

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

**MADAM PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:**

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3117: Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

- 1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
- 2. That the Senate and House 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 expenses of the  
9 Executive Department, being the Governor's office and staff, for  
10 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008,  
11 ..... \$           1,912,767.00.

12           **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
13 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
14 Treasury to the credit of the Governor's Office for the purpose of  
15 defraying the expenses incurred by the Executive Department, being  
16 the Governor's office and staff, for the fiscal year beginning  
17 July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008.....\$           1,092,117.00.

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

20    AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

21           Permanent:	Full Time.....	32
22	Part Time.....	1
23           Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	7
24	Part Time.....	0

25           Any escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms,  
26 conditions, and procedures established by law.

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30 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

31 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
32 Section 2, Four Hundred Forty Thousand Three Hundred Seven Dollars  
33 (\$440,307.00) shall be derived from the Budget Contingency Fund  
34 created in Section 27-103-301, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the  
35 purpose of defraying the expenses of the Governor's Office -  
36 Support.

37 **SECTION 5.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
38 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
39 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for expenses incidental  
40 to the proper operation of the Governor's Mansion and residence of  
41 the Governor for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and  
42 ending June 30, 2008..... \$ 387,260.00.

43 **SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
44 Section 5, the following positions are authorized:

45 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

46	Permanent:	Full Time.....	4
47		Part Time.....	1
48	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
49		Part Time.....	0

50 Any escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms,  
51 conditions, and procedures established by law.

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

56 **SECTION 7.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
57 necessary is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Budget  
58 Contingency Fund created in Section 27-103-301, Mississippi Code

59 of 1972, not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of the  
60 Mississippi Governor's Mansion for the fiscal year beginning  
61 July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008..... \$ 335,471.00.

62 **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
63 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
64 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
65 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
66 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
67 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
68 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
69 made without competitive bids.

70 **SECTION 9.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
71 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
72 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
73 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
74 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
75 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

76 **SECTION 10.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
77 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 EXPENSES OF THE EXECUTIVE  
2 DEPARTMENT, BEING THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND STAFF, AND FOR  
3 EXPENSES INCIDENTAL TO THE PROPER OPERATION OF THE GOVERNOR'S  
4 MANSION AND RESIDENCE OF THE GOVERNOR, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

X (SIGNED)  
Gordon

X (SIGNED)  
Stringer

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Thames

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Flaggs

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Little

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Gibbs