

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. 3145: Appropriation; Military Dept.- Support.

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 general expenses of the operation of the Mississippi
9 National Guard for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and
10 ending June 30, 2008..... \$ 8,403,302.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
12 necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Mississippi National
13 Guard, out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the
14 Camp Shelby Timber Fund-No. 3700, as created by Chapter 187, Laws
15 of 1954, as amended; the Army National Guard Programs Fund-No.
16 3701; the Camp Shelby Base Operations Fund-No. 3705; and the Air
17 National Guard Programs Fund-No. 3709, for the purpose of carrying
18 out the provisions of applicable statutes and federal/state
19 agreements for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending
20 June 30, 2008..... \$ 49,114,616.00.

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

23 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

24	Permanent:	Full Time.....	631
25		Part Time.....	0
26	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	54

27 Part Time..... 0

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

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33 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

34 **SECTION 4.** It is 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.** All funds authorized to be expended herein shall
40 be expended and otherwise accounted for in accordance with the
41 provisions of Section 27-103-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.
42 If not needed for other purposes, the Adjutant General is hereby
43 expressly authorized to invest any part of or all monies herein
44 appropriated out of the Camp Shelby Timber Fund at the highest
45 rate of interest obtainable and credit interest accruing on such
46 investments to the respective fund. Such monies may be invested
47 in any short-term bonds, notes or other direct obligations of the
48 United States of America or the State of Mississippi or any county
49 or municipality of this state, which said county or municipal
50 bonds have been approved by a reputable bonds attorney or have
51 been validated by a decree of the court, and in any event the said
52 bonds, notes or obligations in which such funds are invested shall
53 mature or be redeemable prior to the time the funds so invested
54 will be needed for the refund or refunds herein provided for.

55 **SECTION 6.** The acceptance and expenditure of federal funds
56 which may become available for the purpose of defraying the
57 expenses of the Mississippi National Guard is hereby authorized
58 and approved, provided such expenditures are reported and

59 otherwise handled in accordance with the state budget law, same
60 being Section 27-103-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

61 **SECTION 7.** The acceptance and expenditure of federal funds
62 which may become available to the Mississippi National Guard for
63 construction purposes is hereby authorized and approved, provided
64 such receipts and expenditures are reported and otherwise handled
65 in accordance with the state budget law, same being Section
66 27-103-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

67 **SECTION 8.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Two
68 Million Sixty-four Thousand Five Hundred Sixteen Dollars
69 (\$2,064,516.00) shall be provided for the support of the Youth
70 Challenge Program at Camp Shelby.

71 **SECTION 9.** It is legislative intent to ensure beneficial
72 information reaches as many Mississippians as possible. Further,
73 it is legislative intent that the expenditure of public funds for
74 this purpose be accomplished in an efficient and effective manner.

75 Therefore, state agencies as standard procedure, will observe
76 the following criteria:

77 (1) Develop goals and desired result for a campaign.

78 (2) Evaluate effectiveness through respected advertising
79 standards, including market reach and cost effectiveness.

80 (3) Seek public service announcements, which would be aired
81 by media without cost.

82 (4) Itemize and justify professional assistance and related
83 expenses for creative and production costs outside of the actual
84 media expenditures.

85 (5) Utilize Mississippi owned media companies when feasible.

86 **SECTION 10.** Of the funds provided under the provisions of
87 this act, an amount not to exceed Six Hundred Nine Thousand Two
88 Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$609,216.00) is provided for the Armed
89 Forces Military Museum located at Camp Shelby.

90 **SECTION 11.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
91 Mississippi Military Department shall have the authority to
92 receive, budget and expend funds from any source that may become
93 available to the Department in the Camp Shelby Base Operations
94 Fund, fund number 3705, and the Camp Shelby Timber Fund, fund
95 number 3700, in an amount not to exceed Ten Million Dollars
96 (\$10,000,000.00) in accordance with the rules and regulations of
97 the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner
98 consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

99 **SECTION 12.** Of the funds provided under the provisions of
100 this act, an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars
101 (\$300,000.00) is provided for the Sonny Montgomery Center for
102 American's Veterans at Mississippi State University.

103 **SECTION 13.** The department is authorized to expend available
104 funds on technology or equipment upgrades or replacements when it
105 will generate savings through efficiency or when the savings
106 generated from such upgrades or replacements exceed expenditures
107 thereof.

108 **SECTION 14.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
109 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
110 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
111 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
112 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
113 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
114 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
115 made without competitive bids.

116 **SECTION 15.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
117 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
118 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
119 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
120 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
121 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

122 **SECTION 16.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
123 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 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING
2 THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD FOR FISCAL YEAR
3 2008.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

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