

**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. 1534: Appropriation; District Attorneys and staff.

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:**

6           **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
7 necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
8 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying  
9 salaries and travel expenses of district attorneys and assistant  
10 district attorneys of the state and paying office expenses of  
11 district attorneys for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and  
12 ending June 30, 2004..... \$       13,001,589.00.

13           **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
14 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Budget  
15 Contingency Fund, created in Section 27-103-301, Mississippi Code  
16 of 1972, for the purpose of paying salaries of district attorneys  
17 and assistant district attorneys of the state for the fiscal year  
18 beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004.....  
19 ..... \$           518,244.00.

20           The funds provided in this section are provided for the  
21 purpose of increasing the salaries of district attorneys and  
22 assistant district attorneys as authorized by legislation enacted  
23 during the 2003 Regular Session. It is the intention of the  
24 Legislature that if there is no legislation authorizing salary  
25 increases for the district attorneys and assistant district  
26 attorneys during the 2003 Regular Session, the Budget Contingency  
27 Funds provided in this section shall not be expended for any

28 purpose.

29 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
30 Sections 1 and 2, not more than the amounts set forth below shall  
31 be expended for the respective purposes:

32 (a) Salaries and travel expenses of district attorneys,  
33 assistant district attorneys and criminal investigators of the  
34 state:

35	Salaries.....	\$12,327,254.00
36	Travel Expenses.....	377,505.00
37	Tort Claims Assessment.....	\$ 47,074.00

38 None of the funds authorized in this section shall be used to  
39 reimburse district attorneys or their staff for taxable meals  
40 incurred within their geographical district.

41 (b) Office expenses of district attorneys as authorized  
42 by Section 25-31-8, Mississippi Code of 1972.....  
43 ..... \$ 768,000.00.

44 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1,  
45 Eighty-five Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-six Dollars  
46 (\$85,876.00) is provided to fund salary and office expense for one  
47 (1) full-time legal assistant in the Sixth Circuit Court District  
48 as authorized in Section 25-31-5(2)(f), Mississippi Code of 1972.

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

55 **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
56 and after July 1, 2003.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

X \_\_\_\_\_

Charlie Capps, Jr.

X \_\_\_\_\_

Percy W. Watson

X \_\_\_\_\_

Mike Eakes

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

X \_\_\_\_\_

Jack Gordon

X \_\_\_\_\_

Bennie L. Turner

X \_\_\_\_\_

Gloria Williamson