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. 3014: Appropriation; IHL - MSU -Agriculture & Forestry Exp. Station.

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

- 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:

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 support and
8	maintenance of the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry
9	Experiment Station for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and
10	ending June 30, 2007\$ 19,894,009.00.
11	SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
12	necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special
13	source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available
14	for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi
15	Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station for the fiscal year
16	beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007
17	\$ 7,024,214.00.
18	SECTION 3. No general funds authorized to be expended herein
19	shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds
20	which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions
21	of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.
22	SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that if
23	the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act are used directly
24	or indirectly to match or otherwise secure any federal grants,
25	research grants or donations, such special source funds not

26	classified as current restricted funds shall be added an	d	
27	accounted for under Section 2 of this act. Further, it	is the	
28	intention of the Legislature that all such aforementione	d special	
29	source funds be included in all reports and requests for	the 2006	
30	Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.		
31	SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature	that the	
32	agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2008 shall be su	bmitted to	
33	the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and l	evel of	
34	detail comparable to the format and level of detail prov	ided	
35	during the Fiscal Year 2007 budget request process.		
36	SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2,	One	
37	Million Two Hundred Seventy-two Thousand Six Hundred Sev	enty-seven	
38	Dollars (\$1,272,677.00) shall be derived from the Educat	ion	
39	Enhancement Fund from funds deposited pursuant to Section	ns	
40	27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.		
41	SECTION 7. In compliance with the "Mississippi Per	formance	
42	Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the in	tent of	
43	the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be	utilized	
44	in the most efficient and effective manner possible to a	chieve the	
45	intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,		
46	this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted		
47	performance measures provided below:		
48		FY07	
49	Performance Measures	<u>Target</u>	
50	Globally Competitive Agric Sys		
51	Number of Scientist FTE (Scientist Years)	56.50	
52	Research Publications (Publications)	488.30	
53	Appropriated Funds & Extramural Funds (Ratio)	0.40	
54	Safe & Secure Food & Fiber Sys		
55	Number of Scientist FTE (Scientist Years)	2.88	
56	Research Publications (Publications)	19.00	
57	Appropriated Funds & Extramural Funds (Ratio)	0.35	

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58	Healthy/w-nourished Population	
59	Number of Scientist FTE (Scientist Years) 0.	95
60	Research Publications (Publications) 12.	35
61	Appropriated Funds & Extramural Funds (Ratio) 0.	44
62	Protecting Natural Res/environ	
63	Number of Scientist FTE (Scientist Years) 10.	26
64	Research Publications (Publications) 49.	00
65	Appropriated Funds & Extramural Funds (Ratio) 0.	44
66	Enhanced Econ Opportunity & Qol	
67	Number of Scientist FTE (Scientist Years) 2.	00
68	Research Publications (Publications) 18.	05
69	Appropriated Funds & Extramural Funds (Ratio) 0.	12
70	Support Services	
71	Number of Scientist FTE (Scientist Years) 93.	40
72	Research Publications (Publications) 587.	00
73	Appropriated Funds & Extramural Funds (Ratio) .	51
74	A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets	
75	set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in t	he
76	agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budge	:t
77	Committee for Fiscal Year 2008.	
78	SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that	
79	whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the	ıe
80	purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things	
81	stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,	
82	quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind	
83	shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given	to
84	the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are	
85	made without competitive bids.	
86	SECTION 9. It is legislative intent to ensure beneficial	
87	information reaches as many Mississippians as possible. Further	•
88	it is legislative intent that the expenditure of public funds for	r
89	this purpose be accomplished in an efficient and effective manne	r.

- 90 Therefore, state agencies as standard procedure, will observe 91 the following criteria:
- 92 (1) Develop goals and desired result for a campaign.
- 93 (2) Evaluate effectiveness through respected advertising
- 94 standards, including market reach and cost effectiveness.
- 95 (3) Seek public service announcements, which would be aired
- 96 by media without cost.
- 97 (4) Itemize and justify professional assistance and related
- 98 expenses for creative and production costs outside of the actual
- 99 media expenditures.
- 100 (5) Utilize Mississippi owned media companies when feasible.
- 101 **SECTION 10.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
- 102 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
- 103 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
- 104 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
- 105 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
- 106 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.
- 107 **SECTION 11.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 108 and after July 1, 2006.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

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