

## 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. 1571: Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument 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  
6 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
7 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of  
8 defraying the expenses of the Grand Gulf Military Monument  
9 Commission in the operation and maintenance of the Grand Gulf  
10 Military Monument for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and  
11 ending June 30, 2007..... \$           238,764.00.

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 Grand Gulf  
15 Military Monument Commission, for the purpose of defraying the  
16 expenses of the commission in the operation and maintenance of the  
17 Grand Gulf Military Monument for the fiscal year beginning  
18 July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007..... \$           89,793.00.

19           **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
20 Sections 1 and 2, the following positions are authorized:

21           AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

22	Permanent:	Full Time.....	7
23		Part Time.....	2
24	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
25		Part Time.....	0

26 Funds are provided herein to adjust the Variable Compensation  
27 Plan to ensure that all full-time employees receive a pay increase  
28 equal to the realignment component of the Variable Compensation  
29 Plan or Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), whichever is greater,  
30 with not more than one-half (1/2) to be awarded on July 1, 2006,  
31 with the remainder to be awarded on January 1, 2007.

32 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of  
33 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to  
34 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal  
35 Services" for Fiscal Year 2008 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2007  
36 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions  
37 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2008 budget by the  
38 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the  
39 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall  
40 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all  
41 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this  
42 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure  
43 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual  
44 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2007 appropriation for "Personal  
45 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds.  
46 If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal  
47 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency  
48 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this  
49 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2007 "Personal Services"  
50 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which  
51 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation  
52 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until  
53 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

54 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
55 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
56 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
57 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written

58 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
59 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
60 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
61 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
62 appropriated level.

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

67 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
68 Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission shall maintain complete  
69 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all  
70 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be  
71 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal  
72 Year 2006. It is further the intention of the Legislature that  
73 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2008 shall be  
74 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format  
75 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail  
76 provided during the Fiscal Year 2007 budget request process.

77 **SECTION 5.** It shall be unlawful for any officer, employee or  
78 other person whatsoever to use or permit or authorize the use of  
79 any automobile or any other motor vehicle owned by the State of  
80 Mississippi or any department, agency or institution thereof for  
81 any purpose other than upon the official business of the State of  
82 Mississippi or any agency, department or institution thereof.

83 It is the intent of the Legislature that motor vehicles  
84 authorized to be owned and operated by this agency shall comply  
85 with Sections 25-1-77 through 25-1-93, Mississippi Code of 1972.

86 **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
87 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
88 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
89 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,

90 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
91 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
92 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
93 made without competitive bids.

94 **SECTION 7.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
95 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
96 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
97 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
98 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
99 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

100 **SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
101 and after July 1, 2006.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

X (SIGNED)  
Stringer

(NOT SIGNED)  
Broomfield

X (SIGNED)  
McBride

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

X (SIGNED)  
Gordon

X (SIGNED)  
Posey

X (SIGNED)  
Lee (47th)