

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. 3128: Appropriation; Univ. Med. Cen. - Consol.

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 purpose of
8 defraying the expenses of The University of Mississippi Medical
9 Center for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending
10 June 30, 2008..... \$ 218,859,912.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** The following sum of money, or so much thereof as
12 may be necessary, is hereby authorized and approved for
13 expenditure out of the proceeds derived from patient fees, student
14 fees or any other special source funds which are collected by or
15 otherwise become available, for the support and maintenance of The
16 University of Mississippi Medical Center for the fiscal year
17 beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008.....
18 \$ 636,427,375.00.

19 **SECTION 3.** Any escalations shall be made in accordance with
20 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law.

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24 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

25 **SECTION 4.** With the funds appropriated and authorized for
26 expenditure under the provisions of Section 1 and Section 2, the

27 University of Mississippi Medical Center shall maintain the School
28 of Medicine, the School of Dentistry, the School of Nursing, the
29 School of Health Related Professions, the Teaching Hospital and
30 the Medical Center Service Area. The University of Mississippi
31 Medical Center shall prepare and make available to the Legislature
32 an accounting of expenditures for each of the divisions listed in
33 this section at the beginning of the legislative session.

34 **SECTION 5.** Due to critical nurse shortages and staffing, it
35 is the intention of the Legislature to enhance recognition of
36 excellence and expand the experience factor in attracting
37 qualified registered nurses.

38 **SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, and the
39 funds authorized to be expended in Section 2, none may be used to
40 provide medical services on behalf of any state agency,
41 institution or political subdivision, except to the extent that
42 such agency, institution or political subdivision reimburses the
43 hospital for the cost of the services provided. Upon the
44 rendering of medical services to any such agency, institution or
45 political subdivision, the hospital shall issue an invoice for the
46 charges which shall be paid within ninety (90) days. In the event
47 that payment is not made within ninety (90) days, the hospital
48 shall discontinue providing services to that agency, institution,
49 or political subdivision until all outstanding charges have been
50 paid.

51 **SECTION 7.** Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and
52 paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be
53 in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of
54 Mississippi and Section 25-4-103, Mississippi Code of 1972.

55 **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
56 University of Mississippi Medical Center's budget request for
57 Fiscal Year 2009 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative
58 Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the

59 format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2008
60 budget request process.

61 **SECTION 9.** Of the funds authorized for expenditure in
62 Section 2, Three Million Eight Hundred Fifty-four Thousand Eight
63 Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$3,854,830.00) shall be derived from the
64 Education Enhancement Fund from funds deposited pursuant to
65 Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

66 **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
67 of Section 2, Two Million Two Hundred Two Thousand Eight Hundred
68 Sixty-eight Dollars (\$2,202,868.00) shall be derived from the
69 Health Care Expendable Fund created in Section 43-13-407,
70 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the support and maintenance of the
71 University of Mississippi Medical Center.

72 **SECTION 11.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
73 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
74 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
75 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
76 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
77 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
78 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
79 made without competitive bids.

80 **SECTION 12.** It is legislative intent to ensure beneficial
81 information reaches as many Mississippians as possible. Further,
82 it is legislative intent that the expenditure of public funds for
83 this purpose be accomplished in an efficient and effective manner.

84 Therefore, state agencies as standard procedure, will observe
85 the following criteria:

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

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

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

91 (4) Itemize and justify professional assistance and related
92 expenses for creative and production costs outside of the actual
93 media expenditures.

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

95 **SECTION 13.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, a salary
96 increase in the amount of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) per
97 full-time equivalent shall be awarded to all nursing faculty of
98 the University Medical Center effective July 1, 2007.

99 **SECTION 14.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Two
100 Hundred Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$260,500.00) is
101 hereby provided for the Rural Physicians Scholarship Program as
102 described in House Bill 1465, 2007 Regular Session.

103 **SECTION 15.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Two
104 Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) is hereby provided for the
105 Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency.

106 **SECTION 16.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the sum
107 of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated for
108 The University of Mississippi Medical Center Cancer Institute.

109 **SECTION 17.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Six
110 Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$650,000.00) is hereby
111 appropriated for A Comprehensive Tobacco Center at the University
112 Medical Center.

113 **SECTION 18.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
114 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
115 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
116 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
117 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
118 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

119 **SECTION 19.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
120 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 OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER FOR
3 FISCAL YEAR 2008.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

X (SIGNED)
Gordon

X (SIGNED)
Chaney

X (SIGNED)
Burton

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

X (SIGNED)
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