## **REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

## MADAM PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3074: Appropriation; Mississippi Institute for Forest Inventory.

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, or so much thereof as may be
6	necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
7	Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Institute for Forest
8	Inventory which is comprised of special source funds and donations
9	collected by or otherwise available to the Institute for the
10	purpose of defraying the expenses of the Institute for the period
11	beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006
12	\$ 223,337.00.
13	SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
14	Section 1, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be
15	under the authority of the State Personnel Board:
16	AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:
17	Permanent: Full Time 4
18	Part Time 0
19	Time-Limited: Full Time 0
20	Part Time 0
21	With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of
22	the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to
23	make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal
24	Services" for Fiscal Year 2007 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2006
25	funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions

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are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2007 budget by the 26 27 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall 28 29 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all 30 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this 31 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure 32 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2006 appropriation for "Personal 33 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds. 34 35 If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal 36 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this 37 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2006 "Personal Services" 38 39 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which 40 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until 41 42 such time as the requirements of this provision are met. 43 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with

the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or 44 45 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written 46 47 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written 48 49 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions 50 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the 51 appropriated level.

52 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be 53 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are 54 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this 55 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

56 The agency shall not take any action to promote or otherwise 57 award salary increases through reallocation, reclassification,

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realignment, education benchmark, career ladder, or any other 58 59 means to increase salaries of employees or positions, except for the award of teacher pay increases. 60

61 SECTION 3. This appropriation is made for the purpose of 62 providing funds to defray the expenses of the Mississippi 63 Institute for Forest Inventory as established in Section 64 49-19-403, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the 65 66 Mississippi Institute for Forest Inventory is hereby authorized to accept, budget and expend funds, not to exceed One Million Dollars 67 68 (\$1,000,000.00), from any source in accordance with rules and 69 regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds. 70

71 SECTION 5. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by 72 the State Treasurer out of any money in the proper fund or funds 73 as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal 74 Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants 75 upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law. 76

77 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from 78 and after July 1, 2005.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE	CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE
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