

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. 738: Veterans' Home Purchase Board; authorize to process electronic payments without charging fees.

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:

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-104-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 27-104-33. The State Department of Finance and
9 Administration shall establish policies that allow the payment of
10 various fees and other accounts receivable to state agencies by
11 credit cards, charge cards, debit cards and other forms of
12 electronic payment in the discretion of the department. Any fees
13 or charges associated with the use of such electronic payments
14 shall be assessed to the user of the electronic payment as an
15 additional charge for processing the electronic payment, so that
16 the user will pay the full cost of using the electronic payment.

17 Agencies, with the approval of the Department of Finance and
18 Administration, may bear the full cost of processing such
19 electronic payments if the agency can demonstrate to the
20 department's satisfaction that they are able to assume these costs
21 and provide the related service for the same or lesser cost.

22 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
23 and after July 1, 2005.

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

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-104-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE CERTAIN PROVISIONS REGARDING STATE AGENCIES' ACCEPTING
3 PAYMENTS BY CREDIT CARDS AND OTHER FORMS OF PAYMENT; AND FOR
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

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CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

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