

**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. 3015: Appropriation; IHL - MSU -Cooperative Extension Service.

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:

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 Cooperative Extension Service for  
9 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007  
10 ..... \$       22,545,013.00.

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 Cooperative Extension Service for the fiscal year beginning  
16 July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007..... \$       15,020,060.00.

17           **SECTION 3.** No general funds authorized to be expended herein  
18 shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds  
19 which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions  
20 of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

21           **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
22 Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service provide programs in the  
23 emphasis areas of Agriculture, Home Economics, 4-H and Community  
24 Resource Development in each county.

25           **SECTION 5.** No part of the funds appropriated or authorized  
26 to be expended hereby shall be spent directly or indirectly for  
27 payment of attorneys' fees for the services of any attorney who  
28 was not employed by the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service  
29 pursuant to the express authorization of the Board of Trustees of  
30 Institutions of Higher Learning prior to performance of such legal  
31 services.

32           **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
33 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2008 shall be submitted to  
34 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of  
35 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided  
36 during the Fiscal Year 2007 budget request process.

37           **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that if  
38 the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act are used directly  
39 or indirectly to match or otherwise secure any federal grants,  
40 research grants or donations, such special source funds not  
41 classified as current restricted funds shall be added and  
42 accounted for under Section 2 of this act. Further, it is the  
43 intention of the Legislature that all such aforementioned special  
44 source funds be included in all reports and requests for the 2007  
45 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

46           **SECTION 8.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One  
47 Million Sixty-four Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-five Dollars  
48 (\$1,064,855.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement  
49 Fund from funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and  
50 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

51           **SECTION 9.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance  
52 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of  
53 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized  
54 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the  
55 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,

56 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted  
57 performance measures provided below:

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59	<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
60	Agric & Natural Resources	
61	Published Information (Items)	2,783
62	Mass Media Exposure (Items)	2,890
63	Educational Contacts (Persons)	830,000
64	Cost per Educational Contact (\$)	25.32
65	Family & Consumer Education	
66	Published Information (Items)	2,202
67	Educational Contacts (Persons)	767,500
68	Cost per Educational Contact (\$)	7.13
69	Enterprise & Community Res Dev	
70	Educational Contacts (Persons)	170,000
71	Cost per Educational Contact (\$)	10.16
72	4-H Youth Development	
73	Educational Contacts (Persons)	620,000
74	Cost per Educational Contact (\$)	11.16

75 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets  
76 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the  
77 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget  
78 Committee for Fiscal Year 2008.

79 **SECTION 10.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
80 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
81 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
82 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
83 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
84 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
85 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
86 made without competitive bids.

87           **SECTION 11.** It is legislative intent to ensure beneficial  
88 information reaches as many Mississippians as possible. Further,  
89 it is legislative intent that the expenditure of public funds for  
90 this purpose be accomplished in an efficient and effective manner.

91           Therefore, state agencies as standard procedure, will observe  
92 the following criteria:

93           (1) Develop goals and desired result for a campaign.

94           (2) Evaluate effectiveness through respected advertising  
95 standards, including market reach and cost effectiveness.

96           (3) Seek public service announcements, which would be aired  
97 by media without cost.

98           (4) Itemize and justify professional assistance and related  
99 expenses for creative and production costs outside of the actual  
100 media expenditures.

101           (5) Utilize Mississippi owned media companies when feasible.

102           **SECTION 12.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
103 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
104 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
105 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
106 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
107 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

108           **SECTION 13.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
109 and after July 1, 2006.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

X (SIGNED)  
Gordon

X (SIGNED)  
Chaney

X (SIGNED)  
Moffatt

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

X (SIGNED)  
Stringer

X (SIGNED)  
Eaton

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Miles