

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. 1626: Appropriation; State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

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.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
7 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
8 Treasury to the credit of the State Board of Registration for
9 Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, for the purpose of
10 defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year beginning
11 July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006.....\$ 438,598.00.

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 .. \$	228,900.00
19 Travel and Subsistence.....	35,000.00
20 Contractual Services	152,298.00
21 Commodities.....	16,900.00
22 Capital Outlay:	
23 Other Than Equipment	0.00
24 Equipment	5,500.00
25 Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>0.00</u>
26 Total..... \$	438,598.00

27 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

28	Permanent:	Full Time	4
29		Part Time	1
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 State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land
74 Surveyors shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records
75 related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this
76 act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of
77 detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2005. It is further the
78 intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for
79 Fiscal Year 2007 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative
80 Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the
81 format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2006
82 budget request process.

83 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds provided herein, the sum of
84 Seventeen Thousand Two Hundred Forty-eight Dollars (\$17,248.00) is
85 hereby assessed on any non-federal special funds and shall be
86 deposited to the Budget Contingency Fund created in Section
87 27-103-301, Mississippi Code of 1972, on or before October 1,
88 2005, for the purpose of reimbursing the State of Mississippi for
89 administrative costs.

90 **SECTION 5.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
91 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
92 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
93 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
94 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
95 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

96 **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
97 and after July 1, 2005.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

X (SIGNED)
Stringer

X (SIGNED)
Read

X (SIGNED)
Broomfield

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

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Gordon

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