

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. 1597: Appropriation; State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

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:

6 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
7 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
8 Treasury to the credit of the State Board of Registration for
9 Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, for the purpose of
10 defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year beginning
11 July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007..... \$ 458,596.00.

12 **SECTION 2.** Of the funds approved for expenditure under the
13 provisions of Section 1, not more than the amounts set forth below
14 shall be expended for the respective major objects or purposes of
15 expenditure:

16 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

17 Personal Services:		
18 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$	248,796.00
19 Travel and Subsistence.....		35,000.00
20 Contractual Services.....		149,950.00
21 Commodities.....		18,400.00
22 Capital Outlay:		
23 Other Than Equipment.....		0.00
24 Equipment.....		6,450.00
25 Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....		0.00
26 Total.....	\$	458,596.00

27 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

28	Permanent:	Full Time.....	4
29		Part Time.....	1
30	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
31		Part Time.....	0

32 Funds are provided herein to adjust the Variable Compensation
33 Plan to ensure that all full-time employees receive a pay increase
34 equal to the realignment component of the Variable Compensation
35 Plan or Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), whichever is greater,
36 with not more than one-half (1/2) to be awarded on July 1, 2006,
37 with the remainder to be awarded on January 1, 2007.

38 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of
39 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to
40 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal
41 Services" for Fiscal Year 2008 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2007
42 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions
43 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2008 budget by the
44 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the
45 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall
46 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all
47 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this
48 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure
49 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual
50 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2007 appropriation for "Personal
51 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds.
52 If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal
53 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency
54 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this
55 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2007 "Personal Services"
56 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which
57 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation

58 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
59 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

60 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
61 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
62 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
63 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
64 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
65 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
66 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
67 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
68 appropriated level.

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 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
74 State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land
75 Surveyors shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records
76 related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this
77 act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of
78 detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2006. It is further the
79 intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for
80 Fiscal Year 2008 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative
81 Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the
82 format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2007
83 budget request process.

84 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
85 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
86 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
87 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
88 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
89 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to

90 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
91 made without competitive bids.

92 **SECTION 5.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
93 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
94 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
95 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
96 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
97 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

98 **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
99 and after July 1, 2006.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

X (SIGNED)
Stringer

X (SIGNED)
Read

X (SIGNED)
Broomfield

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

X (SIGNED)
Gordon

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Gollott

X (SIGNED)
Kirby