

**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. 3114: Appropriation; Ethics Comm.

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:

4       **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
5 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
6 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of  
7 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Ethics Commission for  
8 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008  
9 ..... \$           604,160.00.

10       **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
11 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any special source funds  
12 which are collected by or otherwise become available for the  
13 purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Ethics  
14 Commission for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending  
15 June 30, 2008.....\$           2,265.00.

16       **SECTION 3.** With the funds appropriated under the provisions  
17 of Sections 1 and 2, the following positions are authorized:

18       AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

19       Permanent:	Full Time.....	8
20	Part Time.....	0
21       Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
22	Part Time.....	0

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

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28 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

29 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
30 Mississippi Ethics Commission shall maintain complete accounting  
31 and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds  
32 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the  
33 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year  
34 2007. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the  
35 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2009 shall be submitted to  
36 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of  
37 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided  
38 during the Fiscal Year 2008 budget request process.

39 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
40 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
41 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
42 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
43 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
44 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
45 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
46 made without competitive bids.

47 **SECTION 6.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
48 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
49 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
50 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
51 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
52 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

53 **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
54 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 DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE  
2 MISSISSIPPI ETHICS COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

X (SIGNED)  
Gordon

X (SIGNED)  
Dearing

X (SIGNED)  
Little

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

X (SIGNED)  
Stringer

X (SIGNED)  
Coleman (29th)

(NOT SIGNED)  
Dickson