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FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023

(FIRST CALENDAR DAY)

At a Regular Session of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi convened at the Capitol, in the City of Jackson, on Tuesday, the 4th of January, A. D., 2023, in compliance with the Constitution and the laws of the State of Mississippi:

Be it remembered, that on the day and year aforesaid, the members of the House of Representatives assembled in their Chamber, and at 12:00 Noon were called to order by the Honorable Philip Gunn, Speaker of the House of Representatives, who introduced Dr. Greg Belsler, Pastor of Morrison Heights Baptist Church, Clinton, Mississippi, who opened the session with prayer, invoking God's blessings upon the members and their labors.

A quorum was present.

The Colors were posted by the Wingfield High School Color Guards:
Escorted by First Sergeant Damon L. Williams, Retired Army Instructor
Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Gloria Hernandez
Cadet Major Sherlin Rangel Gonzalez
Cadet Second Lieutenant Michael Lowery

Rep. White led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Miss Nataleigh Claire Nix of Madison, Mississippi, led the House in the National Anthem.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Robinson.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

House Clerk, Andrew Ketchings, read the Governor's veto for House Bill 1353: Budget; provide for various transfers of funds, create various special funds.

Rep. Read moved to refer the foregoing veto message to the Committee on Appropriations.

Speaker Gunn appointed Representatives Clarke, Ford (73rd) and Watson as a committee to notify the Governor that the House is organized and was ready to proceed with the business of the session.

Speaker Gunn appointed Representatives McGee, Read and Weathersby as a committee to notify the Senate that the House is organized and was ready to proceed with the business of the session.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

November 14, 2022

The Speaker appointed Rep. Donnie Scoggin to the House Appropriations Committee.

RESIGNATION LETTER - REP. DEBRA HENDRICKS GIBBS

December 30, 2022

Speaker Philip Gunn
Mississippi State Capitol
400 High Street
Jackson, MS 39201

Dear Speaker Gunn,

In 2016 the citizens of House District 72 in the great State of Mississippi, honored me with the pleasure to continue my pursuit of advocacy by electing me as their state representative in the Mississippi Legislature. This opportunity allowed me to continue my passion and commitment to serve mankind from a legislative perspective. I have made the fulfillment of public service the extent of my life's work and professional career.

During my tenure as a member of the House of Representatives, I worked hard to improve the quality of life for all citizens of the State of Mississippi. I developed lasting relationships and gained valuable knowledge and experience. I have seen this State grow and prosper in many ways. I am proud to have been a part of this success. We have improved education, extended support to our Cities and Counties, created new jobs and expanded existing jobs, change the state flag, while protecting taxpayers dollars. I have also secured funding for various projects throughout District 72.

It has been my utmost pleasure and honor to serve the people of my community and State. I will always cherish the relationships and the progress made during my service. I have valued my tenure in the House of Representatives.

As you know, an opportunity presented itself for me to continue my public service in the judicial branch of government. With much counsel, thought, and prayer, I sought the position of Hinds County Circuit Judge, for the Seventh District, Post 2. I am grateful to have been elected. It is my hope to continue to make a profound and lasting impact upon others.

Please allow this letter to serve as my official resignation from my elected position as State Representative for House District 72, effective December 31, 2022.

In closing, I want to thank you for your leadership, service and support.

Respectfully,
/s/ Debra Hendricks Gibbs, Esq.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1: (Representatives Zuber, Hopkins) Campaign finance reports; require candidates for county, county district and municipal offices to file with Secretary of State. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 2: (Representatives Zuber, Hopkins) Campaign finance reports; shall be available on county and municipal websites. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 3: (Representatives Stamps, Zuber) Third-party delivery service; prohibit from using name, likeness, trademark or intellectual property of merchant without agreement. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 4: (Representatives Yancey, McLean) Tianeptine; include in Schedule I controlled substance list. Drug Policy.

H. B. No. 5: (Representative Yancey) Kratom; include in Schedule I controlled substances list. Drug Policy.

H. B. No. 6: (Representative Yancey) Casino winnings; provide procedures for intercept of child support arrearages. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 7: (Representatives Yancey, Hopkins) Fentanyl testing strips; exclude from definition of paraphernalia. Drug Policy.

H. B. No. 8: (Representatives Yancey, Hopkins) Income tax; authorize a credit for contributions made to certain hospitals. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 9: (Representatives Yancey, Hopkins, Williamson) Pharmacists; authorize to test for and treat certain minor, nonchronic health conditions subject to certain requirements. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 10: (Representatives Yancey, Hopkins) CON; remove chemical dependency services and facilities from requirements of the CON law. Drug Policy.

H. B. No. 11: (Representative Yancey) Birth parents; release identifying information upon agreement by. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 12: (Representative Yancey) Mississippi Code; modernize terminology by replacing "mentally retarded" with "intellectual disability". Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 13: (Representative Yancey) Water safety; require public schools to provide parents and student information on importance of and availability of local courses. Education.

H. B. No. 14: (Representative Massengill) Appropriation; MS Department of Transportation for the Statewide Litter Prevention Program. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 15: (Representatives Massengill, Felsher, Hulum) Regional food banks; DHS establish grant program to provide annual grant funding to. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 16: (Representative Massengill) Election commissioner; revise office of to be nonpartisan. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 17: (Representatives Massengill, Lancaster) Universities and colleges; require to allow MS residents to register for classes before nonresident students. Universities and Colleges.

H. B. No. 18: (Representative Newman) Alternative-fuel fueling station; impose tax on motor vehicles charged at. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 19: (Representative Newman) Supreme Court districts; bring forward. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 20: (Representative Newman) Shoplifting; revise penalties for crime of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 21: (Representative Newman) PERS; law enforcement officers and firefighters will vest after 4 years of membership regardless of the date they became members. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 22: (Representative Newman) Driver's license; restore ability to suspend for certain traffic violations. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 23: (Representatives Newman, Hopkins, Williamson) Sales tax; exempt sales of platinum, gold, silver bullion and numismatic coins. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 24: (Representatives Newman, Hopkins, Williamson) Justice and municipal courts; require to file all legal documents by electronic form using MEC. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 25: (Representative Newman) Prostitution; penalize procurement of as a felony. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 26: (Representatives Newman, Hopkins) Elected official; prohibit from holding more than one elected office at the same time. Constitution.

H. B. No. 27: (Representative Byrd) "Equal Opportunity for Students with Special Needs Act"; revise definition of "eligible student" and "eligible school" to. Education.

H. B. No. 28: (Representative Weathersby) Appropriations; DFA to acquire new facility for MS Federation of Women's Clubs in exchange for lease of current headquarters building. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 29: (Representative Weathersby) Income tax; exclude active duty military compensation received by a resident while stationed out of state. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 30: (Representative Ladner) Public Service Commission; require to mandate annual filings by rural water associations. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 31: (Representatives Ladner, Hopkins, Williamson) False allegations of hate crime; provide penalties for. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 32: (Representatives Ladner, Williamson) State parks; exempt veterans and active duty from paying entry fee and provide discount for campsite rental. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. B. No. 33: (Representatives Ladner, Eubanks) The Ashley Henley Investigative Authority Act; create. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 34: (Representative Ladner) The Combating Violence, Disorder and Looting and Law Enforcement Protection Act of Mississippi; create. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 35: (Representatives Ladner, Hopkins, Williamson) Appointed state officers; provide for the removal of for certain forms of willful neglect. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 36: (Representatives Ladner, Hopkins, Williamson) Campaign finance reports; require those filed by all candidates to be available online. Apportionment and Elections; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 37: (Representative Ladner) Standard Dedeaux Water District; delete provision on compensation of commissioners. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 38: (Representatives Zuber, Hopkins) Administrative Procedures Act; amend to require proposed agency rules to be approved by the state auditor. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 39: (Representative Zuber) Lobbying; prohibit legislator from engaging in for one year after leaving office. Apportionment and Elections; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 40: (Representative Zuber) MS Accountability and Transparency Act; revise to include certain counties and municipalities. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Municipalities.

H. B. No. 41: (Representative Newman) Radar; authorize use in Rankin County subject to approval of voters within the county. Transportation; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 42: (Representative Weathersby) Radar; authorize sheriff and deputies to use on county roads to enforce speed limits. Transportation; Judiciary B.

H. C. R. No. 1: (Representative Zuber) Joint Rules; amend to limit introduction of general bills requiring majority vote to sessions in even-numbered years. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 2: (Representative Zuber) National Therapy Animal Day; celebrate in Mississippi on April 30, 2023. Rules.

H. R. No. 1: (Representative Powell) Jackson Prep "Patriots" Baseball Team; commend and congratulate for winning the MAIS 6A State Baseball Championship for the 5th consecutive year. Rules.

