

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. 1726: Appropriation; expenses of Legislature, monthly expense, Legislative Budget Office, PEER Committee.

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:

12 **SECTION 1.** The following sums, or so much thereof as may be
13 necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
14 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying
15 salaries, mileage, insurance, matching funds and the daily expense
16 allowance of the members of the Legislature for the Regular
17 Session of 2005 and providing contingent funds for the House of
18 Representatives and Senate for the fiscal year beginning
19 July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2005, as follows:

20 For salaries, mileage, insurance,
21 matching funds and daily
22 expense allowance of members
23 of the House of Representatives.....\$2,951,221.00

24 For Contingent Fund for the
25 House of Representatives.....\$4,340,832.00

26 Out of the above amount appropriated for the Contingent Fund
27 for the House of Representatives, not more than Fifteen Thousand
28 Dollars (\$15,000.00) shall be expended for defraying the expenses
29 of and for the use of the members of the Mississippi Commission on
30 Interstate Cooperation, as created under Section 5-5-1 et seq.,
31 Mississippi Code of 1972.

32 For salaries, mileage, insurance,

33 matching funds and daily
34 expense allowance of members
35 of the Senate\$1,325,528.00
36 For Contingent Fund for the Senate.....\$3,470,471.00
37 Out of the above amount appropriated for the Contingent Fund
38 for the Senate, not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)
39 shall be expended for defraying the expenses of and for the use of
40 the members of the Mississippi Commission on Interstate
41 Cooperation, as created under Section 5-5-1 et seq., Mississippi
42 Code of 1972.

43 For the joint legislative operations of the House of
44 Representatives and the Senate\$1,383,980.00
45 For the expenses of the Joint Legislative
46 Budget Committee\$2,653,867.00
47 For the expenses of the Joint Legislative
48 Committee on Performance Evaluation
49 and Expenditure Review.....\$1,890,149.00
50 For the expenses of the Joint Legislative
51 Reapportionment Committee.....\$ 138,988.00
52 For the expenses of the Joint Committee on
53 Compilation, Revision and Publication of
54 Legislation\$ 300,000.00

55 The Joint Legislative Reapportionment Committee shall
56 prepare, publish and provide semiannual reports to each member of
57 the Legislature and such reports shall provide a line-by-line
58 detailed accounting of all receipts and expenditures of any and
59 all monies appropriated by the Legislature to the Joint
60 Legislative Reapportionment Committee. Any meetings of the Joint
61 Legislative Reapportionment Committee shall be held in state
62 offices or at publicly owned facilities.

63 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
64 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Budget

65 Contingency Fund created in Section 27-103-301, Mississippi Code
66 of 1972, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Joint
67 Legislative Reapportionment Committee, for the fiscal year
68 beginning July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2005
69\$ 102,500.00.

70 **SECTION 3.** The following sums, or so much thereof as may be
71 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
72 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying
73 the monthly expense allowance of the members of the Legislature,
74 as provided in Section 5-1-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the
75 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2005, as
76 follows:

77 For the House of Representatives.....\$2,347,655.00.
78 For the Senate\$1,018,435.00.

79 **SECTION 4.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
80 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
81 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying
82 the state's share of various assessments for the fiscal year
83 beginning July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2005
84\$ 280,710.00.

85 Of the funds authorized in this section, the following
86 distribution shall be made:

87 Southern States Energy Board.....\$ 27,288.00
88 Southern Growth Policies Agreement....\$ 22,842.00
89 Interstate Cooperation.....\$ 180,717.00
90 National Conference of Commissioners
91 on Uniform State Laws.....\$ 26,400.00
92 The Energy Council.....\$ 23,463.00

93 **SECTION 5.** The Legislature shall have the authority to
94 escalate its budget and expend funds from the Legislative
95 Extraordinary Session Expense Revolving Fund, as authorized in
96 Section 5-1-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, in accordance with rules

97 and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in
98 a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds. The
99 authority granted in this section is provided for the purpose of
100 paying the expenses of the members of the Legislature incurred
101 during any Extraordinary Session of the Legislature occurring
102 during the period beginning July 1, 2004, and ending
103 June 30, 2005.

104 **SECTION 6.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
105 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
106 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
107 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
108 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
109 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

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

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

X (SIGNED)
Johnny W. Stringer

X (SIGNED)
George Flaggs, Jr.

X (SIGNED)
J. B. Markham

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

X (SIGNED)
Jack Gordon

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Billy Thames

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Nolan Mettetal