REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2170: Appropriation; additional to Department of Health.

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 The following sum, or so much of it as may be 6 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the General Fund 7 not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Health for the 8 purpose of funding disbursements to Mississippi hospitals, for the 9 period beginning upon passage and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 20,435,629.00. 10 SECTION 2. As a condition of receiving and expending the 11 12 funds appropriated to the department under this act, the 13 department shall: 14 Determine the amount of funds each hospital under 15 the program established in Section 41-9-371 would have been 16 eligible to receive if the funds appropriated to the program by 17 Chapter 47, General Laws of 2023, had not been subject to any restrictions other than those imposed by Section 41-9-371; 18 24/SS08/SB2170CR.J (S) AP (H) A3; AP PAGE 1 A1/2

- 19 (b) Determine the amount of funds each hospital
- 20 actually received or will receive pursuant to a beneficiary
- 21 agreement executed by April 25, 2024, under the program in Section
- 22 41-9-371;
- 23 (c) Determine the difference between the amount of
- 24 funds in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section; and
- 25 (d) Disburse the difference calculated in paragraph (c)
- 26 of this section to any hospital where the difference is a positive
- 27 balance.
- 28 **SECTION 3.** As a condition of receiving and expending the
- 29 funds appropriated to the department under this act, the
- 30 department shall not disburse funds to a hospital pursuant to
- 31 Section 41-9-371 that did not have a beneficiary agreement
- 32 executed by April 25, 2024.
- 33 **SECTION 4.** None of the funds appropriated by this act shall
- 34 be used to pay employee premium payments.
- 35 **SECTION 5.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid
- 36 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Capital Expense
- 37 Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State
- 38 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or
- 39 her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person,
- 40 officer or officers in the manner provided by law.
- 41 **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 42 and after its passage.



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

AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF GENERAL FUNDS TO 1 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING DISBURSEMENTS TO MISSISSIPPI HOSPITALS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

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