H. R. No. 2: (Representative Owen) Chapel Hart; commend successes in their career as well as during America's Got Talent. Rules.

H. R. No. 3: (Representative Clarke) Reverend Dr. Lisa Allen-McLaurin; commend upon her appointment as music scholar-in-residence and interim choral director at the American Church in Paris, France. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. R. No. 1: Jackson Prep "Patriots" Baseball Team; commend and congratulate for winning the MAIS 6A State Baseball Championship for the 5th consecutive year. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 2: Chapel Hart; commend successes in their career as well as during America's Got Talent. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 3: Reverend Dr. Lisa Allen-McLaurin; commend upon her appointment as music scholar-in-residence and interim choral director at the American Church in Paris, France. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

Rep. Roberson called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

H. R. No. 1: Jackson Prep "Patriots" Baseball Team; commend and congratulate for winning the MAIS 6A State Baseball Championship for the 5th consecutive year.

H. R. No. 2: Chapel Hart; commend successes in their career as well as during America's Got Talent.

H. R. No. 3: Reverend Dr. Lisa Allen-McLaurin; commend upon her appointment as music scholar-in-residence and interim choral director at the American Church in Paris, France.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. R. No. 1: Jackson Prep "Patriots" Baseball Team; commend and congratulate for winning the MAIS 6A State Baseball Championship for the 5th consecutive year.

H. R. No. 2: Chapel Hart; commend successes in their career as well as during America's Got Talent.

H. R. No. 3: Reverend Dr. Lisa Allen-McLaurin; commend upon her appointment as music scholar-in-residence and interim choral director at the American Church in Paris, France.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Linda Hughey Kavanaugh, Irma Rebecca McDaniel, Sally Johnson, Virginia Mabry, Paddy Deere, Ron Miller, Martha Kimmel, Linda Welch, Buckey Morris Jones, Harriet Woods, Marvin "Buck" Boyd, Jimmy Carruth, C. E. Craft, Buckey Jones, Carolyn Anne Boyd, Cyrus Hoaglund, Jr., Drew Wallace, Betty Jean Wallace, William "Joe" McCulley, Lamar Therrell, Jean R. Sanders, Matthew Harrison Marks, Gayle Wilson, Mac Brewer, Belinda Dyar, Harriett Woods, Josephine Faust, Henrietta Felter, Gary Lawson, Danney Bullock, and James M. Moak, which motion prevailed.

Representative Horne moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Rita T. Goodman, Ricky Joe Madere, Rosie P. Ford, Barbara Bennett, Guy B. Woodward, Timothy John Goodman, Gerald Lamar Pickard, Curtis R. Butler, Sr., and Raymond O'Neal Grogan, which motion prevailed.

Representative Evans (45th) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sidney Ogletree, which motion prevailed.

Representative Weathersby moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Charles S. "Buster" Parker, which motion prevailed.

Representative Rushing moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dr. Kevin Meador, Chris Clark, Alton Foreman, Henry Finley, and James Randle "Jr." Addy, which motion prevailed.

Representative Smith moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ida Belle Glass, Bobby Ray Harris, Edwin Thomas "Tom" Scott, Elizabeth Marie Robinson, Barbara Jean Williams, Timothy John Goodman, Anna Mary Daugherty, Walter Neal Johnson, Harley Lee Grant, Billie Davidson Trayal, and Ava Merle Braddock, which motion prevailed.

Representative Powell moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Linda Cooper, which motion prevailed.

Representative Calvert moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jim Young, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Calvert and Evans (45th) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Latitia Bryan McDade, and Sissy McKee, which motion prevailed.

Representative Darnell moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Martha Brantley Slocum, and Louise Crawford, which motion prevailed.

Representative Oliver moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Mary Ryn "Rynnie" Davidson Sanders, which motion prevailed.

Representative Anderson (122nd) and the Entire House Membership moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Fallen Officer Branden Paul Estorffe, and Fallen Officer, Sgt. Steven Robin, which motion prevailed.

Representative McGee moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Carolyn Pittman, and Dr. Benjamin Waddle, Sr., which motion prevailed.

Representatives McCarty and McGee moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Alan Arnold, which motion prevailed.

Representative Lancaster moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Roy Myers, Raymond Petit, Malinda Ann Walls, Gene Dobbs, Joyce Freeman, Dorothy "Dot" Griffin, Lei'Lani Faye Evans, Dennis Aron Easley, Carrie Sue Chrestman, Mae Opal Baker Springer, Mable Brown Griffin Edge, Judy Kilgore Hill, Christy Michele Phillips, Willie L. Gathings, Charlie B. Harris, Elizabeth Jenise Turman, Ed Dunkin, Willie Paul Cole "Bill", Andrew Lee Hamilton, Edward Birmingham, Pamela Ann Morris, Fred Wilson Thompson, Sandra Anderson, Betty Carol McGregor Womack Weeks, Wonder Lee Dodson, Nancy Vance, Clyde Elliot Bailey, Howard Miskelly, Addison "Addie" Grace McCord, Darrell Harrington, Sylvia Ann Baker, Jeanette Doss, Russell Forrester, Earley Dwight Rhyne, John Allen Easley, William Grady Eldridge, Jr. , Nelda Love Gore, Kristin Rae Knox, Ernie Ruth Hamblin, Frances Dianne Melton, Beverly Ann Hendrix Davidson, Ronald L. "Ronny" Paden, Ladys Robertson, Johnie Edward Hear, Sadie Jane Anderson, Alton Brewer, Elizabeth Hollingsworth Weaver, Danyelle Neterville Sterkel , Agnes Fortner, Perry

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At 12:28 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023

(SECOND CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Crudup.

Rep. Crudup led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Robinson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 43: (Representative Newman) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Pearl with improvements to city hall. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 44: (Representative Newman) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Pearl with U.S. Highway 80 lighting project. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 45: (Representatives Newman, Felsher) Littering; increase fines and require trash pick-up as condition for conviction of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 46: (Representative Newman) Bonds; authorize issuance for traffic signal at intersection of East Metro Parkway and El Dorado Road in Pearl. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 47: (Representative Newman) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Pearl with construction of a bridge. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 48: (Representative Newman) Sales tax; withhold diversion to a municipality that violates state law. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 49: (Representative Zuber) Resident lifetime hunting and fishing license; authorize Department of Wildlife to issue if parent was born in the state and was on active military service at the time of applicant's birth. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. B. No. 50: (Representative Zuber) Federal home loan banks; require to establish a collateral liquidation plan to satisfy a delinquent borrower's obligations to the bank. Insurance.

H. B. No. 51: (Representative Zuber) School Security Disbursement Program; establish. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 52: (Representative Robinson) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of Northeast Jones High School. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 53: (Representative Paden) Early voting; authorize. Apportionment and Elections; Rules.

H. B. No. 54: (Representative Paden) Firearms licensed; require proof of mental health evaluation. Judiciary B; Constitution.

H. B. No. 55: (Representative Paden) School districts; require all schools to have epinephrine auto-injectors in every building and cafeteria. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 56: (Representative Paden) Public school curriculum; require instruction in mental illness as part of Health Education. Education.

H. B. No. 57: (Representatives Paden, Summers) The Crown Act; create to prohibit discrimination based on hairstyles in workplace and schools. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 58: (Representative Paden) Appropriation; Health Department for MAGnet Community Health Disparity Program. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 59: (Representative Paden) Appropriation; Department of Health for MAGnet community Health Disparity Program. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 60: (Representatives Paden, Summers) Charter schools; require MAEP funds to be transferred to student's home school district when student disenrolls. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 61: (Representatives Paden, Johnson, Harness, Hines) Poll managers; increase the compensation of. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 62: (Representative Porter) Teacher licensure; create additional nontraditional route for certain individuals to receive. Education.

H. B. No. 63: (Representative Porter) School bus drivers; require to be trained and certified in first aid and CPR. Education.

H. B. No. 64: (Representative Porter) Licensed child care facilities; require to purchase and maintain a certain minimum amount of liability insurance. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 65: (Representatives Porter, Hulum, Sanders) Landlord-tenant; authorize tenant who is survivor of domestic abuse to break lease without penalty. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 66: (Representatives Porter, Summers) Secretary of State; require to provide election officials training on disenfranchising crimes. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 67: (Representative Porter) Voter registration and suffrage restoration; authorize upon sentence completion and five years. Constitution; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 68: (Representative Porter) Voter registration; authorize upon completion of sentence. Constitution; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 69: (Representative Porter) "The Juvenile Offender Parole and Rehabilitation Act"; enact. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 70: (Representative Summers) Voter registration application; require to be processed within ten days of deadline and give applicant opportunity to cure. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 71: (Representative Summers) No-excuse absentee voting; authorize for any qualified voter who votes in person at the office of the registrar. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 72: (Representative Hines) Motor vehicle lien; authorize mechanic to seek title from title loan company after nonpayment for services. Transportation; Banking and Financial Services.

