REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1792: Appropriation; Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority.

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 authorized and approved for expenditure out of any
7	funds which are received by or otherwise become available to the
8	Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority, for the purpose of
9	defraying the expenses of the Authority for the fiscal year
10	beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025
11	\$ 28,692,399.00.
12	SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
13	Section 1, the following positions are authorized:
14	AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:
15	Permanent: 17
16	Time-Limited: 0
17	Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
18	the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

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- No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are
- 21 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this
- 22 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.
- 23 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
- 24 Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority shall maintain complete
- 25 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all
- 26 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be
- 27 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal
- 28 Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that
- 29 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be
- 30 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format
- 31 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail
- 32 provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.
- 33 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
- 34 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
- 35 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
- 36 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
- 37 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
- 38 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
- 39 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
- 40 made without competitive bids.
- 41 **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
- 42 Section 1 of this act, Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00) is
- 43 provided for capital projects.

44 SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated herein, Fifty T	Thousand
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- Dollars (\$50,000.00) is provided for the purpose of funding 45
- overtime, callback or standby pay. 46
- SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the 47
- 48 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
- 49 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
- shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their 50
- 51 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
- 52 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
- 53 actions contrary to this provision.
- 54 SECTION 8. The money herein approved for expenditure shall
- be disbursed upon bank checks signed by the proper person, officer 55
- 56 or officers, in the manner provided by law.
- 57 SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 58 and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE 2 PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE YELLOW CREEK STATE INLAND

3 PORT AUTHORITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

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