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. 1554: Appropriation; District Attorneys and staff.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

- 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	General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying
9	salaries and travel expenses of district attorneys and assistant
10	district attorneys of the state and paying office expenses of
11	district attorneys for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and
12	ending June 30, 2007\$ 15,846,740.00.
13	SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
14	necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
15	Prosecutor Compensation Fund, referred to in Section 99-19-73,
16	Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of paying salaries of
17	assistant district attorneys of the state as authorized in Section
18	25-31-5(1) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 and ending
19	June 30, 2007\$ 546,750.00.
20	SECTION 3. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
21	necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Budget
22	Contingency Fund created in Section 27-103-301, Mississippi Code
23	of 1972, for the purpose of defraying the office expenses of the
24	district attorneys of the state, for the fiscal year beginning
25	July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007
26	\$ 226,000.00.

27	SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
28	Section 1, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be
29	expended for the respective purposes:
30	(a) Salaries and travel expenses of district attorneys,
31	assistant district attorneys and criminal investigators of the
32	state:
33	Salaries\$15,200,911.00
34	Travel Expenses
35	Tort Claims Assessment\$ 47,074.00
36	None of the funds authorized in this section shall be used to
37	reimburse district attorneys or their staff for taxable meals
38	incurred within their geographical district.
39	(b) Office expenses of district attorneys as authorized
40	by Section 25-31-8, Mississippi Code of 1972
41	\$ 994,000.00.
42	SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, office
43	expenses and such funds for salaries shall be provided as
44	authorized in Section 25-3-35(6), Mississippi Code of 1972, to
45	fund the salary for one (1) full-time legal assistant in the Sixth
46	Circuit Court District as authorized in Section 25-31-5(2)(f),
47	Mississippi Code of 1972.
48	SECTION 6. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
49	the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
50	credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
51	warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
52	Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the

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

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from 54

55 and after July 1, 2006.

> CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

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