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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2945

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE MISSISSIPPI FAIR
2 COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE DIXIE
3 NATIONAL LIVESTOCK SHOW; A ROUNDUP FOR JUNIOR EXHIBITORS OF
4 LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY; SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FOR LIVESTOCK PREMIUMS;
5 COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOWS IN OFFERING AND PAYING PRIZES OR AWARDS TO
6 COMPETITORS IN APPROVED COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOWS; THE FIVE DISTRICT
7 LIVESTOCK SHOWS; THE FIVE STATE DAIRY SHOWS; THE MISSISSIPPI HIGH
8 SCHOOL RODEO; AND TO PROVIDE HOW SAID MONEY SHALL BE PAID OUT OF
9 THE STATE TREASURY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

11 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
12 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
13 Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Fair Commission's
14 special fund account, to the Mississippi Fair Commission for the
15 purposes of defraying the costs of prizes, premiums, judges and
16 other actual and necessary costs of putting on the Dixie National
17 Livestock Show at the State Fairgrounds in Jackson, Mississippi,
18 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending
19 June 30, 2004 \$ 959,800.00.

20 **SECTION 2.** The following sums, or so much thereof as may be
21 necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
22 General Fund, not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi Fair
23 Commission as follows:

24 (a) For the support of annual roundup shows for junior
25 exhibitors of junior steers, junior breeding cattle, beef cattle,
26 dairy cattle, hogs, sheep and poultry, for the fiscal year
27 beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004.....
28 \$ 69,534.00.

29 (b) To supplement the funds paid by the Mississippi
30 Fair Commission for livestock premiums at the State Fair, all



31 livestock premiums to be paid on the American system of judging
32 (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc.) on all classes entered in the senior
33 division for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending
34 June 30, 2004..... \$ 26,997.00.

35 (c) For the county livestock shows in offering and
36 paying prizes or awards to competitors in the approved county
37 livestock shows of Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning
38 July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004..... \$ 13,138.00.

39 Provided, however, that of the amount herein appropriated in
40 subsection (c), not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)
41 shall be expended or used in any one county of the state during
42 each fiscal year. Provided, further, that none of the monies
43 herein appropriated in subsection (c) shall be used in offering or
44 paying prizes or awards for any livestock show that is not held
45 where there are adequate barns, pens and other facilities
46 available for such a show.

47 Provided further, in subsection (c) that the management of
48 such shows shall be in the hands of a county livestock
49 association, and such association shall guarantee a minimum amount
50 of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to be used in the paying of
51 prizes, premiums or awards, and after said county show has been
52 held and premiums paid, fifty percent (50%) of the amount, not
53 exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), shall be paid upon
54 requisition to the Mississippi Fair Commission.

55 Provided further, in subsection (c) that in any county which
56 has two (2) shows with proper facilities, and a contiguous county
57 has no such fair and desires to participate in a fair to be held
58 in an adjoining county, each of the two (2) fairs in one (1)
59 county may receive an equal proportion of the funds hereby
60 appropriated, provided, both shows shall not receive an aggregate
61 sum of more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).



62 (d) For the purpose of offering awards and prizes to
63 competitors in the five (5) district livestock shows, for the
64 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004.....
65 \$ 71,344.00.

66 (e) For the purpose of offering awards and prizes to
67 competitors in the five (5) state dairy shows as provided in
68 Section 69-5-101 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal
69 year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004.....
70 \$ 11,659.00.

71 Provided further, that no part of the money herein
72 appropriated under the provisions of subsections (d) and (e) shall
73 be used for any other purpose than to pay premium awards at said
74 shows and state shows and expositions receiving legislative
75 appropriation shall not conflict in dates in order that livestock
76 exhibitors may make the circuit of shows. Provided further, that
77 none of the above mentioned funds shall be paid to any district
78 shows unless shows are held prior to roundup.

79 Not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the funds herein
80 appropriated under the provisions of subsections (d) and (e) shall
81 be used in awarding prizes or premiums to 4-H Club members and
82 Smith-Hughes School members and other boys and girls having
83 entries in said shows.

84 All funds herein appropriated under the provisions of
85 subsections (d) and (e) for the five (5) district livestock shows
86 and the five (5) fall state dairy shows shall be distributed in
87 such manner that the livestock exhibitors will each draw equal
88 premium awards for comparable grades and placings at each of the
89 said five (5) district spring shows and the five (5) fall state
90 shows. The management of each district spring show and each state
91 fall show shall submit to the Mississippi Fair Commission, within
92 fifteen (15) days after the close of each said show, a full report
93 on the number of exhibitors at each said show, with the grades and
94 placings of the different classes of livestock exhibited.



95 The Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Fair Commission,
96 together with a committee of three (3) to be named by the
97 President of the Mississippi Livestock Council from that
98 organization, shall summarize and prepare a unified list of awards
99 for like classes in all spring district livestock shows and fall
100 state dairy shows receiving state premium money, as authorized in
101 subsections (d) and (e). The Executive Secretary and Chairman of
102 the Mississippi Fair Commission shall approve and present a
103 requisition to the State Fiscal Officer for the payment of the
104 amount of funds in subsections (d) and (e) due each show and said
105 State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrant thereon, and it shall
106 be paid by the State Treasurer.

107 Provided, however, as a condition of expenditure of the funds
108 appropriated in subsections (d) and (e), that the board of
109 directors of any district livestock show may, in its discretion,
110 choose to hold its show in the fall instead of the spring. If
111 district shows are held in both spring and fall, then all funds
112 herein appropriated for the five (5) district livestock shows
113 shall be distributed in such a manner that the spring livestock
114 exhibitors will each draw equal premium awards for comparable
115 grades and placings at each district spring show, and the fall
116 livestock exhibitors will each draw equal premium awards for
117 comparable grades and placings at each district fall show.

118 (f) For promotion and expenses of the winners of the
119 Mississippi High School Rodeo for attending the national finals,
120 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending
121 June 30, 2004..... \$ 9,899.00.

122 (g) For the promotion and expenses of the seafood rodeo
123 in Biloxi known as the Shrimp Festival, for the fiscal year
124 beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004.....
125 \$ 4,939.00.

126 **SECTION 3.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
127 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the



128 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
129 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
130 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
131 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

132 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
133 and after July 1, 2003.

