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. 1688: Appropriation; Library 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	General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and
8	maintenance of the Mississippi Library Commission and for carrying
9	out the provisions of Section 39-3-107, Mississippi Code of 1972,
10	for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending
11	June 30, 2008\$ 13,072,288.00.
12	SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
13	necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special
14	fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi
15	Library Commission which is comprised of special source funds
16	collected by or otherwise available to the commission, for the
17	purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission for the fiscal
18	year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008
19	\$ 2,696,443.00.
20	SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
21	Section 1 and Section 2, not more than the amounts set forth below
22	shall be expended for the respective major objects or purposes of
23	expenditure:
24	MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:
25	Personal Services:

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27	Travel and Subsistence	25,000.00	
28	Contractual Services	967,680.00	
29	Commodities	197,695.00	
30	Capital Outlay:		
31	Other Than Equipment	0.00	
32	Equipment	21,500.00	
33	Vehicles	0.00	
34	Wireless Communication Devices	0.00	
35	Subsidies, Loans and Grants	12,048,653.00	
36	Total\$	15,768,731.00	
37	FUNDING:		
38	General Funds\$	13,072,288.00	
39	Special Funds	2,696,443.00	
40	Total\$	15,768,731.00	
41	AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:		
42	Permanent: Full Time		
43	Part Time		
44	Time-Limited: Full Time		
45	Part Time0		
46	Funds are provided herein to adjust the Variab	le Compensation	
47	Plan to ensure that all full-time employees receive	a pay increase	
48	equal to the realignment component of the Variable (Compensation	
49	Plan or One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), whichever	
50	is greater, to be awarded on July 1, 2007.		
51	With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of		
52	the Legislature that it shall be the agency's respon	nsibility to	
53	make certain that funds required to be appropriated	for "Personal	
54	Services" for Fiscal Year 2009 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2008		
55	funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions		
56	are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2008 budget by the		
57	Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the		
58	Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board	d shall	

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determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all 59 60 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this 61 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual 62 63 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2008 appropriations for "Personal 64 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds 65 and educational benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services", the State Personnel Board 66 determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause 67 68 the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 69 2008 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then 70 only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State 71 Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this 72 provision are met. On January 1, 2008, the State Personnel Board 73 74 will make adjustments to the structure side of the compliance 75 report based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office in order for agencies to award educational benchmarks. 76

77 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with 78 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or 79 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State 80 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written 81 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written 82 83 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the 84 85 appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available. 90 Funds to be distributed to eligible public library systems 91 under the Personnel Incentive Grants Program shall be paid 92 quarterly in advance on or before September 30, December 31, March 93 31 and June 30.

94 SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the 95 Mississippi Library Commission shall maintain complete accounting 96 and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the 97 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 98 99 2007. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the 100 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2009 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of 101 102 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided 103 during the Fiscal Year 2008 budget request process.

104 SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of 105 Section 2, Four Hundred Ninety-three Thousand Eight Hundred 106 Forty-seven Dollars (\$493,847.00) shall be derived from the 107 Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 108 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 6. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

116 FY2008 Performance Measures 117 Target 118 Administrative Services 119 Average Cost of Administering per Grant (\$) 250 120 Executive Director's Office 121 Public Libraries Visited (Actions) 50 * HR05/ OHB1688CR. 1J* 07/HR05/HB1688CR.1J (H)AP (S)AP PAGE 4 A1/2

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122 Library Aid

123	Grants Provided (Grants)	250
124	MAGNOLIA Database searches (Queries)	6,300,000
125	Network Services	
126	Cost per hour for technical consulting (\$)	45
127	Public Services	
128	Attendees satisfaction rating of Continuing	
129	Education Program (% of Approval)	96
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A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2009.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Library Commission shall have the authority to escalate its budget and expend funds from any source not to exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated herein, not less than One Million Three Hundred Four Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-four Dollars (\$1,304,974.00) shall be expended for the Magnolia Database.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the 144 145 Executive Director of the Mississippi Library Commission may 146 increase major objects of expenditure in total amounts not to 147 exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the appropriated amount of each major object of expenditure, provided that other major 148 149 objects of expenditure are decreased by a corresponding dollar amount and provided the Executive Director of the Mississippi 150 151 Department of Finance and Administration also approves with written authorization. However, no transfers shall be authorized 152

153 which increase the major object of expenditure "Salaries, Wages 154 and Fringe Benefits."

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated herein, Three Million Four Hundred Forty-eight Thousand Five Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$3,448,512.00) is provided for the cost of health insurance for all full-time library staff members in each public library in Mississippi.

160 SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that 161 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the 162 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things 163 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind 164 165 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to 166 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are 167 made without competitive bids.

SECTION 12. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

174 **SECTION 13.** This act shall take effect and be in force from 175 and after July 1, 2007.

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

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1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND 2 MAINTENANCE OF THE MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL 3 YEAR 2008.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE	CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE
X (SIGNED)	X (SIGNED)
Stringer	Gordon
X (SIGNED)	X (SIGNED)
Brown	Dearing
X (SIGNED)	X (SIGNED)
Straughter	Lee (47th)