

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. 2678: State's share of oil and gas severance taxes; all to be appropriated until FY2006.

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 27-25-506, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 27-25-506. There is hereby created a special fund in the
11 State Treasury into which the state's share of proceeds collected
12 pursuant to Sections 27-25-505 and 27-25-705 shall be deposited.

13 The state's share of all oil and gas severance taxes derived
14 from oil and gas resources under state-owned lands or from severed
15 state-owned minerals shall be deposited into the State Treasury to
16 the credit of the trust fund created in Section 206A, Mississippi
17 Constitution of 1890. The following amounts of the remainder of
18 tax collections apportioned to the state shall be deposited to the
19 credit of the trust fund created in Section 206A, Mississippi
20 Constitution of 1890:

21 (a) For fiscal year 1994, all amounts collected in
22 excess of Thirty-five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000.00);

23 (b) For fiscal year 1995, all amounts collected in
24 excess of Thirty-two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
25 (\$32,500,000.00);

26 (c) For fiscal year 1996, all amounts collected in
27 excess of Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00);

28 (d) For fiscal year 1997, all amounts collected in
29 excess of Twenty-seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
30 (\$27,500,000.00);

31 (e) For fiscal year 1998, all amounts collected in
32 excess of Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00);

33 (f) For fiscal year 1999, all amounts collected in
34 excess of Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00);

35 (g) For fiscal year 2000, all amounts collected in
36 excess of Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00);

37 (h) For fiscal year 2001 through December 31, 2000, all
38 amounts collected and transferred in excess of Ten Million Dollars
39 (\$10,000,000.00);

40 (i) For fiscal year 2005, all amounts collected in
41 excess of Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00);

42 (j) For fiscal year 2006, all amounts collected in
43 excess of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00); and

44 (k) For fiscal year 2007 and each fiscal year
45 thereafter, all such tax collections apportioned to the state
46 shall be deposited to the credit of the trust fund.

47 The monies collected pursuant to paragraphs (a) through (j)
48 of this section that are not deposited into the trust fund shall
49 be deposited into the State General Fund. * * * For fiscal year
50 2005, the monies not deposited into the State General Fund shall
51 be deposited into the Budget Contingency Fund created in Section
52 27-103-301. All monies deposited into the Budget Contingency Fund
53 under this section shall be appropriated by the Legislature for
54 the support of the * * * Mississippi Adequate Education Program as
55 successor to the Minimum Education Program.

56 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
57 and after July 1, 2004, and shall stand repealed from and after
58 June 30, 2004.

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

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-25-506, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT UNTIL FISCAL YEAR 2006, \$10,000,000.00 OF THE
3 STATE'S SHARE OF OIL AND GAS SEVERANCE TAXES SHALL BE DEPOSITED
4 INTO THE STATE GENERAL FUND AND THE REMAINDER SHALL BE
5 APPROPRIATED FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE MISSISSIPPI ADEQUATE EDUCATION
6 PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

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