

## 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. 2587: Duties of school bus drivers upon approaching railroad crossing; to open service door and driver's window.

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:

7           **SECTION 1.** Section 37-41-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:  
9           37-41-55. The driver of every school transportation vehicle  
10 used to transport pupils, on approaching any railroad  
11 crossing, \* \* \* shall (a) bring the vehicle to a complete stop,  
12 (b) open the service door and driver's window, and (c) listen for  
13 approaching trains, and shall not proceed until the driver of such  
14 vehicle has determined that it is safe to proceed. The driver of  
15 every school transportation vehicle used to transport pupils, on  
16 approaching any highway intersection, shall bring the vehicle to a  
17 complete stop and shall not proceed until the driver of such  
18 vehicle has determined that it is safe to proceed. Any driver who  
19 shall fail to bring his vehicle to a complete stop and follow the  
20 procedures prescribed as herein required shall be guilty of a  
21 misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less  
22 than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Two Hundred Fifty  
23 Dollars (\$250.00) for each such offense.

24           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
25 and after July 1, 2003.

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

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-41-55, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REQUIRE SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS TO OPEN THE SERVICE DOOR AND  
3 DRIVER'S WINDOW UPON APPROACHING RAILROAD CROSSINGS; TO INCREASE  
4 THE PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS OF THIS  
5 SECTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

**X** \_\_\_\_\_  
Alice Harden

**X** \_\_\_\_\_  
Tommy Dickerson

**X** \_\_\_\_\_  
David Jordan

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

**X** \_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph L. Warren

**X** \_\_\_\_\_  
John R. Reeves

**X** \_\_\_\_\_  
Randy Pierce