

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. 1535: Appropriation; Insurance Department.

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:

5 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
6 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in any special
7 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi
8 Department of Insurance which is comprised of special source funds
9 collected by or otherwise available to the department, for the
10 purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal
11 year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004.....
12 \$ 7,861,013.00.

13 **SECTION 2.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
14 Section 1 not more than the amounts set forth below shall be
15 expended for the respective major objects or purposes of
16 expenditure:

17 **MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:**

18 Personal Services:

19 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$	5,214,983.00
20 Travel and Subsistence.....		200,000.00
21 Contractual Services.....		1,878,500.00
22 Commodities.....		287,021.00
23 Capital Outlay:		
24 Other Than Equipment.....		0.00
25 Equipment.....		280,509.00
26 Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....		<u>0.00</u>

27 Total..... \$ 7,861,013.00

28 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

29	Permanent:	Full Time	117
30		Part Time	0
31	Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
32		Part Time	0

33 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of
34 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to
35 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal
36 Services" for Fiscal Year 2005 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2004
37 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions
38 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2005 budget by the
39 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the
40 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall
41 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all
42 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this
43 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure
44 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual
45 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2004 appropriation for "Personal
46 Services" when annualized. If, at the end of any calendar month,
47 the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken
48 action(s) which would cause the agency to exceed this projected
49 annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2004 "Personal Services"
50 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which
51 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation
52 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
53 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

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

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

60 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
61 Section 1, and authorized for expenditure in Section 2, Sixteen
62 Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-six Dollars (\$16,736.00) is provided

63 for the Mississippi Fire Personnel Minimum Standards and
64 Certification Board.

65 **SECTION 4.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
66 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special
67 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Rural Fire Truck
68 Acquisition Fund to the Mississippi Department of Insurance for
69 the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program for the fiscal
70 year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004.....
71 \$ 6,933,183.00.

72 Of the funds appropriated in this section, Four Million
73 Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) shall be expended for Round 6 of the Rural
74 Fire Truck Acquisition Program as follows:

75 A county that meets the requirements provided in Section 17-
76 23-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, may receive an amount not to
77 exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) as provided in
78 paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) of this section, and
79 such amount shall be divided equally with not more than Fifty
80 Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per fire truck. Monies distributed
81 for Round 6 under this paragraph shall be expended only for the
82 purchase of new fire trucks and such trucks must meet the National
83 Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards in the 1900 series.

84 (a) Any county that has not applied for a fire truck
85 under this program is eligible to submit applications for six (6)
86 fire trucks at not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00)
87 per truck or a total of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars
88 (\$300,000.00).

89 (b) Any county that has received one (1) fire truck
90 under this program is eligible to submit applications for five (5)
91 fire trucks at not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00)
92 per truck or a total of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars
93 (\$250,000.00).

94 (c) Any county that has received two (2) fire trucks
95 under this program is eligible to submit applications for four (4)
96 fire trucks or a total of not more than Two Hundred Thousand
97 Dollars (\$200,000.00).

98 (d) Any county that has received three (3) fire trucks

99 under this program is eligible to submit applications for three
100 (3) fire trucks or a total of not more than One Hundred Fifty
101 Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00).

102 (e) Any county that has received four (4) fire trucks
103 under this program is eligible to submit an application for two
104 (2) fire trucks or a total of not more than One Hundred Thousand
105 Dollars (\$100,000.00).

106 (f) Any county that has received five (5) fire trucks
107 under this program is eligible to submit an application for one
108 (1) fire truck or a total of not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars
109 (\$50,000.00).

110 Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this
111 section, Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) shall be derived
112 from bond proceeds for the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Program,
113 contingent upon passage of Senate Bill No. 2988, 2003 Regular
114 Session.

115 **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
116 Section 1 and authorized for expenditure in Section 2, funds in
117 the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) are provided and
118 shall be expended to pay the annual dues for the National
119 Conference of Insurance Legislators.

120 **SECTION 6.** Of the funds provided under the provisions of
121 this act, Seventy-five Thousand One Hundred Sixty-four Dollars
122 (\$75,164.00) may be used to reallocate or reclassify existing
123 positions of this agency.

124 **SECTION 7.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
125 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
126 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
127 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
128 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
129 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

130 **SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
131 and after July 1, 2003.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

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