

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. 1598: Appropriation; Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport.

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 Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport, for the
9 purpose of defraying the expenses of the authority for the fiscal
10 year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007.....
11 \$ 46,086,730.00.

12 **SECTION 2.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
13 Section 1, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be
14 expended for the respective major objects or purposes of
15 expenditure:

16 **MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:**

17 Personal Services:

18 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$	3,680,358.00
19 Travel and Subsistence.....		135,050.00
20 Contractual Services.....		6,390,637.00
21 Commodities.....		605,685.00
22 Capital Outlay:		
23 Other Than Equipment.....		31,265,000.00
24 Equipment.....		800,000.00
25 Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....		<u>3,210,000.00</u>

26 Total..... \$ 46,086,730.00

27 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

28	Permanent:	Full Time.....	68
29		Part Time.....	0
30	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
31		Part Time.....	0

32 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
33 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

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37 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

38 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
39 Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport shall maintain
40 complete accounting and personnel records related to the
41 expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such
42 records shall be in the same format and level of detail as
43 maintained for Fiscal Year 2006. It is further the intention of
44 the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year
45 2008 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee
46 in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level
47 of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2007 budget request
48 process.

49 **SECTION 4.** In the event of a natural disaster or other major
50 catastrophe whereby the expenditure of funds above the limits
51 contained herein are deemed necessary to rapidly repair or restore
52 port facilities, the Port Authority and the Mississippi
53 Development Authority, with the approval of the Department of
54 Finance and Administration, may escalate expenditures under
55 Section 1 and the major objects contained in Section 2. However,
56 no escalation shall be authorized until source and availability of
57 such funds is shown.

58 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
59 Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport is hereby authorized
60 to escalate and expend funds from any source in accordance with
61 applicable rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and
62 Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of
63 federal funds.

64 **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
65 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
66 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
67 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
68 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
69 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
70 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
71 made without competitive bids.

72 **SECTION 7.** The money appropriated under the provisions of
73 Section 1 shall be disbursed upon bank checks signed by the proper
74 person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

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

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

X (SIGNED)
Stringer

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Broomfield

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

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