

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. 1682: Appropriation; District Attorneys and staff.

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:

6 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
7 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
8 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying
9 salaries and travel expenses of district attorneys and assistant
10 district attorneys of the state and paying office expenses of
11 district attorneys for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and
12 ending June 30, 2008..... \$ 16,177,039.00.

13 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
14 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
15 Prosecutor Compensation Fund, referred to in Section 99-19-73,
16 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of paying salaries of
17 assistant district attorneys of the state as authorized in Section
18 25-31-5(1) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending
19 June 30, 2008..... \$ 546,750.00.

20 **SECTION 3.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
21 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in Fund No. 3088 in
22 the State Treasury, for the purpose of defraying the office
23 expenses of those five (5) District Attorneys eligible to receive
24 Hurricane Relief Sub-grant Funds, for the fiscal year beginning
25 July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008.....
26 \$ 878,223.00.

27 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated herein, not more than
28 the amounts set forth below shall be expended for the respective
29 purposes:

30 (a) Salaries and travel expenses of district attorneys,
31 assistant district attorneys and criminal investigators of the
32 state:

33	Salaries.....	\$16,183,433.00
34	Travel Expenses.....	377,505.00
35	Tort Claims Assessment.....	\$ 47,074.00

36 None of the funds authorized in this section shall be used to
37 reimburse district attorneys or their staff for taxable meals
38 incurred within their geographical district.

39 (b) Office expenses of district attorneys as authorized
40 by Section 25-31-8, Mississippi Code of 1972.....
41 \$ 994,000.00.

42 **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, office
43 expenses and such funds for salaries shall be provided as
44 authorized in Section 25-3-35(6), Mississippi Code of 1972, to
45 fund the salary for one (1) full-time legal assistant in the Sixth
46 Circuit Court District as authorized in Section 25-31-5(2)(f),
47 Mississippi Code of 1972.

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

54 **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
55 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 PAYING
2 SALARIES AND TRAVEL EXPENSES OF DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND ASSISTANT
3 DISTRICT ATTORNEYS OF THE STATE AND PAYING OFFICE EXPENSES OF
4 DISTRICT ATTORNEYS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

X (SIGNED)
Stringer

X (SIGNED)
Coleman (29th)

X (SIGNED)
Banks

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

X (SIGNED)
Gordon

X (SIGNED)
Walls

X (SIGNED)
Lee (35th)