

**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. 1677: Appropriation; Real Estate 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 Real Estate License Fund, for the  
8 purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Real Estate  
9 Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending  
10 June 30, 2008..... \$       1,360,359.00.

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

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

Personal Services:

17           Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. \$       801,060.00  
18           Travel and Subsistence.....               70,000.00  
19           Contractual Services.....               404,199.00  
20           Commodities.....                       49,900.00

Capital Outlay:

22           Other Than Equipment.....               0.00  
23           Equipment.....                       27,700.00  
24           Vehicles.....                           0.00  
25           Wireless Communication Devices.....       0.00  
26           Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....           7,500.00

27                   Total..... \$           1,360,359.00

28       AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

29       Permanent:	Full Time.....	15
30	Part Time.....	0
31       Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
32	Part Time.....	0

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

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

59 Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this  
60 provision are met. On January 1, 2008, the State Personnel Board  
61 will make adjustments to the structure side of the compliance  
62 report based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office in  
63 order for agencies to award educational benchmarks.

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

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

77 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
78 Mississippi Real Estate Commission shall maintain complete  
79 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all  
80 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be  
81 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal  
82 Year 2007. It is further the intention of the Legislature that  
83 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2009 shall be  
84 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format  
85 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail  
86 provided during the Fiscal Year 2008 budget request process.

87 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
88 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
89 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
90 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,

91 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
92 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
93 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
94 made without competitive bids.

95 **SECTION 5.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
96 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
97 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
98 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
99 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
100 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

101 **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
102 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 FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE  
2 STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE  
3 MISSISSIPPI REAL ESTATE COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

X (SIGNED)  
Stringer

X (SIGNED)  
Read

X (SIGNED)  
Denny

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

X (SIGNED)  
Gordon

X (SIGNED)  
Gollott

X (SIGNED)  
Moffatt