## **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. 3139: Appropriation; Animal Health Board.

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 Mississippi Board of Animal Health	
9	for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending	
10	June 30, 2008\$ 1,394,868.00.	
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 Board	
15	of Animal Health, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and	
16	ending June 30, 2008\$ 637,977.00.	
17	SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of	
18	Sections 1 and 2, the following positions are authorized:	
19	AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:	
20	Permanent: Full Time 22	
21	Part Time	
22	Time-Limited: Full Time	
23	Part Time	
24	Funds are provided herein to adjust the Variable Compensation	
25	Plan to ensure that all full-time employees receive a pay increase	
26	equal to the realignment component of the Variable Compensation	
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27 Plan or One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), whichever 28 is greater, to be awarded on July 1, 2007.

29 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of 30 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to 31 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal 32 Services" for Fiscal Year 2009 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2008 33 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2008 budget by the 34 35 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the 36 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all 37 38 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure 39 40 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2008 appropriations for "Personal 41 42 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds 43 and educational benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services", the State Personnel Board 44 45 determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 46 47 2008 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then 48 only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or 49 the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State 50 Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this 51 provision are met. On January 1, 2008, the State Personnel Board will make adjustments to the structure side of the compliance 52 53 report based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office in order for agencies to award educational benchmarks. 54

55 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with 56 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or 57 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State 58 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written

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

68 SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the 69 Executive Director of the Mississippi Board of Animal Health may 70 authorize increases in other objects of expenditure in total 71 amounts not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the 72 appropriated amount of each major object of expenditure, provided that other major objects of expenditure are decreased by a 73 74 corresponding dollar amount. However, no transfers shall be 75 authorized which increase the major object of expenditure 76 "Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits."

77 SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that 78 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the 79 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things 80 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, 81 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to 82 83 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids. 84

SECTION 6. It is legislative intent to ensure beneficial information reaches as many Mississippians as possible. Further, it is legislative intent that the expenditure of public funds for this purpose be accomplished in an efficient and effective manner. Therefore, state agencies as standard procedure, will observe the following criteria:

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92 (2) Evaluate effectiveness through respected advertising93 standards, including market reach and cost effectiveness.

94 (3) Seek public service announcements, which would be aired95 by media without cost.

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

99 (5) Utilize Mississippi owned media companies when feasible. 100 SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by 101 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon 102 103 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal 104 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the 105 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law. 106 SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from 107 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 TO THE MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF 2 ANIMAL HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE 3 BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE	CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE
X (SIGNED)	X (SIGNED)
Gordon	Stringer
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Jackson (32nd)	Eaton
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Hyde-Smith	Hudson

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