## **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. 1551: Appropriation; Legislative Expense, Regular.

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:

SECTION 1. The following sums, or so much thereof as may be 12 13 necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any money in the State 14 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying salaries, mileage, insurance, matching funds and the daily expense 15 16 allowance of the members of the Legislature for the Regular Session of 2007 and providing contingent funds for the House of 17 18 Representatives and Senate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007, as follows: 19 For salaries, mileage, insurance, 20 21 matching funds and daily 22 expense allowance of members 23 of the House of Representatives..... \$3,237,113.00 For Contingent Fund for the 24 25 House of Representatives ..... \$4,952,560.00 26 Out of the above amount appropriated for the Contingent Fund 27 for the House of Representatives, not more than Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) shall be expended for defraying the expenses 28 29 of and for the use of the members of the Mississippi Commission on 30 Interstate Cooperation, as created under Section 5-5-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972. 31 For salaries, mileage, insurance, 32 33 matching funds and daily \* HR05/ OHB1551CR. J\* 06/HR05/HB1551CR.J (H)AP (S)AP PAGE 1 A1/2

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expense allowance of members 34 of the Senate..... \$1,444,060.00 35 36 For Contingent Fund for the Senate..... \$4,087,834.00 37 Out of the above amount appropriated for the Contingent Fund 38 for the Senate, not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) 39 shall be expended for defraying the expenses of and for the use of the members of the Mississippi Commission on Interstate 40 Cooperation, as created under Section 5-5-1 et seq., Mississippi 41 Code of 1972. 42 43 For the joint legislative operations of the House of 44 Representatives and the Senate..... \$1,404,735.00 For the expenses of the Joint Legislative 45 Budget Committee..... \$2,831,054.00 46 47 For the expenses of the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation 48 49 and Expenditure Review..... \$2,071,052.00 50 For the expenses of the Joint Legislative Reapportionment Committee..... \$ 141,871.00 51 52 For the expenses of the Joint Committee on 53 Compilation, Revision and Publication of 54 300,000.00 Legislation.....\$ 55 The Joint Legislative Reapportionment Committee shall 56 prepare, publish and provide semiannual reports to each member of 57 the Legislature and such reports shall provide a line-by-line 58 detailed accounting of all receipts and expenditures of any and all monies appropriated by the Legislature to the Joint 59 60 Legislative Reapportionment Committee. Any meetings of the Joint Legislative Reapportionment Committee shall be held in state 61 offices or at publicly owned facilities. 62 63 SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the Budget Contingency 64 Fund, as created in Section 27-103-301, Mississippi Code of 1972,

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for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the joint legislative 66 67 operations of the House of Representatives and the Senate for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007..... 68 69 .....\$ 1,100,575.00. 70 SECTION 3. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be 71 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury 72 to the credit of the Joint Legislative Reapportionment Committee, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Joint Legislative 73 Reapportionment Committee, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 74 75 2006, and ending June 30, 2007..... 76 .....\$ 66,000.00. 77 SECTION 4. The following sums, or so much thereof as may be 78 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State 79 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying the monthly expense allowance of the members of the Legislature, 80 as provided in Section 5-1-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the 81 82 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007, as follows: 83 84 For the House of Representatives..... \$2,441,406.00. 85 For the Senate..... \$1,060,179.00. 86 SECTION 5. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be 87 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State 88 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying 89 the state's share of various assessments for the fiscal year 90 beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007..... 91 .....\$ 366,258.00. 92 Of the funds authorized in this section, the following distribution shall be made: 93 Southern States Energy Board.....\$ 33,301.00 94 95 Southern Growth Policies Agreement....\$ 31,332.00 96 Interstate Cooperation.....\$ 217,129.00 97 National Conference of Commissioners

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 on Uniform State Laws.....\$ 34,408.00

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 The Energy Council.....\$ 50,088.00

SECTION 6. The Legislature shall have the authority to 100 101 escalate its budget and expend funds from the Legislative 102 Extraordinary Session Expense Revolving Fund, as authorized in 103 Section 5-1-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, in accordance with rules 104 and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in 105 a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds. The 106 authority granted in this section is provided for the purpose of 107 paying the expenses of the members of the Legislature incurred 108 during any Extraordinary Session of the Legislature occurring during the period beginning July 1, 2006, and ending 109 110 June 30, 2007.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that 111 112 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this Legislature for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things 113 114 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind 115 116 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to 117 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are 118 made without competitive bids.

119 SECTION 8. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by 120 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the 121 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon 122 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal 123 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the

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124 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

125 **SECTION 9.** This act shall take effect and be in force from

126 and after July 1, 2006.

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