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. 1582: Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System-administrative expenses; maintenance and operation of building.

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:

7	SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be				
8	necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State				
9	Treasury to the credit of the Administrative Expense Account of				
10	the Public Employees' Retirement System for the purpose of				
11	defraying the administrative expenses of the Board of Trustees of				
12	the Public Employees' Retirement System, or out of any money in				
13	the State Treasury to the credit of the Retirement System Building				
14	Account of the Public Employees' Retirement System for the purpose				
15	of maintenance and general operation of the Retirement System				
16	Building, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending				
17	June 30, 2007\$ 33,242,246.00.				
18	SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of				
19	Section 1, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be				
20	expended for the respective major objects or purposes of				
21	expenditure:				
22	MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:				
23	Personal Services:				
24	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits \$ 7,023,556.00				
25	Travel and Subsistence				
26	Contractual Services				
27	Commodities				
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28 Capital Outlay:

29	Other Tha	n Equipment	• • • •	0.00
30	Equipment		• • • •	106,500.00
31	Subsidies, Loa	ns and Grants	••••	23,000,000.00
32	Total		\$	33,242,246.00
33	AUTHORIZED POSIT	IONS:		
34	Permanent:	Full Time	144	
35		Part Time	1	
36	Time-Limited:	Full Time	0	
37		Part Time	0	

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

44 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to 45 46 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal 47 Services" for Fiscal Year 2008 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2007 48 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions 49 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2008 budget by the 50 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall 51 52 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this 53 54 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure 55 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2007 appropriation for "Personal 56 57 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal 58 59 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency

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66 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with 67 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State 68 69 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written 70 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written 71 72 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions 73 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the 74 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.

79 SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the 80 Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement System shall 81 maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the 82 expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as 83 84 maintained for Fiscal Year 2006. It is further the intention of 85 the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 86 2008 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level 87 88 of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2007 budget request 89 process.

90 SECTION 4. In accordance with the purposes of this article,91 there shall be established in the State Treasury the Public

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It is the intention of the Legislature that the system have 98 the authority to escalate the Public Employees' Retirement System 99 100 Building Repair and Maintenance Fund in an amount not to exceed 101 Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) for repair and 102 maintenance of the buildings owned by the system. A11 expenditures from the Public Employees' Retirement System Building 103 104 Repair and Maintenance Fund shall be in accordance with this 105 article and for the purposes designated herein.

106 SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that 107 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the 108 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, 109 110 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind 111 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to 112 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are 113 made without competitive bids.

SECTION 6. Of the funds provided in this act, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from Fund 3531 to be transferred to the Budget Contingency Fund pursuant to Senate Bill 2589 of the 2006 Regular Legislative Session......\$ 23,000,000.00.

119 **SECTION 7.** 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

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

125 SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from 126 and after July 1, 2006.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE	CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE
X (SIGNED)	X (SIGNED)
Stringer	Gordon
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Read	Frazier
X (SIGNED)	X (SIGNED)
Brown	Lee (47th)