

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. 3122: Appropriation; IHL - MSU -Agriculture & Forestry Exp. Station.

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 Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry
9 Experiment Station for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and
10 ending June 30, 2008..... \$ 22,426,431.00.

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 purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi
15 Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station for the fiscal year
16 beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008.....
17 \$ 6,813,950.00.

18 **SECTION 3.** No general funds authorized to be expended herein
19 shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds
20 which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions
21 of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

22 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that if
23 the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act are used directly
24 or indirectly to match or otherwise secure any federal grants,
25 research grants or donations, such special source funds not

26 classified as current restricted funds shall be added and
 27 accounted for under Section 2 of this act. Further, it is the
 28 intention of the Legislature that all such aforementioned special
 29 source funds be included in all reports and requests for the 2006
 30 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

31 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
 32 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2009 shall be submitted to
 33 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
 34 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
 35 during the Fiscal Year 2008 budget request process.

36 **SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One
 37 Million Two Hundred Seventy-two Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-seven
 38 Dollars (\$1,272,677.00) shall be derived from the Education
 39 Enhancement Fund from funds deposited pursuant to Sections
 40 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

41 **SECTION 7.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
 42 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
 43 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized
 44 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the
 45 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,
 46 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted
 47 performance measures provided below:

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<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
Globally Competitive Agric Sy	
Number of Scientist FTE (Scientist Years)	49.72
Research Publications (Publications)	370.00
Appropriated Funds & Extramural Funds (Ratio)	0.46
Safe & Secure Food & Fiber Sy	
Number of Scientist FTE (Scientist Years)	4.12
Research Publications (Publications)	43.00
Appropriated Funds & Extramural Funds (Ratio)	0.26

58	Healthy/w-nourished Population	
59	Number of Scientist FTE (Scientist Years)	0.34
60	Research Publications (Publications)	65.00
61	Appropriated Funds & Extramural Funds (Ratio)	2.15
62	Protecting Natural Res/environ	
63	Number of Scientist FTE (Scientist Years)	7.33
64	Research Publications (Publications)	52.00
65	Appropriated Funds & Extramural Funds (Ratio)	0.59
66	Enhanced Econ Opportunity & Qol	
67	Number of Scientist FTE (Scientist Years)	1.81
68	Research Publications (Publications)	22.00
69	Appropriated Funds & Extramural Funds (Ratio)	0.19
70	Support Services	
71	Number of Scientist FTE (Scientist Years)	82.21
72	Research Publications (Publications)	522.00
73	Appropriated Funds & Extramural Funds (Ratio)	0.99
74	A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets	
75	set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the	
76	agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget	
77	Committee for Fiscal Year 2009.	

78 **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
79 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
80 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
81 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
82 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
83 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
84 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
85 made without competitive bids.

86 **SECTION 9.** It is legislative intent to ensure beneficial
87 information reaches as many Mississippians as possible. Further,
88 it is legislative intent that the expenditure of public funds for
89 this purpose be accomplished in an efficient and effective manner.

90 Therefore, state agencies as standard procedure, will observe
91 the following criteria:

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

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

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

97 (4) Itemize and justify professional assistance and related
98 expenses for creative and production costs outside of the actual
99 media expenditures.

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

101 **SECTION 10.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
102 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
103 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
104 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
105 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
106 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

107 **SECTION 11.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
108 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 MISSISSIPPI AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY
3 EXPERIMENT STATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

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