

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. 1817: Appropriation; Legislative expenses.

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:

12 **SECTION 1.** The following sums, or so much thereof as may be
13 necessary, are appropriated out of any money in the State General
14 Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying
15 salaries, mileage, insurance, matching funds and the daily expense
16 allowance of the members of the Legislature for the Regular
17 Session of 2025 and providing contingent funds for the House of
18 Representatives and Senate for the fiscal year beginning
19 July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, as follows:

20	For salaries, mileage, insurance,	
21	matching funds and daily	
22	expense allowance of members	
23	of the House of Representatives.....	\$ 4,594,746.00.
24	For Contingent Fund for the	
25	House of Representatives.....	\$ 8,844,451.00.



26 Out of the above amount appropriated for the Contingent Fund
27 for the House of Representatives, not more than Fifteen Thousand
28 Dollars (\$15,000.00) shall be expended for defraying the expenses
29 of and for the use of the members of the Mississippi Commission on
30 Interstate Cooperation, as created under Section 5-5-1 et seq.,
31 Mississippi Code of 1972.

32 For salaries, mileage, insurance,
33 matching funds and daily
34 expense allowance of members
35 of the Senate.....\$ 2,039,306.00.
36 For Contingent Fund for the Senate.....\$ 6,698,539.00.

37 Out of the above amount appropriated for the Contingent Fund
38 for the Senate, not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)
39 shall be expended for defraying the expenses of and for the use of
40 the members of the Mississippi Commission on Interstate
41 Cooperation, as created under Section 5-5-1 et seq., Mississippi
42 Code of 1972.

43 For the joint legislative operations of the House of
44 Representatives and the Senate.....\$ 1,252,149.00.
45 For the expenses of the Joint Legislative
46 Budget Committee.....\$ 4,953,639.00.
47 For the expenses of the Joint Legislative
48 Committee on Performance Evaluation
49 and Expenditure Review.....\$ 2,767,768.00.

50 For the expenses of the Joint Legislative



51 Reapportionment Committee.....\$ 303,162.00.
52 For the expenses of the Joint Legislative
53 Code Committee.....\$ 400,000.00.

54 The Joint Legislative Reapportionment Committee shall
55 prepare, publish and provide semiannual reports to each member of
56 the Legislature and such reports shall provide a line-by-line
57 detailed accounting of all receipts and expenditures of any and
58 all monies appropriated by the Legislature to the Joint
59 Legislative Reapportionment Committee. Any meetings of the Joint
60 Legislative Reapportionment Committee shall be held in state
61 offices or at publicly owned facilities.

62 **SECTION 2.** The following sums, or so much thereof as may be
63 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
64 Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying the
65 monthly expense allowance of the members of the Legislature, as
66 provided in Section 5-1-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the
67 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, as
68 follows:

69 For the House of Representatives.....\$ 2,682,317.00.
70 For the Senate.....\$ 1,164,718.00.

71 **SECTION 3.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
72 necessary is appropriated out of any money in the State General
73 Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying the
74 state's share of various assessments for the fiscal year beginning
75 July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 471,211.00.



76 Of the funds authorized in this section, the following
77 distribution shall be made:

78	Southern States Energy Board.....	\$	29,077.00.
79	Interstate Cooperation.....	\$	361,899.00.
80	National Conference of Commissioners		
81	on Uniform State Laws.....	\$	41,835.00.
82	The Energy Council.....	\$	38,400.00.

83 **SECTION 4.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
84 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury
85 to the credit of the joint operations of the House of
86 Representatives and the Senate not otherwise appropriated, for the
87 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....
88\$ 50,000.00.

89 **SECTION 5.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
90 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury
91 to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section
92 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as
93 determined by the State Treasurer, for the purpose of defraying
94 the expenses of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for the
95 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....
96\$ 250,000.00.

97 **SECTION 6.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
98 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury
99 to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section
100 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as



101 determined by the State Treasurer, for the purpose of defraying
102 the expenses of the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance
103 Evaluation and Expenditure Review for the fiscal year beginning
104 July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 1,000,000.00.

105 **SECTION 7.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
106 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the General Fund
107 not otherwise appropriated for the House of Representatives for
108 the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of General Funds as
109 authorized in HB 1610, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal year
110 beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....
111\$ 500,000.00.

