

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. 1694: Appropriation; Mississippi River Parkway 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, to the Mississippi River
8 Parkway Commission for the purpose of defraying the expenses of
9 the commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and
10 ending June 30, 2008..... \$ 25,800.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
12 Mississippi River Parkway Commission shall maintain complete
13 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all
14 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be
15 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal
16 Year 2007. It is further the intention of the Legislature that
17 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2009 shall be
18 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format
19 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail
20 provided during the Fiscal Year 2008 budget request process.

21 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
22 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
23 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
24 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
25 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind

26 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
27 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
28 made without competitive bids.

29 **SECTION 4.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
30 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
31 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
32 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
33 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
34 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

35 **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
36 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 TO THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER
2 PARKWAY COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF
3 THE COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008.

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