H. B. No. 73: (Representative Hines) Retailers; prohibit use of self-checkout terminals to scan consumer's driver's licenses to verify age. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 74: (Representative Young) Photo identification; require for those age 12 and up. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 75: (Representative Young) Voting registration; require by anyone who receives public assistance benefits. Apportionment and Elections; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 76: (Representative Denton) Income tax and sales tax liability; revise method of collecting from public officers or employees. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 77: (Representative Denton) Retirement; elected officials convicted of certain felonies shall have benefits withheld until full restitution has been paid. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 78: (Representative Denton) Retirement; elected officials convicted of certain felonies shall have benefits suspended until full restitution has been made. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 79: (Representatives Denton, Miles) School prayer; require school boards to designate a period of reflection for students at the beginning of each school day. Education.

H. B. No. 80: (Representative Denton) Concealed firearms; clarify prohibition for mentally incompetent. Judiciary B; Constitution.

H. B. No. 81: (Representative Denton) Statute of Limitations; remove for crimes against children. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 82: (Representative Denton) Child support; revise factors for award of. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 83: (Representative Denton) Home inspectors; authorize home inspections on new construction without having residential home builders license. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 84: (Representatives Johnson, Thompson) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Helping Hands Food Pantry in Tupelo with repair and renovation of building. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 85: (Representative Thompson) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist municipalities of Verona, Plantersville and Shannon and Lee County with certain projects. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 86: (Representative Thompson) Appropriation; Lee and Monroe Counties for funding The National Resource Camp pilot program. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 87: (Representative Thompson) "Jennifer's Law"; enact to prohibit state and local agencies from establishing traffic ticket quotas. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 88: (Representative Thompson) Natural Resource Camp Pilot Program Act of 2023; establish for students in Lee and Monroe Counties. Conservation and Water Resources.

H. B. No. 89: (Representative Thompson) Amiya Braxton; revise penalties when driver injures child who is exiting a school bus. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 90: (Representative Thompson) Appropriation; Lee County School District for reconstruction of Verona Elementary School. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 91: (Representative Thompson) Mississippi Department of Labor; create. Workforce Development; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 92: (Representative Thompson) State Workplace Safety and Health Office; establish under State Board of Health. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 93: (Representative Thompson) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Mississippi Minority Farmers Alliance with repair of building and parking lot. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 94: (Representative Thompson) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Towns of Plantersville and Shannon with certain projects. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 95: (Representative Mickens) Embezzlement; revise the list of excluded crimes for expungement. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 96: (Representative Mickens) Minimum wage; establish at \$10.00 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. Workforce Development; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 97: (Representative Foster) Metal detectors; require in all public schools beginning with 2023-2024 school year. Education.

H. B. No. 98: (Representative Paden) Overpayment of unemployment benefits; prohibit interest accrual or fees assessed by MDES when overpayment results from no fault of person receiving overpayment. Workforce Development; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 99: (Representative Denton) Assault weapons; prohibit sale of to any person under age 21 years. Judiciary B; Constitution.

H. B. No. 100: (Representative Young) Firearms license; require mental health evaluation before issuance of. Judiciary B; Constitution.

H. B. No. 101: (Representative Mickens) Statewide Assessment Program; require SBE to use ACT Aspire as summative assessment. Education.

H. B. No. 102: (Representative Summers) No-knock warrants; prohibit issuance of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 103: (Representative Summers) Death penalty executions; remove firing squad as an option. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 104: (Representatives Clark, Summers) Housing repair grant program; authorize issuance of bonds to provide funds for grants to low-income individuals for home repairs. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 105: (Representative Clark) Mississippi Skill Standards Board; create an advisory board on industry standards. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 106: (Representative Clark) Health insurance policies; require coverage for certain obesity treatments. Insurance; Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 107: (Representative Clark) Mississippi Smoke-Free Air Act of 2023; create. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 108: (Representatives Clark, Jackson) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. Medicaid; Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 109: (Representative Clark) Counties; authorize to pay poll workers certain mileage. County Affairs; Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 110: (Representatives Clark, Hopkins) CON; remove end-stage renal disease facilities from application of law. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 111: (Representative Clark) Driver's license; authorize issuance of hardship license to persons suspended for being out of compliance with order for support. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 112: (Representative Clark) "Mississippi Universal Prekindergarten Program Act of 2023"; create. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 113: (Representative Clark) Election commissioners; require board of supervisors to provide insurance coverage for. County Affairs; Insurance.

H. B. No. 114: (Representative Clark) PERS; allow retirees to teach in critical needs areas and work full time and receive full salary for three years. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 115: (Representative Clark) Trimester School Year Pilot Program; establish. Education.

H. B. No. 116: (Representative Clark) MAEP; define "at-risk pupil" and include a child diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. Education.

H. B. No. 117: (Representative Clark) School curriculum; require comprehensive Mississippi History course for public school students in Grade 9. Education.

H. B. No. 118: (Representatives Ford (73rd), Clark) Disabilities, persons with; modernize terminology used to refer to. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 119: (Representative Clark) Medicaid; revise calculation of reimbursement for durable medical equipment (DME). Medicaid; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 120: (Representative Clark) MAEP; increase adjustment to base student cost for at-risk students. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 121: (Representative Clark) Housing Loan Assistance Pilot Program; create and authorize issuance of bonds to provide funds for. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 122: (Representative Clark) "Mississippi All-Terrain/Off-Road Vehicle Numbering Act"; create to establish certificate of number system for operating on public lands. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 123: (Representative Clark) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Holmes County with improvements to county roads and buildings. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 124: (Representative Clark) Private incarceration of state inmates; provide exception to 10% cost-savings requirement to state. Corrections.

H. B. No. 125: (Representative Clark) Student residency requirements; require State Board of Education to adopt uniform policy to be implemented by school boards. Education.

H. B. No. 126: (Representatives Clark, Karriem) Juneteenth Freedom Day; designate June 19 as. Rules.

H. B. No. 127: (Representative Clark) Tuition waiver; provide for certain foster and adopted children and wards of the state to attend a state-supported IHL. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 128: (Representative Clark) Medicaid; require Governor and Division of Medicaid to negotiate to obtain federal waiver to expand Medicaid coverage. Medicaid; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 129: (Representative Clark) Bonds; create rural counties and municipalities cellular and broadband grant program and authorize issuance of bonds. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 130: (Representative Clark) Income tax; authorize credit for certain child care expenses, child care centers and child care center teachers and directors. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 131: (Representative Clark) Appropriation; Department of Mental Health for additional funding for crisis centers and outpatient services. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 132: (Representative Clark) Appropriation; Holmes County Consolidated School District for expenses of consolidation. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 133: (Representatives Clark, Stamps) "Mississippi Joint Municipal Law Enforcement Act"; create. Municipalities; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 134: (Representative Clark) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist the Holmes County Consolidated School District with construction of a football stadium. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 135: (Representatives Clark, Jackson) Identity theft; establish procedure for victim to have debt forgiven and credit reports purged. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 136: (Representative Clark) Budget of county sheriff, tax assessor and tax collector; remove certain obsolete reporting requirements concerning. County Affairs; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 137: (Representative Clark) Life jackets; increase minimum age of person required to wear on certain vessels. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 138: (Representative Clark) Sexual harassment; create a state cause of action. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 139: (Representative Clark) Mississippi Tobacco Minimum Legal Sale Age of 21 Act; create. Judiciary B; Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 140: (Representative Clark) Criminal investigators; add two to the 21st Circuit Court District. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 141: (Representative Clark) Habitual offenders; revise regulations for. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 142: (Representative Clark) Mississippi Special Needs Housing Steering Council; create. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 143: (Representative Clark) Income tax; exclude overtime compensation from gross income. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 144: (Representative Clark) Bonds; authorize issuance to provide funds for public school capital improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 145: (Representatives Clark, Jackson) School social workers and psychologists; authorize districts to employ and receive partial state reimbursement for salaries of. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 146: (Representative Clark) Historic Courthouse Fund; create to provide grants to counties for maintenance/restoration of historic courthouses. Public Property; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 147: (Representative Young) Teachers; revise duties and responsibilities relating to student assessment and achievement before promotion. Education.

H. B. No. 148: (Representative Young) Suffrage restoration; authorize automatically upon satisfaction of all of the sentencing requirements of a conviction. Judiciary B; Constitution.

H. B. No. 149: (Representative Young) Joint Legislative Study Committee on Electrification of Transportation; create. Transportation.

