

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. 2528: Deer; authorize Commission on Wildlife to combat chronic wasting disease.

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:

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-11-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:
10 49-11-3. (1) The department may issue operating licenses to
11 any person, partnership, association or corporation for the
12 operation of shooting preserves or commercial wildlife enclosures
13 that meet the following requirements and any applicable
14 regulations:
15 (a) Each shooting preserve shall contain a minimum of
16 one hundred (100) acres in one (1) tract of leased or owned land
17 (including water area, if any) and shall be restricted to not more
18 than six hundred forty (640) contiguous acres (including water
19 area, if any), except that preserves confined to the releasing of
20 ducks only may be authorized to operate with a minimum of fifty
21 (50) contiguous acres (including water area).
22 (b) The boundaries of each shooting preserve shall be
23 clearly defined and posted with signs erected at intervals of
24 three hundred (300) feet or less.
25 (c) Each commercial wildlife enclosure shall contain a
26 minimum of three hundred (300) acres in one (1) tract of leased or
27 owned land (including water area, if any). No commercial wildlife
28 enclosure shall be constructed in such a manner as to allow
29 ingress of native wild animals without providing means of egress.

30 (d) The preserve or enclosure must be privately owned
31 and operated.

32 (2) The commission may issue any rules or regulations
33 necessary to regulate shooting preserves and commercial wildlife
34 enclosures and to enforce this chapter.

35 (3) (a) The commission may regulate the hunting of
36 nonnative cervids within a commercial wildlife enclosure, and the
37 department may enter such enclosure as provided under Section
38 49-11-25 and enforce such regulations.

39 (b) This subsection (3) shall repeal on July 1, 2005.

40 **SECTION 2.** (1) The Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and
41 Parks may regulate the hunting of nonnative cervids in
42 noncommercial wildlife enclosures, and the Department of Wildlife,
43 Fisheries and Parks may enforce such regulations and laws in the
44 same manner as commercial wildlife enclosures as provided in
45 Section 49-11-25.

46 (2) This section shall repeal on July 1, 2005.

47 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
48 and after its passage.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-11-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND
3 PARKS TO REGULATE THE HUNTING OF NONNATIVE CERVIDS IN COMMERCIAL
4 WILDLIFE ENCLOSURES; TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE,
5 FISHERIES AND PARKS TO REGULATE THE HUNTING OF NONNATIVE CERVIDS
6 IN NONCOMMERCIAL WILDLIFE ENCLOSURES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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