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. 1592: Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District.

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 authorized and approved for expenditure out
7	of any funds which are received by or otherwise become available
8	to the Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District, for the
9	purpose of paying bond maturities, accrued interest, maintenance
10	expenses, project development costs, and any other authorized
11	expenses of the water management district, for the fiscal year
12	beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007
13	\$ 3,975,591.00.
14	SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
15	Section 1, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be
16	expended for the respective major objects or purposes of
17	expenditure:
18	MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:
19	Personal Services:
20	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits \$ 804,891.00
21	Travel and Subsistence
22	Contractual Services
23	Commodities
24	Capital Outlay:
25	Other Than Equipment
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Equipment
Total\$ 3,975,591.00 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:
AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:
Permanent: Full Time
Part Time 0
Time-Limited: Full Time 0
Part Time0
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.
With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of
the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to
make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal
Services" for Fiscal Year 2008 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2007
funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions
are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2008 budget by the
Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the
Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall
determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all
appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this
act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure
that no single personnel action increases this projected annual
cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2007 appropriation for "Personal
Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds.
If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal
Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency
has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this
projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2007 "Personal Services"

- appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which 58
- 59 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation
- 60 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
- such time as the requirements of this provision are met. 61
- 62 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
- the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or 63
- 64 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
- Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written 65
- approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. 66
- 67 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
- approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions 68
- 69 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
- 70 appropriated level.
- No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be 71
- used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are 72
- 73 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this
- 74 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.
- SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the 75
- 76 Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District shall maintain
- 77 complete accounting and personnel records related to the
- 78 expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such
- 79 records shall be in the same format and level of detail as
- 80 maintained for Fiscal Year 2006. It is further the intention of
- the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 81
- 82 2008 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee
- in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level 83
- 84 of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2007 budget request
- 85 process.
- It is the intention of the Legislature that 86 SECTION 4.
- 87 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
- purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things 88
- 89 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,

- quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind 90
- 91 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
- the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are 92
- 93 made without competitive bids.
- 94 SECTION 5. All monies in possession of the district in
- 95 excess of necessary operating funds shall be deposited with a bank
- or banks selected by the board of directors of the district. 96
- 97 These funds shall be deposited in such bank or banks and in such
- manner that interest earned shall be at least equal to interest 98
- 99 earnings on state funds deposited by the State Treasury.
- 100 SECTION 6. The money herein approved for expenditure shall
- be disbursed upon bank checks signed by the proper person, officer 101
- 102 or officers, in the manner provided by law.
- 103 SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 104 and after July 1, 2006.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

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