H. B. No. 150: (Representative Young) Tenth Circuit Court District; authorize additional district attorney. Judiciary A; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 151: (Representative Young) Wireless learning environments; require school districts to develop and implement within two years. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 152: (Representative Young) The Digital Access Learning and Virtual Instruction Program Act of 2023; create. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 153: (Representative Young) Public employees; exempt from bad check fees caused by error in direct deposit made by their employer or retirement system. Banking and Financial Services.

H. B. No. 154: (Representative Young) School districts; require administrative efficiency joinder of multiple districts in county into single countywide district. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 155: (Representative Young) Mississippi Tuition Subsidy Forgivable Loan; create. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 156: (Representative Young) School district efficiency; conduct feasibility study on the administration of. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 157: (Representative Mickens) Right to vote; restore automatically once a person has completed all sentencing requirements. Judiciary B; Constitution.

H. B. No. 158: (Representatives Mickens, Summers) Corporal punishment; prohibit in public and charter schools. Education.

H. B. No. 159: (Representatives Hines, Johnson, Anthony) Medicaid; provide increased reimbursement rate for hospitals in counties with high unemployment and doctor shortage. Medicaid; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 160: (Representative Hines) Long-term care facilities; require residents of certain to obtain a preneed contract within 6 months after admission. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 161: (Representatives Hines, Anthony) Appropriation; UMMC to support a medical residency program at Delta Regional Medical Center. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 162: (Representative Hines) School board members; authorize excused absences from board meeting in the event of family emergency. Education.

H. B. No. 163: (Representative Hines) "Mississippi Eyes on Smiling Students Health Act"; enact to require vision screening and oral health assessments for certain students. Education; Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 164: (Representatives Hines, Karriem) Legislative Public Project Grant Program; create. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 165: (Representative Hines) Appropriation; Mississippi Delta Strategic Compact. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 166: (Representative Hines) Health; State Health Officer shall develop program to close the gap in health status of gender and racial groups. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 167: (Representative Hines) Dating violence; require school districts to adopt a policy and educate students on. Education.

H. B. No. 168: (Representative Hines) Medical records; persons seeking disability benefits may obtain at no charge until determination of disability. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 169: (Representative Hines) Compulsory-school-age child; revise definition of by increasing required age to 18 years. Education.

H. B. No. 170: (Representatives Hines, Harness, Summers, Karriem) Domestic abuse court program; establish. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 171: (Representative Hines) Youth and Community Safety Act; create. Youth and Family Affairs; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 172: (Representatives Hines, Young) Universities and colleges; require to provide mental health assessments to members of school athletic teams. Universities and Colleges; Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 173: (Representative Hines) Mississippi Commission on Wage Review; create. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 174: (Representative Hines) Mississippi Department of Human Services employees; remove prohibition on participating in political campaigns for. Public Health and Human Services; Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 175: (Representatives Hines, Anthony) CON; provide for exception to home health agency moratorium for certain hospice licensees. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 176: (Representative Hines) Military education credits and certifications; require IHL, MCCB and SWIB to develop policy for acceptance of toward academic credit. Universities and Colleges; Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 177: (Representative Hines) Child support enforcement and collection; terminate contract with private entity for and DHS shall perform. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 178: (Representative Hines) Electric Power Association Law; bring forward entirely and amend election provisions of. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 179: (Representatives Hines, Anthony) Health care and education shortage assistance program; establish to help attract professionals to work in certain counties. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 180: (Representative Massengill) Women's Veterans' Day; designate as a legal holiday in the State of Mississippi. Rules.

H. B. No. 181: (Representative Hines) Malicious prosecution; require officials or employees involved to pay all costs associated with. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 182: (Representative Hines) Unemployment compensation; revise weekly benefit amount for. Workforce Development; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 183: (Representative Hines) Child care facilities; require licensing agency to disclose names of persons filing complaints against. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 184: (Representative Hines) Department of Human Services; require a board of directors to be created within. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 185: (Representative Hines) Child Care Advisory Council; require child care providers to recommend names of persons to serve on. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 186: (Representative Hines) Employees terminated from certain agencies, departments, institutions or nonprofits; prohibit from receiving similar employment. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 187: (Representative Hines) Medicaid; require managed care organizations to use certain level of care guidelines in determining medical necessity. Medicaid; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 188: (Representative Hines) Mississippi Board of Human Services; create. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 189: (Representatives Hines, Anthony) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements at Alcorn State University, Jackson State University and Mississippi Valley State University. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 190: (Representative Hines) Cyberstalking; revise to include certain kinds of social media communications. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 191: (Representative Hines) Appropriation; Department of Health for making physician grants under the Mississippi Qualified Health Center Grant Program. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 192: (Representative Hines) Appropriation; Department of Health for making care grants under the Mississippi Qualified Health Center Grant Program. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 193: (Representative Hines) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Greenville in paying costs of repair and renovation of city parks and golf course. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 194: (Representative Hines) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Metcalfe in paying costs of repair and renovation of town park. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 195: (Representative Hines) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Greenville in paying costs of improvements to its water and sewer systems. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 196: (Representative Hines) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to Great River Railroad line in Bolivar County and Washington County. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 197: (Representative Hines) Video lottery terminals; authorize lottery board to allow with certain restrictions. Gaming; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 198: (Representative Hines) Chronic diseases; direct Health Department to establish WISEWOMAN and WISEMAN programs in certain counties. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 199: (Representative Hines) Health insurers; require to use certain standard for hospital inpatient admissions. Insurance.

H. B. No. 200: (Representative Hines) Workers' Compensation Law; increase maximum total recovery under to 520 weeks. Insurance.

H. B. No. 201: (Representative Paden) "Mississippi Promise Scholarship Act of 2023"; establish to provide tuition assistance for tuition-free community college attendance. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 202: (Representative Paden) Assistant teachers; require school districts to notify of nonreemployment within 10 days after adopting budget. Education.

H. B. No. 203: (Representative Paden) School districts; require each school to have epinephrine auto-injectors and AEDs in every building and cafeteria. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 204: (Representative Paden) Mississippi Secure Choice Savings Program; establish. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 205: (Representative Paden) Public universities and colleges; require to have epinephrine auto-injectors and AEDs in every building on campus. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 206: (Representative Paden) Mississippi Department of Labor; create. Workforce Development; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 207: (Representative Paden) Mississippi Benefit Corporation Act; create. Judiciary A; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 208: (Representatives Felsher, Summers, Hulum) Computer science curriculum; clarify terminology to specify who may provide instruction in. Education.

H. B. No. 209: (Representative Felsher) Terroristic threats; revise elements of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 210: (Representatives Miles, Hulum) Honorably discharged veterans; exempt from concealed carry license fees. Military Affairs.

H. B. No. 211: (Representative Powell) Health insurance; prohibit modifications on renewal of covered and prescribed prescription drug's contracted benefit level. Insurance.

H. B. No. 212: (Representative Newman) PERS; certain law enforcement officers and firefighters shall receive one year of creditable service for every five years of service in Mississippi. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 213: (Representative Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Prentiss County with bridge projects. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 214: (Representative Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Guntown with purchase of emergency equipment for the city's fire department. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 215: (Representative Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with improvements to Carrollville Avenue. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 216: (Representative Turner) Appropriation; City of Saltillo for making safety enhancements and upgrades to voting precinct building. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 217: (Representative Turner) Taxes levied by commissioners of master water management districts; remove requirement that boards of supervisors must implement. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 218: (Representative Turner) PERS; allow retirees working in nonlicensed school position to earn full amount of salary for position. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 219: (Representative Clarke) Early voting; authorize for not more than 21 days nor less than 5 days before each election. Apportionment and Elections; Rules.

H. B. No. 220: (Representatives Clarke, Mickens, Sanders, Bailey) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. Medicaid; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 221: (Representative Clarke) Juneteenth; designate as a legal holiday in the State of Mississippi. Rules.

H. B. No. 222: (Representative Clarke) Retail businesses; those that accept credit or debit cards shall have video cameras to record persons using the cards. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 223: (Representative Clarke) Appropriation; Department of Archives and History for Scott Ford House to develop two historic properties in Jackson. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 224: (Representative Clarke) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to the Jackson Public School District's Career Development Center. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 225: (Representative Clarke) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to the Jackson Public Schools District's Career Development Center. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 226: (Representative Clarke) Land sold for taxes; require chancery clerk to immediately execute deed of conveyance to purchaser. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 227: (Representative Clarke) Visual art and music education; require instruction of in public schools as a part of the curriculum. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 228: (Representative Hines) Mississippi History and United States Government; require to be included in curriculum for all students in Grades 9-12. Education.

H. C. R. No. 3: (Representative Young) Constitution; conform initiative signature requirements from each congressional district for an initiative petition to the number of current congressional districts. Constitution.

