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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1626

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND
2 MAINTENANCE OF THE STATE FORESTRY COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
3 2001.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

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 State Forestry Commission for the fiscal year
9 beginning July 1, 2000, and ending June 30, 2001.....
10\$ 21,598,870.00.

11 SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
12 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special
13 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Forestry
14 Commission which is comprised of special source funds collected by
15 or otherwise available to the commission, for the support and
16 maintenance of the commission for the fiscal year beginning
17 July 1, 2000, and ending June 30, 2001.....
18\$ 10,952,423.00.

19 Of the funds specified in this section, Two Hundred Fifty
20 Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be deposited in a fund
21 created in the State Treasury called the "Forest Improvement
22 Revolving Fund." Money in this fund shall be used by the State
23 Forestry Commission to assist in the reforestation and growth
24 improvement of the forests, woodlands, and publicly owned lands of
25 the state, including sixteenth section lands, Camp Shelby,
26 Columbia Training School and colleges and universities.

27 Landowners who contract with the commission for such work shall
 28 pay to the commission its actual cost for conducting such work.
 29 Money received for this work by the commission shall be paid into
 30 the State Treasury, and the State Treasurer shall deposit such
 31 money in the "Forest Improvement Revolving Fund."

32 SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
 33 Sections 1 and 2, not more than the amounts set forth below shall
 34 be expended for the respective major objects or purposes of
 35 expenditure:

36 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

37 Personal Services:

38	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits...\$	21,598,870.00
39	Travel and Subsistence.....	100,000.00
40	Contractual Services.....	2,505,000.00
41	Commodities.....	2,247,423.00
42	Capital Outlay:	
43	Other Than Equipment.....	400,000.00
44	Equipment.....	1,200,000.00
45	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>4,500,000.00</u>
46	Total.....\$	32,551,293.00

47 FUNDING:

48	General Funds.....\$	21,598,870.00
49	Special Funds.....	<u>10,952,423.00</u>
50	Total.....\$	32,551,293.00

51 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

52	Permanent: Full Time.....	646
53	Part Time.....	59
54	Time-Limited: Full Time.....	0
55	Part Time.....	0

56 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of
 57 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to
 58 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal
 59 Services" for Fiscal Year 2002 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2001
 60 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions
 61 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2002 budget by the
 62 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the
 63 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall

64 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all
65 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this
66 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure
67 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual
68 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2001 appropriation for "Personal
69 Services" when annualized. If, at the end of any calendar month,
70 the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken
71 action(s) which would cause the agency to exceed this projected
72 annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2001 "Personal Services"
73 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which
74 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation
75 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
76 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

77 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
78 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

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

83 SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the
84 State Forestry Commission be allowed to escalate its budget in the
85 Capital Outlay: Equipment major object of expenditure, with funds
86 generated from the Forest Acreage Tax in an amount not to exceed
87 Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00), and with funds
88 generated from the sale of old equipment and lease of tower sites
89 an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
90 (\$500,000.00). It is further the intention of the Legislature
91 that the State Forestry Commission be allowed to escalate its
92 budget in the Subsidies, Loans and Grants major object of
93 expenditure, with funds generated from the Severance Tax to fund
94 the Forest Resource Development Program in an amount not to exceed
95 Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). The receipt of these
96 funds is hereby authorized and approved, provided such receipts

97 and expenditures are reported and otherwise accounted for in
98 accordance with Section 27-103-101 et seq. and Section 27-104-1 et
99 seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

100 SECTION 5. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
101 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
102 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized
103 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the
104 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,
105 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted
106 performance measures provided below:

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<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
109 Fire Control	
110 Number of fires per year	4.847
111 Average size of fire (acres)	8.25
112 Private Lands Management	
113 Land reforested (acres)	175,000
114 Landowners assisted (persons)	17,000
115 Public Lands Management	
116 Value of timber sold (dollars)	\$20,000,000
117 Insect and Disease Control	
118 Acres surveyed	17,500,000
119 Forest Resource Development	
120 Acres regenerated	60,000
121 Federal Excess Property	
122 Number of vehicles acquired	150
123 Regeneration	
124 Genetically improved seedlings	50,000,000

125 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets
126 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the
127 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget
128 Committee for Fiscal Year 2002.

129 SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the

130 State Forestry Commission be allowed to escalate part-time
131 positions up to one hundred (100) and expend funds not to exceed
132 Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) from any source of
133 funds that become available to the commission. This escalation
134 shall be in accordance with rules and regulations of the
135 Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent
136 with the escalation of federal funds. These positions may be used
137 to protect life and property during extended periods of extreme
138 wildfire occurrences of a minimum of fifty (50) fires per day.
139 The escalation of positions and the expenditure of these funds
140 shall be at the discretion of the State Forester, with written
141 notification to the State Personnel Board and the State Fiscal
142 Officer.

143 SECTION 7. The Forestry Commission has the authority to
144 purchase from the "General Services Administration" Fire Fighter
145 Catalog.

146 SECTION 8. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
147 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
148 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
149 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
150 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
151 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

152 SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from
153 and after July 1, 2000.