112 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
113 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
114 section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds
115 remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the
116 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
117 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

118 **SECTION 8.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
119 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the General Fund
120 not otherwise appropriated for the Senate for the purpose of
121 reauthorizing the expenditure of General Funds as authorized in HB
122 1610, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
123 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 500,000.00.

124 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the
125 amount that may be expended under the authority of this section,



126 shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as
127 of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous
128 fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change
129 the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

130 **SECTION 9.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
131 necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State
132 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the joint operations
133 of the House of Representatives and the Senate for the purpose of
134 reauthorizing the expenditure of State General Funds, as
135 authorized in HB 1610, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal year
136 beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....
137\$ 500,000.00.

138 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
139 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
140 section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds
141 remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the
142 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
143 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

144 **SECTION 10.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
145 necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State
146 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Joint Legislative
147 Reapportionment Committee for the purpose of reauthorizing the
148 expenditure of State General Funds, as authorized in HB 1610, 2023
149 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and
150 ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 20,000.00.



151 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
152 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
153 section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds
154 remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the
155 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
156 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

157 **SECTION 11.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
158 necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State
159 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Joint Legislative
160 Budget Committee for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure
161 of State General Funds, as authorized in HB 1610, 2023 Regular
162 Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending
163 June 30, 2025.....\$ 300,000.00.

164 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
165 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
166 section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds
167 remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the
168 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
169 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

170 **SECTION 12.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
171 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital
172 Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Joint Legislative
173 Budget Committee for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure
174 of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in HB 1610, 2023 Regular



175 Session, to defray expenses of the Committee for the fiscal year
176 beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....
177\$ 2,838,800.00.

178 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
179 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
180 section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds
181 remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the
182 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
183 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

184 **SECTION 13.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
185 necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State
186 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Joint Legislative
187 Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review for the
188 purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of State General Funds,
189 as authorized in HB 1610, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal
190 year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....
191\$ 100,000.00.

192 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
193 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
194 section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds
195 remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the
196 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
197 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

198 **SECTION 14.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
199 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital



200 Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Joint Legislative
201 Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review for the
202 purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds,
203 as authorized in HB 1610, 2023 Regular Session, to defray expenses
204 of the Committee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and
205 ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 105,000.00.

206 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
207 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
208 section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds
209 remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the
210 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
211 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

212 **SECTION 15.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
213 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this Legislature for
214 the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
215 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
216 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
217 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
218 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
219 made without competitive bids.

220 **SECTION 16.** None of the funds appropriated under the
221 provisions of this act may be used to pay or reimburse any
222 expenses of out-of-state travel for any member or employee of the
223 House of Representatives without prior approval of the House



224 Management Committee or for any member or employee of the Senate
225 without prior approval of the Senate Rules Committee.

226 **SECTION 17.** Of the funds provided herein, the Clerk of the
227 Mississippi House of Representatives and the Secretary of the
228 Mississippi Senate may transfer funds between accounts for their
229 respective chambers which are administered by the Mississippi
230 House of Representatives and the Mississippi Senate.

231 **SECTION 18.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
232 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
233 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
234 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
235 Officer shall issue warrants upon requisitions signed by the
236 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

237 **SECTION 19.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
238 and after July 1, 2024.

**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 PAYING THE
2 EXPENSES AND PROVIDING CONTINGENT FUNDS FOR THE LEGISLATURE, THE
3 EXPENSES OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE, THE EXPENSES
4 OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND
5 EXPENDITURE REVIEW, THE EXPENSES OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE
6 REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE, THE EXPENSES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON
7 COMPILATION, REVISION AND PUBLICATION OF LEGISLATION, PAYING THE
8 MONTHLY EXPENSE ALLOWANCE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE,
9 PAYING THE STATE'S SHARE OF VARIOUS ASSESSMENTS, AND FOR RELATED
10 PURPOSES, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.



CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

X (SIGNED)
Mims

X (SIGNED)
Read

X (SIGNED)
Barton

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

X (SIGNED)
Hopson

X (SIGNED)
Michel

X (SIGNED)
DeBar

