

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MADAM PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1774: Appropriation; Board of Nursing.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

- 1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.

- 2. That the House and Senate 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 special
7 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Board
8 of Nursing, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the board
9 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending
10 June 30, 2003..... \$ 1,451,000.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
12 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Health
13 Care Expendable fund, not otherwise appropriated, to the
14 Mississippi Board of Nursing for the support of the Nursing
15 Workforce Training Program for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
16 2002, and ending June 30, 2003..... \$ 100,000.00.

17 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
18 Section 1, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be
19 expended for the respective major objects or purposes of
20 expenditure:

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

21 Personal Services:

22	Personal Services:	
23	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$ 991,000.00
24	Travel and Subsistence.....	35,000.00
25	Contractual Services.....	349,000.00
26	Commodities.....	56,000.00

27	Capital Outlay:	
28	Other Than Equipment.....	0.00
29	Equipment.....	20,000.00
30	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>100,000.00</u>
31	Total..... \$	1,551,000.00

32 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

33	Permanent:	Full Time	23
34		Part Time	0
35	Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
36		Part Time	0

37 Funds are provided herein to adjust the Variable Compensation
38 Plan to ensure that all full-time employees receive a pay increase
39 equal to fifty percent (50%) of the realignment component of the
40 Variable Compensation Plan or Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00),
41 whichever is greater, beginning on January 1, 2003.

42 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of
43 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to
44 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal
45 Services" for Fiscal Year 2004 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2003
46 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs, positions or
47 pay increases are added to the agency's budget by the Mississippi
48 Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget
49 Office, the State Personnel Board shall, on July 1, 2002, publish
50 separate annual projection reports, based on July 1, 2002 data,
51 for the period of July 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002, and
52 January 1, 2003 through June 30, 2003, that project the annual
53 cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with
54 the provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the
55 agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases
56 this projected cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2003 appropriation for
57 "Personal Services," as annualized on a semi-annual basis in
58 accordance with the provisions of this act. If, at the end of any
59 calendar month, the State Personnel Board determines that the
60 agency has taken action(s) which would cause the agency to exceed
61 this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2003 "Personal
62 Services" appropriated level, when annualized in compliance with

63 the provisions of this act, then only those actions which reduce
64 the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement
65 will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as
66 the requirements of this provision are met.

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

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

73 **SECTION 4.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
74 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
75 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
76 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
77 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
78 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

79 **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
80 and after July 1, 2002.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

X _____
Charlie Capps, Jr.

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Jack Gordon

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John Read

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John White

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Jack Gadd

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Sampson Jackson II