

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. 3144: Appropriation; Univ. Med. Cen. - Consol.

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 University of Mississippi Medical
9 Center for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending
10 June 30, 2003..... \$ 125,038,150.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** The following sum of money, or so much thereof as
12 may be necessary, is hereby authorized and approved for
13 expenditure out of the proceeds derived from patient fees, student
14 fees or any other special source funds which are collected by or
15 otherwise become available, for the support and maintenance of The
16 University of Mississippi Medical Center for the fiscal year
17 beginning July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003.....
18 \$ 544,017,272.00.

19 **SECTION 3.** Any escalations shall be made in accordance with
20 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law.

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24 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

25 **SECTION 4.** With the funds appropriated and authorized for
26 expenditure under the provisions of Section 1 and Section 2, the

27 University of Mississippi Medical Center shall maintain the School
28 of Medicine, the School of Dentistry, the School of Nursing, the
29 School of Health Related Professions, the Teaching Hospital and
30 the Medical Center Service Area. The University of Mississippi
31 Medical Center shall prepare and make available to the Legislature
32 an accounting of expenditures for each of the divisions listed in
33 this section at the beginning of the legislative session.

34 **SECTION 5.** Due to critical nurse shortages and staffing, it
35 is the intent of the Legislature to enhance recognition of
36 excellence and expand the experience factor in attracting
37 qualified registered nurses.

38 **SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, and the
39 funds authorized to be expended in Section 2, none may be used to
40 provide medical services on behalf of any state agency,
41 institution or political subdivision, except to the extent that
42 such agency, institution or political subdivision reimburses the
43 hospital for the cost of the services provided. Upon the
44 rendering of medical services to any such agency, institution or
45 political subdivision, the hospital shall issue an invoice for the
46 charges which shall be paid within ninety (90) days. In the event
47 that payment is not made within ninety (90) days, the hospital
48 shall discontinue providing services to that agency, institution,
49 or political subdivision until all outstanding charges have been
50 paid.

51 **SECTION 7.** Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and
52 paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be
53 in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of
54 Mississippi and Section 25-4-103, Mississippi Code of 1972.

55 **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
56 University of Mississippi Medical Center's budget request for
57 Fiscal Year 2004 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative
58 Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the
59 format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2003
60 budget request process.

61 **SECTION 9.** Of the funds authorized for expenditure in
62 Section 2, Three Million Eight Hundred Fifty-four Thousand Eight

63 Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$3,854,830.00) shall be derived from the
64 Education Enhancement Fund from funds deposited pursuant to
65 Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

66 **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
67 of Section 2, Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) shall be
68 derived from the Budget Contingency Fund created in Section
69 27-103-301, Mississippi Code of 1972.

70 **SECTION 11.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
71 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
72 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
73 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
74 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
75 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

76 **SECTION 12.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
77 and after July 1, 2002.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

X _____
Jack Gordon

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