

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. 1698: Appropriation; Pearl River Basin Development District.

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 authorized and approved for expenditure out
7 of any funds which are received by or otherwise become available
8 to the Pearl River Basin Development District, for the purpose of
9 defraying the expenses of the district for the fiscal year
10 beginning July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2005

11	\$	1,728,764.00.
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12 **SECTION 2.** Of the funds approved for expenditure under the
13 provisions of Section 1, not more than the amounts set forth below
14 shall be expended for the respective major objects or purposes of
15 expenditure:

16 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

17 Personal Services:

18	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits .. \$	577,564.00
19	Travel and Subsistence.....	30,000.00
20	Contractual Services	233,200.00
21	Commodities.....	40,000.00
22	Capital Outlay:	
23	Other Than Equipment	263,000.00
24	Equipment	30,000.00
25	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>555,000.00</u>

26 Total..... \$ 1,728,764.00

27 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

28	Permanent:	Full Time	12
29		Part Time	3
30	Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
31		Part Time	0

32 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of
33 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to
34 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal
35 Services" for Fiscal Year 2006 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2005
36 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions
37 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2006 budget by the
38 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the
39 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall
40 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all
41 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this
42 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure
43 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual
44 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2005 appropriation for "Personal
45 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds.
46 If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal
47 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency
48 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this
49 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2005 "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 or
56 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
57 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written

58 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
59 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
60 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
61 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
62 appropriated level.

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

67 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
68 Pearl River Basin Development District shall maintain complete
69 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all
70 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be
71 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal
72 Year 2004. It is further the intention of the Legislature that
73 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2006 shall be
74 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format
75 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail
76 provided during the Fiscal Year 2005 budget request process.

77 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
78 Director of the Pearl River Basin Development District shall be
79 authorized to escalate, budget and expend funds from any source,
80 not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), for the
81 purpose of maintaining the Lower Pearl Restoration Project in
82 accordance with the Project Cooperation Agreement with the United
83 States Army Corps of Engineers and to maintain the South Jackson
84 Clearing Project in an area along the Pearl River in Hinds County
85 and Rankin County, in accordance with rules and regulations of the
86 Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent
87 with the escalation of federal funds.

88 **SECTION 5.** The funds herein approved for expenditure, except
89 and less an amount approved by the State Fiscal Officer which

90 shall be sufficient to cover disbursements for current operations,
91 shall be deposited at interest with any official depository of the
92 state at a rate of interest numerically not less than one percent
93 (1%) below the bank discount rate on United States Treasury bills
94 of comparable maturity as determined by the State Treasurer.

95 **SECTION 6.** The money herein approved for expenditure shall
96 be disbursed upon bank checks signed by the proper person, officer
97 or officers, in the manner provided by law or in accordance with
98 the provisions of a valid trust indenture.

99 **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
100 and after July 1, 2004.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

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