

**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. 1805: Appropriation; Mississippi Authority for Educational Television.

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, for the purpose of  
8 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Authority for  
9 Educational Television for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002,  
10 and ending June 30, 2003..... \$       5,847,376.00.

11           **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
12 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special  
13 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi  
14 Authority for Educational Television which is comprised of special  
15 source funds collected by or otherwise available to the Authority,  
16 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Authority for the  
17 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003.....  
18 ..... \$       5,781,254.00.

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

**MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:**

Personal Services:

25           Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. \$       5,131,209.00  
26           Travel and Subsistence.....                       112,600.00

27	Contractual Services.....	4,794,084.00
28	Commodities.....	615,537.00
29	Capital Outlay:	
30	Other Than Equipment.....	0.00
31	Equipment.....	975,000.00
32	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>200.00</u>
33	Total.....	\$ 11,628,630.00

34 FUNDING:

35	General Funds.....	\$ 5,847,376.00
36	Special Funds.....	<u>5,781,254.00</u>
37	Total.....	\$ 11,628,630.00

38 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

39	Permanent:	Full Time	135
40		Part Time	1
41	Time-Limited:	Full Time	13
42		Part Time	0

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

48 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of  
49 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to  
50 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal  
51 Services" for Fiscal Year 2004 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2003  
52 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs, positions or  
53 pay increases are added to the agency's budget by the Mississippi  
54 Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget  
55 Office, the State Personnel Board shall, on July 1, 2002, publish  
56 separate annual projection reports, based on July 1, 2002 data,  
57 for the period of July 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002, and  
58 January 1, 2003 through June 30, 2003, that project the annual  
59 cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with  
60 the provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the  
61 agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases  
62 this projected cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2003 appropriation for

63 "Personal Services," as annualized on a semi-annual basis in  
64 accordance with the provisions of this act. If, at the end of any  
65 calendar month, the State Personnel Board determines that the  
66 agency has taken action(s) which would cause the agency to exceed  
67 this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2003 "Personal  
68 Services" appropriated level, when annualized in compliance with  
69 the provisions of this act, then only those actions which reduce  
70 the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement  
71 will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as  
72 the requirements of this provision are met.

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

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

79 Funds appropriated herein shall first be used for the  
80 continuation of a full and complete broadcast schedule of  
81 educational and instructional, professional growth, and public  
82 service programs, with the production of new films and programs to  
83 be secondary thereto.

84 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
85 Section 2, One Million Six Hundred Forty-four Thousand Sixty-seven  
86 Dollars (\$1,644,067.00) shall be derived from the Education  
87 Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and  
88 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

89 **SECTION 5.** No part of the funds appropriated herein shall be  
90 transferred to, expended by, or used, directly or indirectly, for  
91 the benefit of any public relations, publicity or publication  
92 activities of any other state agency, department or officer, nor  
93 shall any personnel paid or equipment purchased with funds  
94 appropriated hereby be transferred or assigned to any other state  
95 agency, department or officer for public relations, publicity or  
96 publication activities of such office.

97 **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
98 Mississippi Authority for Educational Television shall have the

99 authority to expend funds in the Capital Equipment Replacement  
100 Revolving Fund, in accordance with Section 37-63-17, Mississippi  
101 Code of 1972, Annotated, for the purpose of purchasing technical  
102 equipment for operating the educational radio and television  
103 facilities.

104 **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
105 Mississippi Authority for Educational Television shall have the  
106 authority to escalate its budget and expend funds from any source  
107 not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) in accordance  
108 with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and  
109 Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of  
110 federal funds.

111 **SECTION 8.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance  
112 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of  
113 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized  
114 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the  
115 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,  
116 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted  
117 performance measures provided below:

	FY2003
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
Learning Services	
Educators Trained (IVN and On-Site)	6,000
Student IVN Courses	200
Enrolled IVN Students	4,300
Printed Items Distributed (Actions)	60,000
Instructional TV Cost per Student (Cents)	0.48
Television	
Broadcast Hours Produced (Actions)	229
Production Cost (Per Hour)	11,079
Broadcast Hours Purchased (Actions)	8,424
Program Purchase Cost (Per Hour)	208
Radio	
PRM Produced Features (Actions)	155
Remote Concerts Recorded (Actions)	48
Radio Reading of MS Receivers (Persons)	250

135	Technical Services	
136	Equipment Evaluation Inquiries (Actions)	150
137	Satellite Maintenance Calls (Actions)	175
138	Statewide Field Strength Measurements	175

139       A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets  
140 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the  
141 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget  
142 Committee for Fiscal Year 2004.

143       **SECTION 9.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
144 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
145 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
146 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
147 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
148 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

149       **SECTION 10.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
150 and after July 1, 2002.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

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Charlie Capps, Jr.

**X** \_\_\_\_\_

Jack Gordon

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