

**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. 1661: Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District.

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 authorized and approved for expenditure out  
7 of any funds which are received by or otherwise become available  
8 to the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District, for the purpose  
9 of defraying the expenses of the district for the fiscal year  
10 beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008.....  
11 ..... \$       15,563,912.00.

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

**MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:**

Personal Services:

18	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$	5,110,842.00
19	Travel and Subsistence.....		60,000.00
20	Contractual Services.....		3,022,570.00
21	Commodities.....		849,500.00
22	Capital Outlay:		
23	Other Than Equipment.....		5,156,000.00
24	Equipment.....		345,000.00
25	Vehicles.....		150,000.00

26	Wireless Communication Devices.....	0.00
27	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>870,000.00</u>
28	Total.....	\$ 15,563,912.00

29 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

30	Permanent: Full Time.....	104
31	Part Time.....	8
32	Time-Limited: Full Time.....	1
33	Part Time.....	0

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

39 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of  
40 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to  
41 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal  
42 Services" for Fiscal Year 2009 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2008  
43 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions  
44 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2008 budget by the  
45 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the  
46 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall  
47 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all  
48 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this  
49 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure  
50 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual  
51 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2008 appropriations for "Personal  
52 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds  
53 and educational benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any  
54 action to change "Personal Services", the State Personnel Board  
55 determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause  
56 the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year  
57 2008 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then

58 only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or  
59 the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State  
60 Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this  
61 provision are met. On January 1, 2008, the State Personnel Board  
62 will make adjustments to the structure side of the compliance  
63 report based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office in  
64 order for agencies to award educational benchmarks.

65 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
66 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
67 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
68 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
69 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
70 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
71 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
72 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
73 appropriated level.

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

78 With the funds herein appropriated, funds are included and  
79 authorized in the Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits major object  
80 of expenditure to pay "call back pay" in lieu of "compensatory  
81 time credit," at the discretion of the Director of the Pearl River  
82 Valley Water Supply District, to any employee who must work on a  
83 statutory holiday or any holiday proclaimed by the Governor.

84 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
85 Pearl River Valley Water Supply District shall maintain complete  
86 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all  
87 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be  
88 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal  
89 Year 2007. It is further the intention of the Legislature that

90 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2009 shall be  
91 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format  
92 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail  
93 provided during the Fiscal Year 2008 budget request process.

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

102 **SECTION 5.** The funds herein approved for expenditure, except  
103 and less an amount approved by the State Fiscal Officer which  
104 shall be sufficient to cover disbursements for current operations,  
105 shall be deposited at interest with any official depository of the  
106 state at a rate of interest numerically not less than one percent  
107 (1%) below the bank discount rate on United States Treasury bills  
108 of comparable maturity as determined by the State Treasurer.

109 **SECTION 6.** The Pearl River Valley Water Supply District is  
110 authorized to expend any federal or state funds to repair damage  
111 caused by Hurricane Katrina on the shoreline located between the  
112 Bob Anthony Parkway and the causeway on either public or private  
113 property.

114 **SECTION 7.** The money herein approved for expenditure shall  
115 be disbursed upon bank checks signed by the proper person, officer  
116 or officers, in the manner provided by law or in accordance with  
117 the provisions of a valid trust indenture.

118 **SECTION 8.** 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 APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE  
2 PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE PEARL RIVER VALLEY WATER  
3 SUPPLY DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

X (SIGNED)  
Stringer

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Malone

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

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