H. C. R. No. 4: (Representatives Miles, Banks, Summers) Attorney Constance Slaughter-Harvey; commend and honor historic legacy as a living legal icon. Rules.

H. R. No. 4: (Representative Thompson) Jim Waide; commend career and community contributions of. Rules.

H. R. No. 5: (Representative Reynolds) Floyd Shankerman; commend upon iconic years of service to Clarksdale, Mississippi; as owner of Shankerman's. Rules.

Head Page, Hunter Lofton, introduced the following pages for the week:

Taahir Banks	Itta Bena, MS
Levi Cook	Clinton, MS
Brooks Crawley	Brandon, MS
Alayjha Edwards	Jackson, MS
Hayes Hathorn	Jackson, MS
TyQuavis Johnson	Jackson, MS
Lee Jones	Brandon, MS
Samuel Long	Madison, MS
Reed Plotner	Madison, MS
Reagan Plotner	Madison, MS
Abby Sheffield	Madison, MS
Keri Taylor	Jackson, MS

Representative Owen introduced special guests, Chapel Hart, an American country music vocal group from Poplarville, Mississippi, H. R. No. 2

At 10:19 AM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 10:46 AM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Representative Powell introduced special guests, the Jackson Prep "Patriots" Baseball Team, H. R. No. 1.

Representative Clarke introduced special guest, Dr. Lisa Allen-McLaurin; H. R. No. 3.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 1: Jackson Prep "Patriots" Baseball Team; commend and congratulate for winning the MAIS 6A State Baseball Championship for the 5th consecutive year.

H. R. No. 2: Chapel Hart; commend successes in their career as well as during America's Got Talent.

H. R. No. 3: Reverend Dr. Lisa Allen-McLaurin; commend upon her appointment as music scholar-in-residence and interim choral director at the American Church in Paris, France.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Bain moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of David Palmer, which motion prevailed.

Representative Busby moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Katy Blake, and Lee Tingle, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bennett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Eldridge "Bay" Thomas Ladner, Sr., Harlan Dee "Mac" McDonald, Frances Faye Buckley, and Thomas C. "TC" Whitfield, which motion prevailed.

Representative Felsher moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Mary Boles, John M. Wallace, Annie Weaver, and Andrew Clarke, Jr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Powell moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of William J. Harris, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Felsher, McCarty and Owen moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Irma Ladner, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Boyd A, Turner and Aguirre moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Harry A. Martin, which motion prevailed.

Representative Wallace moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Larry Broadhead, which motion prevailed.

Representative Anderson B moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Daniel Rocky Soldinie, which motion prevailed.

Representative Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Nellowise B. Rimes, and James Bruce McCaffery, which motion prevailed.

Representative Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Mitchell Hurt, Kyle Reece Jordan, and William Mark Lindsey, which motion prevailed.

Representative McLean and the Entire Membership moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Rep. Lynn Wright, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Aguirre, Bain, Boyd (37th) and Turner moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Rowland Geddie, which motion prevailed.

At 11:02 AM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Thursday, January 5, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRD DAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023

(THIRD CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Scoggin.

Rep. Scoggin led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Huddleston and Robinson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 229: (Representatives Creekmore IV, Deweese, Lancaster, Steverson) Third Circuit Court District; authorize additional district attorney, criminal investigator and victim assistant coordinator. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 230: (Representative Creekmore IV) In-state tuition; provide that 12 months of residency in MS shall constitute eligibility for. Universities and Colleges.

H. B. No. 231: (Representatives Creekmore IV, Lancaster, Thompson) Tobacco education, prevention and cessation program; add fentanyl and drug abuse prevention education. Drug Policy.

H. B. No. 232: (Representative Creekmore IV) Dairy show; relocate the show held in Lee County, MS, to Pontotoc County, MS. Agriculture.

H. B. No. 233: (Representatives Creekmore IV, Calvert, Currie, Thompson) Testing strips for controlled substances; require Department of Health to provide free of charge. Drug Policy.

H. B. No. 234: (Representative Creekmore IV) Municipalities and counties trails program; create and issue bonds to provide funds for. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 235: (Representative Creekmore IV) Landscape architects; authorize to participate with multi-disciplinary engineer and architecture firms. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 236: (Representative Rushing) Ad valorem tax; remove the provision that prescribes the manner in which affordable rental housing must be appraised. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 237: (Representatives Rushing, Hopkins, Williamson) Retirement; PERS members convicted of job-related felonies shall be terminated from system. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 238: (Representatives Mickens, Byrd) Disabled veterans motor vehicle license tags; revise certain provisions regarding disability rating. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 239: (Representative Bomgar) Abandoned motor vehicle; current owner may contest sale of by filing a notice of appeal with the appropriate circuit court. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 240: (Representative Bomgar) Weighing devices; provide Commissioner of Agriculture with authority to regulate those that dispense agricultural commodities. Agriculture.

H. B. No. 241: (Representative Sanford) Campaign finance reports; revise the time for filing electronically. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 242: (Representatives Sanford, Hopkins, Williamson) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to Veterans Outreach. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 243: (Representative Sanford) Income tax; delete reverter on credit allowed for child adoption expenses. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 244: (Representatives Sanford, Hopkins) Baby Drop off immunity; revise age of baby and who may drop off. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 245: (Representative Sanford) Medical records; set maximum amounts of fees that may be charged for providing in electronic format. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 246: (Representatives Sanford, Burnett) Real property; right of first refusal expires on grantee's death unless specifically stated otherwise. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 247: (Representative Sanford) Bulletproof Vests Revolving Fund Program; create. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 248: (Representative Sanford) Tax sales; require conveyances of land to be subject to recorded easements. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 249: (Representative Roberson) MS Medical Cannabis Act; extend repealers to certain state laws for Departments of Health and Revenue in connection with Drug Policy.

H. B. No. 250: (Representative Roberson) Medicaid; revise certain provisions regarding managed care providers and payments during appeals. Medicaid.

H. B. No. 251: (Representative Roberson) Medicaid; restrict frequency of managed care organizations transferring enrollees to other organizations. Medicaid.

H. B. No. 252: (Representative Roberson) Alcoholic beverages; revise provisions regarding certain permits and distance restrictions. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 253: (Representative Roberson) DUI suspension; clarify how the 120 days are counted. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 254: (Representative Roberson) Petroleum Products Inspection Law; extend repealers on definitions and penalties under. Energy.

H. B. No. 255: (Representative Roberson) Oil & gas severance taxes; extend repealers on lower rate for production from horizontally drilled wells. Energy.

H. B. No. 256: (Representative Roberson) Mississippi Boll Weevil Management Corporation; extend repealer on requirement that audits be submitted by November 15. Agriculture.

H. B. No. 257: (Representative Roberson) Physical therapists; not required to have prior work experience to work at PPEC center. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 258: (Representatives Roberson, Jackson) Educational Facilities Revolving Loan Fund; extend repealers on statutes relating to sales tax distribution and state public school building fund. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 259: (Representative Roberson) Medical radiation technologists; delete repealers on registration statutes. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 260: (Representative Roberson) Failing school districts; extend repealer on alternative method of appointing new local school board after impairments are corrected. Education.

H. B. No. 261: (Representative Roberson) Income tax; extend credit for qualified contributions to an endowed fund at qualified community foundations. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 262: (Representative Roberson) Income tax; extend reverter on credit allowed for child adoption expenses. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 263: (Representative Roberson) Municipalities; extend repealer on authority to create program addressing delinquent customer water bills. Municipalities.

H. B. No. 264: (Representative Roberson) Energy Efficiency standards on buildings; extend repealer on statute requiring certain buildings to meet. Energy.

H. B. No. 265: (Representatives Smith, Hopkins, Williamson) The Second Amendment Preservation Act; create to provide that the Legislature preempts local firearms ordinances. Constitution.

H. B. No. 266: (The Entire Membership) David R. Huggins and Tom Weathersby; revise names of public buildings to include. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 267: (Representative Burnett) Expungement; authorize for embezzlement by a state, county, city or town officer 14 years after completing all terms and conditions of sentences. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 268: (Representative Burnett) Expungement; remove embezzlement by officers from the list of nonexpungeable crimes. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 269: (Representative Rushing) State aid system of roads; increase maximum total mileage of by 400 miles. Transportation.

H. C. R. No. 5: (Representatives McGee, McCarty) Carlton D. "Corky" Palmer; honor the life and legacy of upon his passing. Rules.

