

**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. 3020: Appropriation; Univ. Med. Cen. - Consol.

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 purpose of  
8 defraying the expenses of The University of Mississippi Medical  
9 Center for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending  
10 June 30, 2007..... \$ 175,635,021.00.

11           **SECTION 2.** The following sum of money, or so much thereof as  
12 may be necessary, is hereby authorized and approved for  
13 expenditure out of the proceeds derived from patient fees, student  
14 fees or any other special source funds which are collected by or  
15 otherwise become available, for the support and maintenance of The  
16 University of Mississippi Medical Center for the fiscal year  
17 beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007.....  
18 ..... \$ 580,618,854.00.

19           **SECTION 3.** Any escalations shall be made in accordance with  
20 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law.

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24 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

25           **SECTION 4.** With the funds appropriated and authorized for  
26 expenditure under the provisions of Section 1 and Section 2, the

27 University of Mississippi Medical Center shall maintain the School  
28 of Medicine, the School of Dentistry, the School of Nursing, the  
29 School of Health Related Professions, the Teaching Hospital and  
30 the Medical Center Service Area. The University of Mississippi  
31 Medical Center shall prepare and make available to the Legislature  
32 an accounting of expenditures for each of the divisions listed in  
33 this section at the beginning of the legislative session.

34 **SECTION 5.** Due to critical nurse shortages and staffing, it  
35 is the intention of the Legislature to enhance recognition of  
36 excellence and expand the experience factor in attracting  
37 qualified registered nurses.

38 **SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, and the  
39 funds authorized to be expended in Section 2, none may be used to  
40 provide medical services on behalf of any state agency,  
41 institution or political subdivision, except to the extent that  
42 such agency, institution or political subdivision reimburses the  
43 hospital for the cost of the services provided. Upon the  
44 rendering of medical services to any such agency, institution or  
45 political subdivision, the hospital shall issue an invoice for the  
46 charges which shall be paid within ninety (90) days. In the event  
47 that payment is not made within ninety (90) days, the hospital  
48 shall discontinue providing services to that agency, institution,  
49 or political subdivision until all outstanding charges have been  
50 paid.

51 **SECTION 7.** Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and  
52 paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be  
53 in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of  
54 Mississippi and Section 25-4-103, Mississippi Code of 1972.

55 **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
56 University of Mississippi Medical Center's budget request for  
57 Fiscal Year 2008 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative  
58 Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the

59 format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2007  
60 budget request process.

61       **SECTION 9.** Of the funds authorized for expenditure in  
62 Section 2, Three Million Eight Hundred Fifty-four Thousand Eight  
63 Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$3,854,830.00) shall be derived from the  
64 Education Enhancement Fund from funds deposited pursuant to  
65 Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

66       **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
67 of Section 2, Three Million One Hundred One Thousand One Hundred  
68 Fifteen Dollars (\$3,101,115.00) shall be derived from the Health  
69 Care Expendable Fund created in Section 43-13-407, Mississippi  
70 Code of 1972, for the support and maintenance of the University of  
71 Mississippi Medical Center.

72       **SECTION 11.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
73 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
74 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
75 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
76 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
77 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
78 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
79 made without competitive bids.

80       **SECTION 12.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the sum  
81 of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated  
82 from The University of Mississippi Medical Center Cancer Institute  
83 fund number 3283, to defray the cost of the Cancer Institute  
84 during Fiscal Year 2007, as authorized in House Bill No. 1 of the  
85 2005 Second Extraordinary Session.

86       **SECTION 13.** It is the intention of the Legislature, that  
87 with the funds provided in this act a salary increase in the  
88 amount of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) per full-time  
89 equivalent shall be awarded to all nursing faculty of the  
90 University Medical Center effective July 1, 2006.

91           **SECTION 14.** It is legislative intent to ensure beneficial  
92 information reaches as many Mississippians as possible. Further,  
93 it is legislative intent that the expenditure of public funds for  
94 this purpose be accomplished in an efficient and effective manner.

95           Therefore, state agencies as standard procedure, will observe  
96 the following criteria:

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

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

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

102           (4) Itemize and justify professional assistance and related  
103 expenses for creative and production costs outside of the actual  
104 media expenditures.

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

106           **SECTION 15.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
107 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
108 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
109 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
110 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
111 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

112           **SECTION 16.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
113 and after July 1, 2006.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

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CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

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