

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. 3152: Appropriation; Veterinary Diagnostic Lab. Bd.

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:

4 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
5 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
6 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of
7 defraying the expenses of the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory
8 Board, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending
9 June 30, 2003..... \$ 1,117,741.00.

10 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
11 necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special
12 source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available
13 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Veterinary
14 Diagnostic Laboratory Board, for the fiscal year beginning
15 July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003..... \$ 641,259.00.

16 **SECTION 3.** With the funds appropriated under the provisions
17 of Sections 1 and 2, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

19	Permanent:	Full Time	25
20		Part Time	0
21	Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
22		Part Time	0

23 Funds are provided herein to adjust the Variable Compensation
24 Plan to ensure that all full-time employees receive a pay increase
25 equal to fifty percent (50%) of the realignment component of the

26 Variable Compensation Plan or Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00),
27 whichever is greater, beginning on January 1, 2003.

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

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

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

59 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature,
60 contingent upon passage of Senate Bill No. 2873, 2002 Regular
61 Session, that all funds, property and other assets, including all

62 current positions of the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory Board,
63 shall be transferred to the Board of Trustees of State
64 Institutions of Higher Learning for the College of Veterinary
65 Medicine at Mississippi State University on July 1, 2002.

66 **SECTION 5.** 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 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
73 and after July 1, 2002.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

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Jack Gordon

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Charlie Capps, Jr.

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Joseph Stogner

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Clayton P. Henderson

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