H. R. No. 6: (Representative Sanford) Norman Goetzmann Stevens, Jr.; honor life and legacy upon his passing. Rules.

At 10:05 AM on motion of Rep. Scoggin the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 10:36 AM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Representative Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Claude Rowell, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Boyd A, Turner and Aguirre moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Judy Beard, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hopkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Danny Lee, Adam Tipton, Geraldine Wheeler, Stephen Austin Oliver, Joseph Gwin Oliver, Howard Mea, Pamela Leigh Payne, Norman M. McCreary, and Terry Higgins, which motion prevailed.

Representative McGee moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dennis Behm, which motion prevailed.

Representative Sanford moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Max Brayden Fullen, which motion prevailed.

At 10:37 AM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, January 6, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FOURTH DAY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2023

(FOURTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Master Treyson Pierce, Dallas, Texas.

Rep. Sanders led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Absent or those not voting--Felsher, Huddleston. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Felsher and Huddleston.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by

the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 270: (Representative Mims) Income tax; authorize a credit for certain registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 271: (Representatives Mims, Faulkner, McGee) Appropriation; additional to Health Department for Mississippi Hospital Sustainability Grant Program, ARPA funds. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 272: (Representatives Mims, Faulkner, McGee) Appropriation; Health Department for Local Provider Innovation Grant Program. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 273: (Representatives Mims, Scoggin, Faulkner, Anthony, McGee) Health Care Impact Grant Program; establish to provide grants to hospitals and nursing facilities. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 274: (Representatives Gunn, Anthony) Appropriation; Office of Workforce Development for supporting and expanding the career coaching program for schools. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 275: (Representative Hopkins) Physical therapists; authorize to perform services without referral from another health care provider. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 276: (Representative Zuber) State Board of Physical Therapy, authorize to issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents. Judiciary A.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The Speaker has appointed Rep. Andy Boyd to the following House committees effective immediately: Banking and Financial Services, Conservation and Water Resources, County Affairs, Public Utilities, and Youth and Family Affairs.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The Speaker moved Rep. Jansen Owen from the House Youth and Family Affairs Committee to the House Education Committee.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The Speaker has appointed Rep. Scott Bounds to the House Insurance Committee.

Representative Watson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of John Cephus McLendon, Carolyn Fay Butler LeFlore, Pearlie McDougale, and Rickey DuPree, which motion prevailed.

Representative Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dawson Kash Lawler, which motion prevailed.

Representative Rushing and the Entire House Membership moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Addison Grace McCord, which motion prevailed.

At 9:10 AM, on motion of Rep. Massengill the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, January 9, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTH DAY, MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023

(SEVENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Gene Newman.

Rep. Newman led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Huddleston and Robinson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 277: (Representatives Anderson (122nd), Holloway) State identification; authorize permanent identification for permanent residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 278: (Representative Hobgood-Wilkes) Video surveillance cameras; require to be installed in classrooms and certain other areas of public schools and postsecondary educational institutions. Education.

H. B. No. 279: (Representatives Currie, Stamps) TikTok application; prohibit use of on state-issued devices. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 280: (Representatives Currie, Stamps, Hobgood-Wilkes, Crawford, Scoggin, Brown (20th), Williamson, Arnold) Foreign governments; prohibit sale of agricultural lands to. Agriculture.

H. B. No. 281: (Representatives Stamps, Currie, Bounds, Miles, Crawford, Mangold, Faulkner) Law enforcement officers killed in line of duty; clarify that beneficiaries may receive sidearm of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 282: (Representative Johnson) Parole eligibility; revise for certain offenders and require Parole Board hearing before release of certain inmates. Corrections; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 283: (Representative Johnson) Commutation of sentences; require for certain nonviolent offenders. Corrections; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 284: (Representative Johnson) Mandatory 85% sentencing rule; repeal. Corrections; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 285: (Representatives Johnson, Anthony) Habitual offender law; exclude drug and nonviolent offenses when computing prior offenses under. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 286: (Representative Johnson) Habitual offender law; authorize parole eligibility if offender served 10 years of a sentence of 40 years or more. Corrections; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 287: (Representative Bounds) Mississippi Forestry Commission; authorize to electronically accept bids for timber sales. Forestry.

H. B. No. 288: (Representative Bounds) Public Utilities Staff; authorize certain personnel to be filled by consulting contract. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 289: (Representative Bounds) Hunting and fishing license fees; include training facilities in list of designated purposes for use of. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. B. No. 290: (Representative Crawford) Indigenous Peoples' Day; declare second Monday in October as a day of observance. Rules.

H. B. No. 291: (Representative Crawford) Corporal punishment; require school districts that allow to adopt a policy allowing parents to opt in. Education.

H. B. No. 292: (Representative Crawford) Municipalities; prohibit from receiving certain funds if police department is defunded. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 293: (Representative Crawford) Teacher and administrator license; deny or revoke for those who physically abuse a student. Education.

H. B. No. 294: (Representatives Crawford, Hopkins, Williamson) Face masks; prohibit public schools and universities and colleges from requiring students to wear. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 295: (Representative Crawford) School attendance officers; require to receive training on IDEA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Education.

H. B. No. 296: (Representative Crawford) Mississippi Code; modernize terminology by replacing "mentally retarded" with "intellectual disability". Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 297: (Representatives Kinkade, Faulkner) Appropriation; Marshall County for completing the Potts Camp Railroad Bridge and Bypass Project. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 298: (Representatives Kinkade, Faulkner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Byhalia with infrastructure improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 299: (Representatives Kinkade, Faulkner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Marshall County in improving Barringer Road for Chickasaw Trail Industrial Park access. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 300: (Representative Rushing) Immunity for law enforcement officers; authorize when claimant is convicted for resisting arrest. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 301: (Representative Rushing) School boards; authorize to establish specialized security and threat mitigation teams. Education.

H. B. No. 302: (Representatives Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Williamson) "Forming Open and Robust University Minds (FORUM) Act"; establish. Constitution.

H. B. No. 303: (Representative Hobgood-Wilkes) Electric vehicle tax; exempt lowspeed vehicles. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 304: (Representative Hobgood-Wilkes) Mattresses; require seller to give notice when previously owned. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 305: (Representative Criswell) Mississippi Access to Care Act; create. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 306: (Representative Haney) Retirement; persons convicted of certain felonies shall forfeit benefits from PERS, SLRP and MHSPRS. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 307: (Representative Haney) DUI; revise violations of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 308: (Representative Haney) Officers who may administer oaths; add chiefs of police and sheriffs. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 309: (Representative Anderson (122nd)) Indecent assault; create the crime of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 310: (Representative Crawford) State park fee; authorize MDWFP to provide discount to senior citizens age 65 and older. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 311: (Representative Crawford) Sexual battery; remove statute of limitations for prosecution of crime of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 312: (Representative Crawford) Hunting and fishing license; authorize Native Americans to receive free of charge upon providing a tribal identification card. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. B. No. 313: (Representative Crawford) Video surveillance cameras; require in certain areas of school facilities for protection of exceptional children. Education.

H. B. No. 314: (Representative Currie) State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering; create to license and regulate those two occupations. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 315: (Representative Currie) Health Insurance policies; require coverage of certain examinations primarily related to women's health. Insurance.

H. B. No. 316: (Representative Currie) Health insurance; require certain policies to provide coverage for physician-prescribed proton beam therapy. Insurance.

H. B. No. 317: (Representative Currie) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to the Lincoln Civic Center Foundation. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 318: (Representative Currie) Immigrants; prohibit Mississippi agencies from assisting federal agencies transporting into Mississippi. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 319: (Representatives Currie, Ford (73rd)) Retirement; PERS and SLRP members convicted of certain felonies shall have benefits suspended until full restitution is made. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 320: (Representative Currie) Child support for pregnant women; provide authority to allow court to order. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 321: (Representative Johnson) Income tax; provide a credit for taxpayers who claim a federal earned income tax credit. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 322: (Representative Johnson) Income tax; authorize credit for certain child care expenses, child care centers and child care teachers and directors. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 323: (Representative Johnson) Minimum Wage; establish at \$10.00 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. Workforce Development; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 324: (Representatives Johnson, Anthony) Medicaid; telehealth services provided by FQHCs, rural health clinics and community mental health centers reimbursed at same rate as face-to-face encounters. Medicaid.

H. B. No. 325: (Representatives Johnson, Anthony) DOC; convert restitution centers to post-release reentry centers. Corrections; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 326: (Representative Johnson) Use of restitution centers by DOC; repeal and convert centers into post-release reentry centers. Corrections; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 327: (Representative Johnson) Corrections Inspection Council; establish. Corrections; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 328: (Representatives Johnson, Anthony) Career pathways initiative; provide for development of to increase access to educational credentials for higher-paying jobs. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 329: (Representative Johnson) "The Juvenile Offender Parole and Rehabilitation Act"; enact. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 330: (Representative Johnson) ARPA Expenditures Ombudsman; establish to oversee all expenditures of ARPA funds. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 331: (Representatives Johnson, Anthony) Helping Mississippians Afford Broadband Act; create. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 332: (Representatives Hopkins, Williamson) Statewide testing program; cease all statewide uniform assessments and determine promotion based on cumulative grades. Education.

