

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. 2896: Wildlife; authorize seizure of wild hogs imported into the state.

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 49-7-140, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 49-7-140. (1) No person may import into the state, or
11 release into the wild, any live feral hog, wild swine or Russian
12 Boar.

13 (2) Any feral hog, wild swine or Russian Boar imported into
14 the state shall be seized by the department for disposal or
15 destruction.

16 (3) For the purposes of this section, "feral hogs, wild
17 swine, or Russian Boar" are defined as any hog that is not a
18 domesticated pet or livestock; and "released into the wild" is
19 defined as being able to move about freely to adjoining land.

20 (4) A violation of this section is a Class I violation
21 punishable as provided in Section 49-7-141.

22 **SECTION 2.** Section 49-7-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
23 amended as follows:

24 49-7-33. (1) It is unlawful to hunt, trap or kill any wild
25 bird or wild animal of any kind with the aid of bait, recordings
26 of bird or animal calls, or electrically amplified imitations of
27 calls of any kind, except a person may use electrically amplified
28 sound devices for hunting coyote and crow. The commission, in its

29 discretion, may relax the restrictions regarding the use of lures
30 or sound devices if a condition arises or exists, as decided by
31 the State Board of Health or county board of health, that may
32 endanger persons or livestock in a certain community, county or
33 area.

34 (2) A person may use liquid scents for any animal or bird.

35 (3) A person may use the attractants prohibited under this
36 section to trap wild hogs, as defined in Section 49-7-140, on
37 private lands during the period between the end of spring turkey
38 season and September 30. A person must obtain a special
39 depredation permit from the department before trapping wild hogs
40 under this section. The department shall not charge a fee for the
41 special depredation permit.

42 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
43 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 49-7-140, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEIZURE OF FERAL HOGS, WILD SWINE AND RUSSIAN
3 BOARS IMPORTED INTO THE STATE; TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-33,
4 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ALLOW THE TRAPPING OF WILD HOGS WHEN
5 THERE IS NO OPEN SEASON ON DEER AND TURKEY; AND FOR RELATED
6 PURPOSES.

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