

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. 991: Public property; authorize DFA to sell property known as State School for the Blind.

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:

12 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is created a joint committee of the
13 Legislature for the purpose of studying development possibilities
14 and alternatives for the real property owned by the State of
15 Mississippi and formerly occupied by the Mississippi School for
16 the Blind. The joint committee shall consider the best interests
17 of nearby neighborhoods, the Mississippi School for the Blind and
18 preservation thereof in making its report. The joint committee
19 shall also study and consider the disposal of any state property
20 determined by the Department of Finance and Administration to be
21 surplus property. The joint committee shall be composed of five
22 (5) members of the House of Representatives appointed by the
23 Speaker of the House and five (5) members appointed by the
24 Lieutenant Governor. The joint committee shall report to the
25 House of Representatives and the Senate by January 5, 2007, as to
26 its findings and upon presentation of such report the joint
27 committee shall be dissolved.

28 Appointments shall be made within thirty (30) days after the
29 enactment of this act; and, within fifteen (15) days thereafter on
30 a day to be designated jointly by the President of the Senate and
31 the Speaker of the House, the committee shall meet and organize by
32 selecting from its membership a chairman and a vice chairman. The

33 vice chairman shall also serve as secretary and shall be
34 responsible for keeping all records of the committee. A majority
35 of the members of the committee shall constitute a quorum. In the
36 selection of its officers and the adoption of rules, resolutions
37 and reports, an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of
38 the joint committee from each house shall be required. All
39 members shall be notified in writing of all meetings, such notices
40 to be mailed at least five (5) days prior to the date on which a
41 meeting is to be held. Members of the committee shall be paid
42 from the contingent expense funds of their respective houses in
43 the same manner as provided for committee meetings when the
44 Legislature is not in session.

45 (2) No action shall be taken with respect to any sale, lease
46 or development of the real property described in subsection (1) of
47 this section without specific legislative act.

48 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Finance and Administration is
49 authorized to assign to the State Department of Health certain
50 state-owned property known as the "Old Veterinary Diagnostics
51 Building" located at 2531 North West Street in the City of
52 Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, until completion and occupancy
53 of the new health facility.

54 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
55 and after its passage.

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

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE FOR THE
2 PURPOSES OF STUDYING DEVELOPMENT POSSIBILITIES AND ALTERNATIVES
3 FOR THE PROPERTY FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY THE MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL FOR
4 THE BLIND AND TO CONSIDER THE DISPOSAL OF ANY STATE PROPERTY
5 DEEMED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO BE
6 SURPLUS PROPERTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
7 ADMINISTRATION TO ASSIGN TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CERTAIN

8 STATE-OWNED PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE "OLD VETERINARY DIAGNOSTICS
9 BUILDING" LOCATED IN THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR
10 RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

X (SIGNED)
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CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

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