

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. 1757: Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District.

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 authorized and approved for expenditure out
7 of any funds which are received by or otherwise become available
8 to the Pat Harrison Waterway District, for the purpose of
9 defraying the expenses of the district for the fiscal year
10 beginning July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003.....
11 \$ 5,582,049.00.

12 **SECTION 2.** Of the funds approved for expenditure under the
13 provisions of Section 1, not more than the amounts set forth below
14 shall be expended for the respective major objects or purposes of
15 expenditure:

16 **MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:**

17 Personal Services:

| | | |
|--|----|---------------------|
| 18 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. | \$ | 2,392,662.00 |
| 19 Travel and Subsistence..... | | 25,000.00 |
| 20 Contractual Services..... | | 1,209,668.00 |
| 21 Commodities..... | | 406,736.00 |
| 22 Capital Outlay: | | |
| 23 Other Than Equipment..... | | 235,650.00 |
| 24 Equipment..... | | 176,251.00 |
| 25 Subsidies, Loans and Grants..... | | <u>1,136,082.00</u> |
| 26 Total..... | \$ | 5,582,049.00 |

27 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

| | | | |
|----|---------------|-----------|----|
| 28 | Permanent: | Full Time | 60 |
| 29 | | Part Time | 65 |
| 30 | Time-Limited: | Full Time | 0 |
| 31 | | Part Time | 0 |

32 Funds are provided herein to adjust the Variable Compensation
33 Plan to ensure that all full-time employees receive a pay increase
34 equal to fifty percent (50%) of the realignment component of the
35 Variable Compensation Plan or Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00),
36 whichever is greater, beginning on January 1, 2003.

37 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of
38 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to
39 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal
40 Services" for Fiscal Year 2004 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2003
41 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs, positions or
42 pay increases are added to the agency's budget by the Mississippi
43 Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget
44 Office, the State Personnel Board shall, on July 1, 2002, publish
45 separate annual projection reports, based on July 1, 2002 data,
46 for the period of July 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002, and
47 January 1, 2003 through June 30, 2003, that project the annual
48 cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with
49 the provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the
50 agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases
51 this projected cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2003 appropriation for
52 "Personal Services," as annualized on a semi-annual basis in
53 accordance with the provisions of this act. If, at the end of any
54 calendar month, the State Personnel Board determines that the
55 agency has taken action(s) which would cause the agency to exceed
56 this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2003 "Personal
57 Services" appropriated level, when annualized in compliance with
58 the provisions of this act, then only those actions which reduce
59 the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement
60 will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as
61 the requirements of this provision are met.

62 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with

63 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

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

68 **SECTION 3.** The funds herein approved for expenditure, except
69 and less an amount approved by the State Fiscal Officer which
70 shall be sufficient to cover disbursements for current operations,
71 shall be deposited at interest with any official depository of the
72 state at a rate of interest numerically not less than one percent
73 (1%) below the bank discount rate on United States Treasury bills
74 of comparable maturity as determined by the State Treasurer.

75 **SECTION 4.** The money herein approved for expenditure shall
76 be disbursed upon bank checks signed by the proper person, officer
77 or officers, in the manner provided by law.

78 **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
79 and after July 1, 2002.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

X _____

Charlie Capps, Jr.

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Jack Gordon

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