

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MADAM PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3006: Appropriation; Ethics Comm.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

- 1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
- 2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

4 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
5 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
6 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of
7 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Ethics Commission for
8 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007
9 \$ 556,049.00.

10 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
11 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Budget
12 Contingency Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of
13 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Ethics Commission for
14 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30,
15 2007.....\$ 16,000.00.

16 **SECTION 3.** With the funds appropriated under the provisions
17 of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

18 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

19 Permanent:	Full Time.....	8
20	Part Time.....	0
21 Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
22	Part Time.....	0

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

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28 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

29 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
30 Mississippi Ethics Commission shall maintain complete accounting
31 and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds
32 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the
33 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year
34 2006. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the
35 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2008 shall be submitted to
36 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
37 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
38 during the Fiscal Year 2007 budget request process.

39 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
40 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
41 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
42 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
43 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
44 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
45 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
46 made without competitive bids.

47 **SECTION 6.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
48 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
49 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
50 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
51 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the

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

53 **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from

54 and after July 1, 2006.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

X (SIGNED)
Gordon

X (SIGNED)
Little

X (SIGNED)
Dearing

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

X (SIGNED)
Stringer

X (SIGNED)
Coleman (29th)

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