MR. SPEAKER AND MADAM PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1641: Appropriation; Attorney General - support.

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 appropriated out of any money in the State
7	General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of
8	defraying the expenses of the Office of the Attorney General for
9	the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006.
10	\$ 5,827,857.00.
11	SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
12	necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in any special
13	fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Office of the
14	Attorney General which is comprised of special source funds
15	collected by or otherwise available to the office, for the purpose
16	of defraying the expenses of the office for the fiscal year
17	beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006
18	\$ 18,308,905.00.
19	SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
20	Sections 1 and 2, not more than the amounts set forth below shall
21	be expended for the respective major objects or purposes of
22	expenditure:
23	MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:
24	Personal Services:
25	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits\$ 16,028,115.00
26	Travel and Subsistence
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27	Contractual Services
28	Commodities
29	Capital Outlay:
30	Other Than Equipment 0.00
31	Equipment
32	Subsidies, Loans and Grants 4,197,389.00
33	Total\$ 24,136,762.00
34	FUNDING:
35	General Funds \$ 5,827,857.00
36	Special Funds 18,308,905.00
37	Total\$ 24,136,762.00
38	AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:
39	Permanent: Full Time 121
40	Part Time 0
41	Time-Limited: Full Time 161
42	Part Time 0
43	With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of
44	the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to
45	make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal
46	Services" for Fiscal Year 2007 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2006
47	funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions
48	are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2007 budget by the
49	Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the
50	Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall
51	determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all
52	appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this
53	act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure
54	that no single personnel action increases this projected annual
55	cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2006 appropriation for "Personal
56	Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds.
57	If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal
58	Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency

- 59 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this
- 60 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2006 "Personal Services"
- 61 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which
- 62 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation
- 63 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
- 64 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.
- Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
- 66 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
- 67 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
- 68 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
- 69 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
- 70 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
- 71 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
- 72 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
- 73 appropriated level.
- No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be
- 75 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are
- 76 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this
- 77 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.
- 78 The agency shall not take any action to promote or otherwise
- 79 award salary increases through reallocation, reclassification,
- 80 realignment, education benchmark, career ladder, or any other
- 81 means to increase salaries of employees or positions, except for
- 82 the award of teacher pay increases.
- 83 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
- 84 Office of the Attorney General shall maintain complete accounting
- 85 and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds
- 86 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the
- 87 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year
- 88 2005. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the
- 89 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2007 shall be submitted to
- 90 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of

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91	detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
92	during the Fiscal Year 2006 budget request process.
93	SECTION 5. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
94	Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
95	the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized
96	in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the
97	intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,
98	this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted
99	performance measures provided below:
100	FY2006
101	Performance Measures Target
102	Support Services
103	Cost of Support Services as Percentage
104	of Budget (percent) 6.18
105	DFA Error Exception Slips per Month (Items) 36
106	Training
107	Approval on Prosecutors Training (percent) 95
108	Litigation
109	Minimum Affirmations of Criminal
110	Convictions (percent) 85
111	Minimum Affirmations of Death Penalty
112	Appeals (percent) 60
113	Minimum Denial of Relief in Federal
114	Habeas Corpus (percent) 90
115	Minimum Positive Results of Civil Cases (percent) 70
116	Minimum Positive Results of Section 1983
117	Cases (percent) 80
118	Opinions
119	Assigned to Attorneys in 3 Days or Less (percent) 100
120	Opinions Completed in 30 Days or Less (percent) 75
121	Good & Excellent Ratings for Training (percent) 85
122	State Agency Contracts

123	Good & Excellent Ratings for Legal	
124	Services (percent)	80
125	Insurance Integrity Enforcement	
126	Minimum Positive Results of Workers'	
127	Compensation Cases (percent)	80
128	Minimum Positive Results of Insurance	
129	Cases (percent)	80
130	Other Mandated Programs	
131	Medicaid Fraud Convictions vs Dispositions(percent)	80
132	Medicaid Abuse Convictions vs Dispositions(percent)	80
133	Minimum Defendants Convicted After	
134	Indictments (percent)	90
135	Response to Consumer Complaints (Days)	7
136	Minimum Positive Results of Consumer	
137	Cases (percent)	75
138	Crime Victims Compensation	
139	Claims Received (Claims)	925
140	Average Compensation Award (\$)	4,200
141	Claims Processed in 12 weeks or less (%)	70
142	A reporting of the degree to which the performance targ	ets
143	set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided	in the
144	agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative B	udget
145	Committee for Fiscal Year 2007.	
146	SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated under the provisi	ons of
147	Section 2, funds included therein which are derived from pen	alties
148	and/or other funds collected by the Medicaid Fraud Control U	nit
149	shall be available for the purpose of providing the state ma	tch
150	for federal funds available for the support of the unit, or	for
151	other lawful purposes as deemed appropriate by the Attorney	
152	General. Further, it is the intent of the Legislature that	any
153	penalties and/or other funds collected and/or expended shall	be

