

## REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

**MR. SPEAKER AND MADAM PRESIDENT:**

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

H. B. No. 1660: Appropriation; Veterans Memorial Stadium Commission.

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

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate 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 Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Veterans Memorial  
8 Stadium Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the  
9 Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium Commission for the fiscal  
10 year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008.....  
11 ..... \$           1,542,078.00.

12           In addition to the funds appropriated herein, the Mississippi  
13 Veterans Memorial Stadium Commission is hereby authorized to  
14 disburse to participating institutions, agencies or departments  
15 their shares or divisions of gate receipts.

16           **SECTION 2.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
17 Section 1, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be  
18 expended for the respective major objects or purposes of  
19 expenditure:

20           **MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:**

21           Personal Services:

22                   Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. \$	509,878.00
23                   Travel and Subsistence.....	4,000.00
24                   Contractual Services.....	595,000.00
25                   Commodities.....	350,000.00

26	Capital Outlay:		
27	Other Than Equipment.....		0.00
28	Equipment.....		75,200.00
29	Vehicles.....		0.00
30	Wireless Communication Devices.....		5,000.00
31	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....		<u>3,000.00</u>
32	Total.....	\$	1,542,078.00

33 FUNDING:

34	General Funds.....	\$	0.00
35	Special Funds.....		<u>1,542,078.00</u>
36	Total.....	\$	1,542,078.00

37 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

38	Permanent:	Full Time.....	9
39		Part Time.....	0
40	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
41		Part Time.....	0

42 Funds are provided herein to adjust the Variable Compensation  
43 Plan to ensure that all full-time employees receive a pay increase  
44 equal to the realignment component of the Variable Compensation  
45 Plan or One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), whichever  
46 is greater, to be awarded on July 1, 2007.

47 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of  
48 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to  
49 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal  
50 Services" for Fiscal Year 2009 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2008  
51 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions  
52 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2008 budget by the  
53 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the  
54 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall  
55 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all  
56 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this  
57 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure

58 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual  
59 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2008 appropriations for "Personal  
60 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds  
61 and educational benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any  
62 action to change "Personal Services", the State Personnel Board  
63 determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause  
64 the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year  
65 2008 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then  
66 only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or  
67 the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State  
68 Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this  
69 provision are met. On January 1, 2008, the State Personnel Board  
70 will make adjustments to the structure side of the compliance  
71 report based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office in  
72 order for agencies to award educational benchmarks.

73 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
74 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
75 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
76 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
77 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
78 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
79 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
80 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
81 appropriated level.

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

86 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
87 Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium Commission shall maintain  
88 complete accounting and personnel records related to the  
89 expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such

90 records shall be in the same format and level of detail as  
91 maintained for Fiscal Year 2007. It is further the intention of  
92 the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year  
93 2009 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee  
94 in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level  
95 of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2008 budget request  
96 process.

97       **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
98 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
99 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
100 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
101 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
102 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
103 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
104 made without competitive bids.

105       **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
106 Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium Commission shall have the  
107 authority to escalate its budget and expend funds from any source  
108 not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) in  
109 accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance  
110 and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of  
111 federal funds.

112       **SECTION 6.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
113 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
114 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
115 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
116 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
117 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

118       **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
119 and after July 1, 2007.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING  
2 THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI VETERANS MEMORIAL STADIUM  
3 COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

X (SIGNED)  
Stringer

X (SIGNED)  
Read

X (SIGNED)  
Middleton

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

X (SIGNED)  
Gordon

X (SIGNED)  
Gollott

X (SIGNED)  
Kirby