REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MADAM PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3031: Appropriation; Animal Health Board.

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 Mississippi Board of Animal Health
9	for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending
10	June 30, 2007\$ 1,236,196.00.
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 Board
15	of Animal Health, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and
16	ending June 30, 2007\$ 668,642.00.
17	SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
18	Sections 1 and 2, the following positions are authorized:
19	AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:
20	Permanent: Full Time 22
21	Part Time 0
22	Time-Limited: Full Time 4
23	Part Time 0
24	Funds are provided herein to adjust the Variable Compensation
25	Plan to ensure that all full-time employees receive a pay increase
26	equal to the realignment component of the Variable Compensation
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Plan or Fifteen Hundred Dollars ($1,500.00), whichever is greater,
with not more than one-half (1/2) to be awarded on July 1, 2006,
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29 with the remainder to be awarded on January 1, 2007.

30 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of 31 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to 32 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2008 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2007 33 34 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2008 budget by the 35 36 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall 37 38 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this 39 40 It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual 41 42 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2007 appropriation for "Personal 43 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds. 44 If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal 45 Services, " the State Personnel Board determines that the agency 46 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2007 "Personal Services" 47 48 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which 49 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation

requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with

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the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written

approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions

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- 59 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
- 60 appropriated level.
- No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be 61
- 62 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are
- 63 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this
- 64 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.
- SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the 65
- Executive Director of the Mississippi Board of Animal Health may 66
- authorize increases in other objects of expenditure in total 67
- 68 amounts not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the
- appropriated amount of each major object of expenditure, provided 69
- that other major objects of expenditure are decreased by a 70
- corresponding dollar amount. However, no transfers shall be 71
- 72 authorized which increase the major object of expenditure
- 73 "Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits."
- 74 SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that
- 75 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
- purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things 76
- 77 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
- 78 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
- 79 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
- 80 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
- 81 made without competitive bids.
- It is legislative intent to ensure beneficial 82
- 83 information reaches as many Mississippians as possible.
- it is legislative intent that the expenditure of public funds for 84
- 85 this purpose be accomplished in an efficient and effective manner.
- Therefore, state agencies as standard procedure, will observe 86
- 87 the following criteria:
- 88 Develop goals and desired result for a campaign.
- (2) Evaluate effectiveness through respected advertising 89
- 90 standards, including market reach and cost effectiveness.

- (3) Seek public service announcements, which would be aired 91 92 by media without cost.
- Itemize and justify professional assistance and related 93 94 expenses for creative and production costs outside of the actual 95 media expenditures.
- (5) Utilize Mississippi owned media companies when feasible. 96

97 SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the 98 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon 99 100 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal 101 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law. 102

103 SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from 104 and after July 1, 2006.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

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