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. 1561: Appropriation; Library Commission.

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
б	necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
7	General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and
8	maintenance of the Mississippi Library Commission and for carrying
9	out the provisions of Section 39-3-107, Mississippi Code of 1972,
10	for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending
11	June 30, 2007\$ 11,246,733.00.
12	SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
13	necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special
14	fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi
15	Library Commission which is comprised of special source funds
16	collected by or otherwise available to the commission, for the
17	purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission for the fiscal
18	year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007
19	\$ 4,033,058.00.
20	SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
21	Section 1 and Section 2, not more than the amounts set forth below
22	shall be expended for the respective major objects or purposes of
23	expenditure:
24	MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:
25	Personal Services:

26 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. \$ 2,274,532.00 06/HR05/HB1561CR.J * HR05/OHB1561CR.J* (H)AP (S)AP PAGE 1 (RM)

27	Travel and Subsistence	,000.00	
28	Contractual Services	,281.00	
29	Commodities	,000.00	
30	Capital Outlay:		
31	Other Than Equipment	0.00	
32	Equipment	,000.00	
33	Subsidies, Loans and Grants 11,920	,978.00	
34	Total\$ 15,279	,791.00	
35	FUNDING:		
36	General Funds\$ 11,246	,733.00	
37	Special Funds 4,033	,058.00	
38	Total\$ 15,279	,791.00	
39	AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:		
40	Permanent: Full Time 52		
41	Part Time		
42	Time-Limited: Full Time		
43	Part Time		
44	Funds are provided herein to adjust the Variable Compe	nsation	
45	Plan to ensure that all full-time employees receive a pay i	ncrease	
46	equal to the realignment component of the Variable Compensa	tion	
47	Plan or Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), whichever is g	reater,	
48	with not more than one-half $(1/2)$ to be awarded on July 1,	2006,	
49	with the remainder to be awarded on January 1, 2007.		
50	With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intentio	n of	
51	the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibilit	y to	
52	make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Pe	rsonal	
53	Services" for Fiscal Year 2008 do not exceed Fiscal Year 20	07	
54	funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or pos	itions	
55	are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2008 budget by the		
56	Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the		
57	Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall		
58	determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fu	nd all	

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59 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this 60 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure 61 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2007 appropriation for "Personal 62 63 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal 64 65 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this 66 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2007 "Personal Services" 67 68 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation 69 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until 70 such time as the requirements of this provision are met. 71

72 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or 73 74 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State 75 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written 76 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The 77 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written 78 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions 79 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the 80 appropriated level.

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

Funds to be distributed to eligible public library systems under the Personnel Incentive Grants Program shall be paid quarterly in advance on or before September 30, December 31, March and June 30.

89 SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the
90 Mississippi Library Commission shall maintain complete accounting

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and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds 91 92 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 93 94 2006. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the 95 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2008 shall be submitted to 96 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided 97 during the Fiscal Year 2007 budget request process. 98

99 SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of 100 Section 2, Four Hundred Ninety-three Thousand Eight Hundred 101 Forty-seven Dollars (\$493,847.00) shall be derived from the 102 Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 103 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 6. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

FY2007 111 112 Performance Measures Target 113 Administrative Services 114 Average Cost of Administering per Grant (\$) 200 115 Executive Director's Office 116 Public Libraries Visited (Actions) 50 117 Library Aid 250 Grants Provided (Grants) 118 MAGNOLIA Database searches (Queries) 2,000,000 119 120 Network Services Cost per hour for technical consulting (\$) 40 121 122 Public Services

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- Attendees satisfaction rating of Continuing
- 124 Education Program (% of Approval)

125 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets 126 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the 127 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget 128 Committee for Fiscal Year 2008.

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SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Library Commission shall have the authority to escalate its budget and expend funds from any source not to exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated herein, not less than One Million One Hundred Eighty-six Thousand Three Hundred Forty Dollars (\$1,186,340.00) shall be expended for the Magnolia Database.

139 SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Executive Director of the Mississippi Library Commission may 140 141 increase major objects of expenditure in total amounts not to 142 exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the appropriated amount of 143 each major object of expenditure, provided that other major 144 objects of expenditure are decreased by a corresponding dollar 145 amount and provided the Executive Director of the Mississippi 146 Department of Finance and Administration also approves with 147 written authorization. However, no transfers shall be authorized 148 which increase the major object of expenditure "Salaries, Wages 149 and Fringe Benefits."

150 SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated herein, Three Million 151 Two Hundred Eighty-six Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-four Dollars 152 (\$3,286,944.00) is provided for the cost of health insurance for 153 all full-time library staff members in each public library in 154 Mississippi.

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SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that 155 156 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things 157 158 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, 159 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind 160 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are 161 made without competitive bids. 162

163 SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions 164 of Section 2, Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) shall be 165 derived from the Budget Contingency Fund created in Section 166 27-103-301, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of defraying 167 the expenses of the Mississippi Library Commission.

168 SECTION 13. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by 169 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 170 171 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the 172 173 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law. 174 SECTION 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2006. 175

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE	CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE
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Stringer	Gordon
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Brown	Dearing
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