

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. 1777: Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System-administrative expenses; maintenance and operation of building.

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:

7 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
8 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
9 Treasury to the credit of the Administrative Expense Account of
10 the Public Employees' Retirement System for the purpose of
11 defraying the administrative expenses of the Board of Trustees of
12 the Public Employees' Retirement System, or out of any money in
13 the State Treasury to the credit of the Retirement System Building
14 Account of the Public Employees' Retirement System for the purpose
15 of maintenance and general operation of the Retirement System
16 Building, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending
17 June 30, 2003..... \$ 9,484,444.00.

18 **SECTION 2.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
19 Section 1, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be
20 expended for the respective major objects or purposes of
21 expenditure:

22 **MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:**

23 Personal Services:

24 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$	5,655,743.00
25 Travel and Subsistence.....		65,000.00
26 Contractual Services.....		3,089,580.00
27 Commodities.....		349,121.00

28	Capital Outlay:	
29	Other Than Equipment.....	0.00
30	Equipment.....	325,000.00
31	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>0.00</u>
32	Total..... \$	9,484,444.00

33 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

34	Permanent:	Full Time	144
35		Part Time	0
36	Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
37		Part Time	0

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

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

64 the provisions of this act, then only those actions which reduce
65 the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement
66 will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as
67 the requirements of this provision are met.

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

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

74 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and
75 allocated in Section 2 in the category "Personal Services:
76 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits," not more than Fifty Thousand
77 Dollars (\$50,000.00) shall be used to pay overtime compensation
78 for work on data processing records after regular office hours.

79 **SECTION 4.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
80 necessary while remaining within the project cost of Twelve
81 Million Eight Hundred Thirty One Thousand Six Hundred Fifty
82 Dollars (\$12,831,650.00), is hereby reappropriated out of any
83 money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Building Fund
84 Account of the Public Employees' Retirement System for the purpose
85 of reauthorizing the expenditure of funds to defray the expenses
86 of construction and renovation, including furnishings, as well as
87 moving and relocation costs, of the Public Employees' Retirement
88 System building located at 429 Mississippi Street, Jackson,
89 Mississippi, as authorized in House Bill No. 1590, Regular Session
90 of 2001, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending
91 June 30, 2003..... \$ 12,634,639.00

92 The expenditure of funds appropriated under this section
93 shall be subject to the approval of the Department of Finance and
94 Administration, and the Department of Finance and Administration
95 shall submit an annual report regarding such expenditures to the
96 Legislative Budget Office, the House Public Buildings, Grounds and
97 Lands Committee and the Senate Public Property Committee.

98 **SECTION 5.** In addition to all other sums heretofore
99 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be

100 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
101 Treasury to the credit of the Building Fund Account of the Public
102 Employees' Retirement System for the purpose of defraying the
103 expenses of renovation of the building owned by the Public
104 Employees' Retirement System located at 301 North President
105 Street, Jackson, Mississippi, for the fiscal year ending June 30,
106 2002..... \$ 110,000.00

107 **SECTION 6.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
108 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
109 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
110 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
111 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
112 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

113 **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
114 and after July 1, 2002, with the exception of Section 5, which
115 shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE
2 STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE ADMINISTRATIVE
3 EXPENSES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'
4 RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE
5 RETIREMENT SYSTEM BUILDING FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 2002 AND 2003.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

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Charlie Capps, Jr.

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CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

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