

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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MR. SPEAKER AND MADAM PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1615: Appropriation; Pearl River Basin Development District.

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:

5 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
6 necessary, is hereby authorized and approved for expenditure out
7 of any funds which are received by or otherwise become available
8 to the Pearl River Basin Development District, for the purpose of
9 defraying the expenses of the district for the fiscal year
10 beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006.....
11 \$ 1,441,547.00.

12 **SECTION 2.** Of the funds approved for expenditure under the
13 provisions of Section 1, not more than the amounts set forth below
14 shall be expended for the respective major objects or purposes of
15 expenditure:

16 **MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:**

17 Personal Services:

18 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$	590,347.00
19 Travel and Subsistence.....		30,000.00
20 Contractual Services.....		233,200.00
21 Commodities.....		40,000.00
22 Capital Outlay:		
23 Other Than Equipment.....		263,000.00
24 Equipment.....		30,000.00
25 Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....		<u>255,000.00</u>

26 Total..... \$ 1,441,547.00

27 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

28	Permanent:	Full Time.....	12
29		Part Time.....	3
30	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
31		Part Time.....	0

32 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of
33 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to
34 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal
35 Services" for Fiscal Year 2007 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2006
36 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions
37 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2007 budget by the
38 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the
39 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall
40 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all
41 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this
42 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure
43 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual
44 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2006 appropriation for "Personal
45 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds.
46 If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal
47 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency
48 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this
49 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2006 "Personal Services"
50 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which
51 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation
52 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
53 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

54 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
55 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
56 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
57 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written

58 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
59 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
60 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
61 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
62 appropriated level.

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

67 The agency shall not take any action to promote or otherwise
68 award salary increases through reallocation, reclassification,
69 realignment, education benchmark, career ladder, or any other
70 means to increase salaries of employees or positions, except for
71 the award of teacher pay increases.

72 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
73 Pearl River Basin Development District shall maintain complete
74 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all
75 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be
76 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal
77 Year 2005. It is further the intention of the Legislature that
78 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2007 shall be
79 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format
80 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail
81 provided during the Fiscal Year 2006 budget request process.

82 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
83 Director of the Pearl River Basin Development District shall be
84 authorized to escalate, budget and expend funds from any source,
85 not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), for the
86 purpose of maintaining the Lower Pearl Restoration Project in
87 accordance with the Project Cooperation Agreement with the United
88 States Army Corps of Engineers and to maintain the South Jackson
89 Clearing Project in an area along the Pearl River in Hinds County

90 and Rankin County, in accordance with rules and regulations of the
91 Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent
92 with the escalation of federal funds.

93 **SECTION 5.** The funds herein approved for expenditure, except
94 and less an amount approved by the State Fiscal Officer which
95 shall be sufficient to cover disbursements for current operations,
96 shall be deposited at interest with any official depository of the
97 state at a rate of interest numerically not less than one percent
98 (1%) below the bank discount rate on United States Treasury bills
99 of comparable maturity as determined by the State Treasurer.

100 **SECTION 6.** The money herein approved for expenditure shall
101 be disbursed upon bank checks signed by the proper person, officer
102 or officers, in the manner provided by law or in accordance with
103 the provisions of a valid trust indenture.

104 **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
105 and after July 1, 2005.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

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