

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. 3121: Appropriation; Alcorn State-Agricultural Programs.

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:

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 Alcorn State University Agricultural Programs
9 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending
10 June 30, 2008..... \$ 4,754,590.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
12 necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special
13 source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available,
14 for the support and maintenance of the Alcorn State University
15 Agricultural Programs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007,
16 and ending June 30, 2008..... \$ 21,097.00.

17 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2,
18 Twenty-one Thousand Ninety-seven Dollars (\$21,097.00) shall be
19 derived from funds in the Education Enhancement Fund deposited
20 pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of
21 1972.

22 **SECTION 4.** No general funds authorized to be expended herein
23 shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds
24 which are being used for salaries which are withdrawn and no
25 longer available.

26 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
27 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2009 shall be submitted to
28 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
29 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
30 during the Fiscal Year 2008 budget request process.

31 **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
32 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
33 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
34 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
35 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
36 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
37 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
38 made without competitive bids.

39 **SECTION 7.** It is legislative intent to ensure beneficial
40 information reaches as many Mississippians as possible. Further,
41 it is legislative intent that the expenditure of public funds for
42 this purpose be accomplished in an efficient and effective manner.

43 Therefore, state agencies as standard procedure, will observe
44 the following criteria:

45 (1) Develop goals and desired result for a campaign.

46 (2) Evaluate effectiveness through respected advertising
47 standards, including market reach and cost effectiveness.

48 (3) Seek public service announcements, which would be aired
49 by media without cost.

50 (4) Itemize and justify professional assistance and related
51 expenses for creative and production costs outside of the actual
52 media expenditures.

53 (5) Utilize Mississippi owned media companies when feasible.

54 **SECTION 8.** Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2, an
55 amount of Three Hundred Fifty-five Thousand One Hundred Eighty
56 Dollars (\$355,180.00) shall be used for The Mississippi Natural
57 Products Association, Inc.

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

64 **SECTION 10.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
65 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 SUPPORT AND
2 MAINTENANCE OF THE ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS
3 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

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