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Soil and Water
34 Conservation Commission and shall be used solely for the purpose of
35 purchasing equipment.

36 SECTION 5. The State Soil and Water Conservation Commission is
37 hereby authorized to receive, budget and expend any proceeds derived from
38 the sale of bonds authorized in Section 69-27-331 et seq., Mississippi Code
39 of 1972. All expenditures shall be in accordance with conditions provided in
40 Section 69-27-331 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

41 SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Soil and
42 Water Conservation Commission shall have the authority to escalate its
43 budget and expend funds from any source not to exceed Seven Hundred
44 Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) in accordance with rules and
45 regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner
46 consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

47 SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention
48 of the Legislature that Sixty-five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) be used for
49 the purpose of funding a Beaver Control Cost Share program. The
50 Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission shall promulgate rules
51 and regulations for the establishment and operation of the program on a
52 fund matching basis with the county unit of government. Funds not
53 expended or encumbered in a county may be transferred to another county
54 during the fiscal year. Only those funds specifically appropriated for the
55 Beaver Control Cost Share program shall be used in any such program.

56 SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
57 Section 2, Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) shall be derived from

58 the Budget Contingency Fund created in Senate Bill No. 2680, 2001
59 Regular Session.

60 SECTION 9. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the
61 State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the
62 proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the
63 State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants
64 upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the
65 manner provided by law.

66 SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after
67 July 1, 2001.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

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Charlie Capps, Jr.

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