

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. 3124: Appropriation; Forest & Wildlife Research.

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.** That the following sum, or so much thereof as may
6 be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
7 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees
8 of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of paying
9 the expenses incurred in the operation and maintenance of the
10 Forest and Wildlife Research Center for the fiscal year beginning
11 July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008..... \$ 5,849,152.00.

12 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
13 necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special
14 source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available
15 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Forest and
16 Wildlife Research Center, for the fiscal year beginning
17 July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008..... \$ 1,083,342.00.

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21 of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.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 restricted funds shall be added and accounted for

27 under Section 2 of this act. Further, it is the intention of the
28 Legislature that all such aforementioned special source funds be
29 included in all reports and requests for the 2008 Regular Session
30 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, Two
37 Hundred Seventy-six Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-three Dollars
38 (\$276,253.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund
39 from funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and
40 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

41 **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
42 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
43 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
44 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
45 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
46 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
47 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
48 made without competitive bids.

49 **SECTION 8.** It is legislative intent to ensure beneficial
50 information reaches as many Mississippians as possible. Further,
51 it is legislative intent that the expenditure of public funds for
52 this purpose be accomplished in an efficient and effective manner.

53 Therefore, state agencies as standard procedure, will observe
54 the following criteria:

- 55 (1) Develop goals and desired result for a campaign.
56 (2) Evaluate effectiveness through respected advertising
57 standards, including market reach and cost effectiveness.

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

60 (4) Itemize and justify professional assistance and related
61 expenses for creative and production costs outside of the actual
62 media expenditures.

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

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

70 **SECTION 10.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
71 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 INCURRED IN THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE
3 FOREST AND WILDLIFE RESEARCH CENTER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

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