155 funds. 156 SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the 157 Attorney General's Office charge legal fees to all agencies where such legal services are provided. The Attorney General's Office 158 159 may contract these fees on a contract rate or an hourly rate, 160 whichever is more appropriate. Contracts with the Attorney 161 General's Office for legal services or reimbursement for hourly 162 legal services shall not require the approval of the State 163 Personnel Board. The Attorney General's Office is further 164 authorized to escalate the amount of any of its major objects of expenditure in an amount not to exceed Seven Hundred Fifty 165 166 Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) above any amounts herein 167 authorized, and to increase the number of authorized positions in order to provide the required legal services for such state 168 169 agencies. 170 SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of 171 Section 2, the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be 172 made available for expenditure by the Prosecutors Training 173 174 Division. It is the intention of the Legislature that the 175 SECTION 9. 176 Attorney General's Office shall have the authority to accept, 177 budget and expend any source funds not to exceed Seven Hundred

accounted for separately as to source and/or application of such

184 **SECTION 10.** No part of the money herein appropriated shall 185 be used, either directly or indirectly, for the purpose of paying

"Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits."

Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00), that become available to the

office to carry out the provisions of those funds in a manner

consistent with the rules and regulations of the Department of

Finance and Administration. None of the funds authorized in this

section shall be used to increase the major object of expenditure

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any clerk, stenographer, assistant, deputy or other person who may
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     be related by blood or marriage within the third degree, computed
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     by the rules of civil law, to the official employing or having the
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     right of employment or selection thereof; and in the event of any
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     such payment, then the official or person approving and making or
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     receiving such payment shall be jointly and severally liable to
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     return to the State of Mississippi and to pay into the State
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     Treasury three (3) times any such amount so paid or received;
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     however, when the relationship is by affinity and the person
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     through whom the relationship was established is dead, this
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     provision shall not apply.
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          SECTION 11. None of the funds appropriated by this act shall
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     be expended for any purpose that is not actually required or
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     necessary for performing any of the powers or duties of the Office
     of the Attorney General that are authorized by the Mississippi
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     Constitution of 1890, state or federal law, or rules or
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     regulations that implement state or federal law.
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          SECTION 12. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
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     necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
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necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Commission on the Status
of Women for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the
commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005 and through
June 30, 2006......\$ 100,000.00.

This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing funds
to defray the expenses of the Mississippi Commission on the Status
of Women as established pursuant to Sections 43-59-1 through

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

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

43-59-14, Mississippi Code of 1972.

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Personal Services:	
Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits\$	0.00
Travel and Subsistence	25,000.00
Contractual Services	55,000.00
Commodities	20,000.00
Capital Outlay:	
Other Than Equipment	0.00
Equipment	0.00
Subsidies, Loans and Grants	0.00
Total\$	100,000.00
FUNDING:	
General Funds\$	0.00
Special Funds	100,000.00
Total\$	100,000.00
AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:	
Permanent: Full Time 0	
Part Time 0	
Time-Limited: Full Time 0	
Part Time 0	
SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislat	ure that the
Attorney General's Office shall have the authority to	accept,
budget and expend any source funds not to exceed Four	Million Five
Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,500,000.00) that become	available to
the office for programs that serve unmet needs of "at	risk" youth
in the state, including, but not being limited to, Bo	ys and Girls
Clubs, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, Communiti	es in Schools
and the State Coalition of Young Men's Christian Asso	ciation
(YMCA), and to carry out the provisions of those fund	s in a manner
consistent with the rules and regulations of the Depa	rtment of
Finance and Administration. Of the funds authorized	in this
section, not more than Two Million Five Hundred Thous	and Dollars
(\$2,500,000.00) shall be allocated among Boys and Gir	ls Clubs, Big
	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits\$ Travel and Subsistence

250	Brothers Big Sisters of America, and Communities in Schools, and
251	not more than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) shall be
252	allocated to the State Coalition of Young Men's Christian
253	Association (YMCA). The Attorney General's Office is further
254	authorized to escalate an amount not to exceed Four Million Five
255	Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,500,000.00) for such purposes of this

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
of Section 2, One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars

(\$1,500,000.00) shall be derived from the Budget Contingency Fund
created in Section 27-103-301, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the
purpose of defraying the expenses of the Office of the Attorney
General.

SECTION 16. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by 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 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 17. This act shall take effect and be in force from

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