H. B. No. 333: (Representative Johnson) Appropriation; State Department of Health from Coronavirus Recovery Fund for premium pay to essential health care workers. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 334: (Representative Johnson) Motor vehicle; revise requirements for scrapping, dismantling or destroying when owner does not have title in his or her name. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 335: (Representative Johnson) Income tax; allow credit for investments in qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 336: (Representatives Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson) MS Accountability and Transparency Act; revise to include certain counties and municipalities. Municipalities; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 337: (Representatives Criswell, Hopkins) Seizure and forfeiture; prohibit waiver of forfeiture and revise standard of proof. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 338: (Representative Harness) Mississippi Retail Marijuana Act; create to authorize and regulate the personal use of marijuana. Drug Policy.

H. B. No. 339: (Representative Harness) Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law; authorize governing authorities of certain qualified resort areas to allow package retailer's permits. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 340: (Representative Harness) Alcoholic beverages; allow holders of package retailer's permits to sell on Sunday. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 341: (Representative Harness) Habitual offenders; exclude nonviolent offenders. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 342: (Representatives Harness, Williamson) Voting rights; restore upon satisfaction of all of the sentencing requirements of a conviction. Judiciary B; Constitution.

H. B. No. 343: (Representative Harness) Public defenders; increase compensation for court appointed. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 344: (Representative Harness) Law Enforcement Supplemental Pay Program; create. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 345: (Representative Harness) Statewide assessment program; discontinue all standardized tests except for single test in Grades 3, 8 and 11. Education.

H. B. No. 346: (Representative Harness) Probation, post-release supervision and technical violations; revise certain time periods concerning. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 347: (Representative Harness) Interrogations; require to be recorded if crimes of violence. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 348: (Representative Harness) Youthful Offender Law; enact. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 349: (Representative Harness) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Bude with relocation and restoration of the Bude Depot. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 350: (Representative Harness) IHL board; delete repealer on authority to oversee certain construction projects funded by state general obligation bonds. Universities and Colleges.

H. B. No. 351: (Representative Harness) State Institutions of Higher Learning; authorize program to provide devices to students when necessary for remote learning. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 352: (Representative Harness) Public defenders; increase compensation for. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 353: (Representative Harness) Concealed carry permit; exempt members of the Mississippi Legislature from the licensing requirement for. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 354: (Representative Harness) U.S. History end-of-course subject area test; remove requirement for the purpose of graduation. Education.

H. B. No. 355: (Representative Harness) Landowners Protection Act; repeal. Judiciary A; Rules.

H. B. No. 356: (Representative Harness) "Supplemental Salary Pay for Law Enforcement Act of 2023"; establish. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 357: (Representative Harness) Commercial driver's license; remove prohibition for nonadjudication of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 358: (Representative Foster) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; reauthorize issuance to supporters of former Hinds Agricultural High School. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 359: (Representatives Brown (20th), Williamson) Students; prohibit entities directly or indirectly funded with public monies from distinguishing between. Education.

H. B. No. 360: (Representative Brown (20th)) Local Government Control of Public School Athletics Task Force; create to evaluate transfer of such activities from schools. Education.

H. B. No. 361: (Representative Brown) Postsecondary educational institutions; require to provide certain information to students upon declaration of a major. Universities and Colleges.

H. B. No. 362: (Representatives Brown, Brown (20th), Brown (20th), Hopkins, Williamson) "Mississippi Food Freedom Act"; enact to provide greater autonomy to private producers of agricultural or farm products. Agriculture.

H. B. No. 363: (Representative Pigott) Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce; technical amendments related to certain powers and duties. Agriculture.

H. B. No. 364: (Representatives Scoggin, Boyd (19th), Lancaster, Byrd) Kratom and Tianeptine; include in Schedule I controlled substances list. Drug Policy.

H. B. No. 365: (Representatives Stamps, Scoggin, Boyd (19th), Hopkins, Williamson) Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts; allow to speak to student regarding civic involvement with principal's approval. Education.

H. B. No. 366: (Representatives Eubanks, Bounds, Aguirre, Anderson (110th), Anderson (122nd), Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell (21st), Bell (65th), Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Boyd (19th), Boyd (37th), Brown (20th), Brown (70th), Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore IV, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans (45th), Evans (91st), Faulkner, Felsher, Ford (54th), Ford (73rd), Foster, Gibbs, Goodin, Guice,

Gunn, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber) Sam G. Polles State Office Building; designate the MS Dept. of Wildlife Central Office Building as. Public Property.

H. B. No. 367: (Representative Thompson) Charitable organizations; revise the registration renewal period of certain from every year to every 3 to 5 years, as determined by the SOS. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 368: (Representatives Summers, Hulum, Stamps, McCarty, Karriem) State identification for homeless persons; authorize. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 369: (Representative Harness) Courts; require to establish certain minimum guidelines. Judiciary B.

H. R. No. 7: (Representative Thompson) Dr. Vernon Rayford; commend for outstanding service during COVID-19 pandemic. Rules.

Representative Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Patsy Ruth Hartzog, which motion prevailed.

Representative McGee moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Rose Marie Moore, John Alcorn, Milton Waldoff, Helen Shelby Lee, and Hannah Grace McKenzie, which motion prevailed.

Representative Rushing moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James C. Nicholas, which motion prevailed.

Representative Owen moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of John Miller, Sr. , and David Charles "DC" Alford, which motion prevailed.

Representative Currie moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Johnny Perkins, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Currie and Mangold moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sarah Underwood, which motion prevailed.

Representatives McCarty, Morgan, Pigott and Tubb moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Walter Harrell, which motion prevailed.

Representative Weathersby moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of William "Billy" Mancil, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hobgood-Wilkes moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Joey Wade Temples, which motion prevailed.

At 2:00 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 4:06 PM, Tuesday, January 10, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTH DAY, TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023

(EIGHTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Hulum.

Rep. Hulum led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Huddleston and Robinson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 370: (Representative Yates) Municipal elected officers; authorize removal of using the same process as removal of county elected officers. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 371: (Representative Rushing) Bonds; revise purposes for which proceeds of bonds authorized for City of Union. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 372: (Representative Rushing) Sales tax; extend time for exemption on retail sales of school supplies during the last weekend in July. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 373: (Representatives Rushing, Hulum) Hunting; authorize hunters to wear fluorescent pink as an alternative to fluorescent orange. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. B. No. 374: (Representatives Rushing, Stamps) Wiretapping; authorize state and local law enforcement to use for human trafficking. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 375: (Representative Hopkins) Ad valorem taxation; exempt real property. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 376: (Representative Hopkins) Cell site simulator device; require law enforcement agencies to obtain warrant before using. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 377: (Representative Hopkins) Ad valorem tax; exempt motor homes and trailers. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 378: (Representative Hopkins) Electric/hybrid vehicles; repeal sections of law authorizing. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 379: (Representative Hopkins) Ad valorem tax; revise assessment rate for motor vehicles. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 380: (Representatives Hopkins, Williamson) "The Financial Transparency Act"; enact. Education.

H. B. No. 381: (Representatives Powell, Hopkins) Alcoholic beverages; increase number of package retailer's permits a person may own. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 382: (Representative Powell) Sales tax; create sales tax diversion to the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 383: (Representatives Powell, Mims, Cockerham, Sanford, Hopkins, Williamson, Brown (20th)) Oil and gas severance taxes; extend repealer on lower rate for production from horizontally drilled wells. Energy; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 384: (Representatives Burnett, Powell, Harness, Hulum) Alcoholic beverages; authorize local authorities of wet jurisdiction to permit package retail sales on Sunday. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 385: (Representatives Powell, Hopkins) Alcoholic beverages; allow direct sales and shipments of wine to be made to residents in this state. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 386: (Representative Lamar) Year of teaching experience; permit school districts to credit for certain postsecondary personnel upon employment. Education.

H. B. No. 387: (Representatives Lamar, Steverson, Mickens) School attendance officers; revise salary scale for. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 388: (Representative Lamar) Income tax; revise local governmental entities that may collect debt by a setoff against a debtor's refund. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 389: (Representative Lamar) Appropriation; Punkin Water Association for costs of drinking water projects under ARPA. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 390: (Representatives Lamar, Hopkins, Felsher) Historic property income tax credit; revise certain provisions regarding. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 391: (Representative Roberson) Direct recording electronic voting equipment (DRE); extend repealer on authority of counties and municipalities to use. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 392: (Representative Roberson) Income tax; extend tax years for employer taxpayer to claim credit for employees' blood donations during blood drive. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 393: (Representative Roberson) Pseudoephedrine and ephedrine; extend repealer on authority to sell and purchase without a prescription certain products containing. Drug Policy.

