

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. 1692: Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument 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 purpose of
8 defraying the expenses of the Grand Gulf Military Monument
9 Commission in the operation and maintenance of the Grand Gulf
10 Military Monument for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and
11 ending June 30, 2008..... \$ 267,021.00.

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 Grand Gulf
15 Military Monument Commission, for the purpose of defraying the
16 expenses of the commission in the operation and maintenance of the
17 Grand Gulf Military Monument for the fiscal year beginning
18 July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008..... \$ 86,902.00.

19 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
20 Sections 1 and 2, the following positions are authorized:

21 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

22	Permanent:	Full Time.....	7
23		Part Time.....	2
24	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
25		Part Time.....	0

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

31 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of
32 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to
33 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal
34 Services" for Fiscal Year 2009 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2008
35 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions
36 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2008 budget by the
37 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the
38 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall
39 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all
40 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this
41 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure
42 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual
43 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2008 appropriations for "Personal
44 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds
45 and educational benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any
46 action to change "Personal Services", the State Personnel Board
47 determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause
48 the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year
49 2008 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then
50 only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or
51 the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State
52 Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this
53 provision are met. On January 1, 2008, the State Personnel Board
54 will make adjustments to the structure side of the compliance
55 report based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office in
56 order for agencies to award educational benchmarks.

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

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

70 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
71 Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission shall maintain complete
72 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all
73 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be
74 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal
75 Year 2007. It is further the intention of the Legislature that
76 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2009 shall be
77 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format
78 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail
79 provided during the Fiscal Year 2008 budget request process.

80 **SECTION 5.** It shall be unlawful for any officer, employee or
81 other person whatsoever to use or permit or authorize the use of
82 any automobile or any other motor vehicle owned by the State of
83 Mississippi or any department, agency or institution thereof for
84 any purpose other than upon the official business of the State of
85 Mississippi or any agency, department or institution thereof.

86 It is the intent of the Legislature that motor vehicles
87 authorized to be owned and operated by this agency shall comply
88 with Sections 25-1-77 through 25-1-93, Mississippi Code of 1972.

89 **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
90 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
91 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
92 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
93 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
94 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
95 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
96 made without competitive bids.

97 **SECTION 7.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
98 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
99 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
100 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
101 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
102 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

103 **SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
104 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 GRAND GULF MILITARY MONUMENT COMMISSION FOR
3 THE FISCAL YEAR 2008.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

X (SIGNED)
Stringer

X (SIGNED)
Gordon

X (SIGNED)
Broomfield

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Middleton

X (SIGNED)
Lee (47th)