

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MADAM PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3127: Appropriation; Gaming Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

- 1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
- 2. That the Senate and House 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 Gaming Commission, for
9 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending
10 June 30, 2003..... \$ 3,889,418.00.

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 funds in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi
14 Gaming Commission which are collected by or otherwise become
15 available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the
16 Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending
17 June 30, 2003..... \$ 5,776,409.00.

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

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

22 Personal Services:

23 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. \$ 6,272,560.00

24 Travel and Subsistence..... 505,997.00

25 Contractual Services..... 2,574,439.00

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27	Commodities.....	187,581.00
28	Capital Outlay:	
29	Other Than Equipment.....	0.00
30	Equipment.....	25,000.00
31	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>100,250.00</u>
32	Total.....	\$ 9,665,827.00
33	FUNDING:	
34	General Funds.....	\$ 3,889,418.00
35	Special Funds.....	<u>5,776,409.00</u>
36	Total.....	\$ 9,665,827.00

37 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

38	Permanent:	Full Time	151
39		Part Time	0
40	Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
41		Part Time	0

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

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

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

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

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

78 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One
79 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) is hereby authorized to be
80 transferred to the Mississippi Council on Compulsive Gambling, a
81 nonprofit organization.

82 **SECTION 5.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
83 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
84 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
85 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
86 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
87 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

88 **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
89 and after July 1, 2002.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

X _____

Jack Gordon

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Bob M. Dearing

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Tommy A. Gollott

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

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