REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MADAM PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3156: Appropriation; Public Contractors Bd.

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:

5	SECTION 1. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as			
6	may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the			
7	State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Board of			
8	Public Contractors, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of			
9	said board, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and ending			
10	June 30, 2005\$ 1,463,231.00.			
11	SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of			
12	Section 1, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be			
13	expended for the respective major objects or purposes of			
14	expenditure:			
15	MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:			
16	Personal Services:			
17	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits \$ 427,934.00			
18	Travel and Subsistence 59,900.00			
19	Contractual Services 180,347.00			
20	Commodities			
21	Capital Outlay:			
22	Other Than Equipment 0.00			
23	Equipment 4,500.00			
24	Subsidies, Loans and Grants			
25	Total\$ 1,463,231.00			
26	AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:			
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27	Permanent:	Full Time	11
28		Part Time	0
29	Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
30		Part Time	0

31 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of 32 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal 33 Services" for Fiscal Year 2006 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2005 34 35 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2006 budget by the 36 37 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall 38 39 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all 40 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this 41 It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure act. 42 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2005 appropriation for "Personal 43 44 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds. 45 If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal 46 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this 47 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2005 "Personal Services" 48 49 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which 50 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation 51 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met. 52

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written

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(S)AP (H)AP A1/2 59 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions 60 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the 61 appropriated level.

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

SECTION 3. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by 66 67 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon 68 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal 69 70 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the 71 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law. SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from 72 and after July 1, 2004. 73

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