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. 1772: Appropriation; State Board of Medical Licensure.
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 special		
7	fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Board of		
8	Medical Licensure, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of		
9	the board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending		
10	June 30, 2003\$ 1,696,785.00.		
11	SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of		
12	Section 1, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be		
13	expended for the respective major objects or purposes of		
14	expenditure:		
15	MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:		
16	Personal Services:		
17	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits \$ 830,555.00		
18	Travel and Subsistence 28,000.00		
19	Contractual Services		
20	Commodities		
21	Capital Outlay:		
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	Other Than Equipment 0.00		
23	Other Than Equipment 0.00 Equipment 25,500.00		
23 24			
	Equipment		

27	Permanent:	Full Time	20
28		Part Time	0
29	Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
30		Part Time	0

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

With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of 36 37 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal 38 39 Services" for Fiscal Year 2004 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2003 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs, positions or 40 pay increases are added to the agency's budget by the Mississippi 41 Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget 42 Office, the State Personnel Board shall, on July 1, 2002, publish 43 separate annual projection reports, based on July 1, 2002 data, 44 for the period of July 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002, and 45 January 1, 2003 through June 30, 2003, that project the annual 46 cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with 47 the provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the 48 agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases 49 50 this projected cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2003 appropriation for "Personal Services," as annualized on a semi-annual basis in 51 accordance with the provisions of this act. If, at the end of any 52 53 calendar month, the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken action(s) which would cause the agency to exceed 54 this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2003 "Personal 55 Services" appropriated level, when annualized in compliance with 56 the provisions of this act, then only those actions which reduce 57 58 the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as 59 the requirements of this provision are met. 60

61 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with 62 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 3. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by 67 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the 68 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon 69 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal 70 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the 71 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law. 72 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from 73 74 and after July 1, 2002.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE	CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE
x	X
Charlie Capps, Jr.	Jack Gordon
x	X
John Read	John White
x	X
Jack Gadd	Ron Farris