H. B. No. 394: (Representative Roberson) Emerging Crops Fund; extend deadline for issuance of general obligation bonds for funding. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 395: (Representatives Roberson, Stamps) MS Major Economic Impact Act; extend deadline for issuance of bonds for certain automotive parts manufacturing plant projects. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 396: (Representative Roberson) Tourism Project Sales Tax Incentive Program; extend authority of MDA to approve participants for projects. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 397: (Representative Roberson) MS Gulf Coast Region Utility Board; extend repealers on. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 398: (Representative Roberson) Mississippi Department of Human Services; extend repealers on. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 399: (Representative Roberson) MS Comprehensive Workforce Training and Education Consolidation Act of 2004; extend repealer on statutes making up. Workforce Development.

H. C. R. No. 6: (Representatives Scoggin, Hopkins) State of Mississippi; declare as "Second Amendment Sanctuary" State. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 7: (Representatives Johnson, Summers, Harness) Constitution; conform initiative signature requirements from each congressional district for an initiative petition to the number of current congressional districts. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 8: (Representative Hopkins) Constitution; amend to provide that during legislative sessions held in even years only appropriations bills shall be considered. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 9: (Representative Hopkins) Constitution; amend to reduce assessment ratio for motor vehicles. Constitution.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY B

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 266: Department of Public Safety Headquarters Office; name in honor of Commissioner David R. Huggins. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 370: Municipal elected officers; authorize removal of using the same process as removal of county elected officers. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

NICK BAIN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. R. No. 4: Jim Waide; commend career and community contributions of. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 5: Floyd Shankerman; commend upon iconic years of service to Clarksdale, Mississippi; as owner of Shankerman's. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 6: Norman Goetzmann Stevens, Jr.; honor life and legacy upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 7: Dr. Vernon Rayford; commend for outstanding service during COVID-19 pandemic. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

Head Page, Jennifer Fleming, introduced the following pages for the week:

Shontae Coats	Kosciusko, MS
Kylee Fountain	Canton, MS
Madisyn Kelly	Carthage, MS
Sydney McMinn	Brandon, MS
Austin Nguyen	Mize, MS
Kristen Smith	Raymond, MS
Addisyn Ziegler	Mize, MS

Representatives Currie and Mangold moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Cecil Rhodes, which motion prevailed.

Representative Tullos moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Erwin Jackie "Jack" White, which motion prevailed.

Representative Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Alice Rushing, and Norma Lee Pigott, which motion prevailed.

Representative Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sandra Kay Thomas Love, which motion prevailed.

Representative Zuber moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Thomas Alan Miller, Thomas John Brok, I, Belinda Elaine Gryder-Guice, Mary "Julie" Kelley, Elizabeth Kelley, Curtis John Lloyd, Sr. , Sherman "Rock" Sekul, Melva Webb Emerson, and James Dwight Rivers, which motion prevailed.

At 2:07 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Wednesday, January 11, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SEVENTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2023

(NINTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Samuel Reese, Pastor of St. James M. B. Church.

The National Anthem was played by guitarist, Mr. Israel Coleman.

Rep. Porter led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Huddleston and Robinson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 400: (Representative Owen) Election crimes; revise the penalties for certain. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 401: (Representative Lamar) Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission Law; revise certain provisions relating to a manufacturer's ownership of motor vehicle dealership. Ways and Means.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 390: Historic property income tax credit; revise certain provisions regarding. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 401: Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission Law; revise certain provisions relating to a manufacturer's ownership of motor vehicle dealership. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

Rep. Roberson called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

H. R. No. 4: Jim Waide; commend career and community contributions of.

H. R. No. 5: Floyd Shankerman; commend upon iconic years of service to Clarksdale, Mississippi; as owner of Shankerman's.

H. R. No. 6: Norman Goetzmann Stevens, Jr.; honor life and legacy upon his passing.

H. R. No. 7: Dr. Vernon Rayford; commend for outstanding service during COVID-19 pandemic.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. R. No. 4: Jim Waide; commend career and community contributions of.

H. R. No. 5: Floyd Shankerman; commend upon iconic years of service to Clarksdale, Mississippi; as owner of Shankerman's.

H. R. No. 6: Norman Goetzmann Stevens, Jr.; honor life and legacy upon his passing.

H. R. No. 7: Dr. Vernon Rayford; commend for outstanding service during COVID-19 pandemic.

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 370: Municipal elected officers; authorize removal of using the same process as removal of county elected officers.

On motion of Rep. Yates the foregoing bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Representative McGee moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of JoAnn Phillips, which motion prevailed.

Representative Sanford moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Rev. James Carroll Sanford, which motion prevailed.

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Representative Rushing moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Marquise "Doda" Poole, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jean Schmidt, and Bob Hemeter, which motion prevailed.

At 2:42 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Thursday, January 12, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

EIGHTH DAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2023

(TENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Andy Boyd.

Rep. Boyd, A led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Huddleston and Robinson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 402: (Representatives Bain, McKnight) Fleeing law enforcement; increase penalties for the crime of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 403: (Representative Bain) Package retail permit holders; require to have a third-party age verification service available on property. Ways and Means; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 404: (Representative Bain) State assessments; deposit certain into designated special funds instead of General Fund. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 405: (Representatives Bain, Stamps) Bribery of a candidate and crime of conspiracy; revise statute of limitations for. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 406: (Representative Bain) Public records; exempt the booking information of certain mentally ill patients from. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 407: (Representatives Bain, Barnett, Harness, McCarty) Sworn law enforcement officers; provide supplemental pay for certain. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 408: (Representatives Bain, Stamps) Reckless endangerment; create the crime of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 409: (Representative Bain) Mississippi Highway Patrol retirees; require state to appropriate money to offset the health insurance costs of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 410: (Representative Bain) Alderman and councilmen; increase the maximum amount of surety bond that may be given by. Municipalities; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 411: (Representatives Bain, Hopkins, Williamson) CDL; exempt church-owned vehicles equipped to transport 30 or less passengers from requirement of. Transportation.

H. B. No. 412: (Representative Bain) DNA samples; destroy upon request for expungement. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 413: (Representatives Bain, Steverson, Barnett, Williamson) Counties and municipalities; delete requirement for permitting as a condition to construction. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 414: (Representative Bain) Appropriation; DPS for constructing and staffing a new forensic laboratory in Corinth. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 415: (Representative Bain) Appropriation; Alcorn County for funding an incentive program for remote workers to relocate to the county. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 416: (Representative Bain) Rural Nurses Recruitment and Retention Incentive Grant Program; establish. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 417: (Representative Bain) Appropriation; Department of Health for funding the Rural Nurses Recruitment and Retention Incentive Grant Program. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 418: (Representatives Owen, McCarty, Williamson) Sales tax; exempt retail sales of certain food. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 419: (Representatives Currie, Felsher, Hulum) Tourism; provide assistance to destination marketing organizations and other entities. Tourism; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 420: (Representative Currie) Physical therapists; require referral for services to remain valid for one year. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 421: (Representative Currie) Physical therapists; delete requirement for physicians referral before performing services. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 422: (Representatives Weathersby, Newman, Mickens) Public land in Rankin County; authorize DFA to assign property to various state agencies and institutions and establish new Veterans Nursing Home. Public Property.

H. B. No. 423: (Representatives Weathersby, Crudup, Newman) Former First Christian Church property within the Capitol Complex; authorize DFA to purchase. Public Property.

H. B. No. 424: (Representative Darnell) Sex offenders and child custody; revise guidelines regarding the best interest of the child in cases of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 425: (Representative Darnell) Penalties for electronic crimes by minors; clarify. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 426: (Representatives McGee, Anthony, Burnett, McCarty, McLean, Roberson, Summers, Yates, Jackson) Medicaid; extend coverage for eligible women for 12 months postpartum. Medicaid.

H. B. No. 427: (Representative McGee) Hate crimes; revise delineation of victim. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 428: (Representative Owen) Law Enforcement Supplemental Pay Program; create. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 429: (Representative Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with overlaying certain streets. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 430: (Representative Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Prentiss County with road and bridge improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 431: (Representative Turner) Appropriation; City of Baldwin for the county Road 6105 water line replacement project. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 432: (Representative Turner) Appropriation; City of Baldwin for the Carrollville Avenue Improvement Project. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 433: (Representative Turner) Appropriation; City of Baldwin for drainage improvement project. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 434: (Representative Turner) Appropriation; City of Baldwin for County Road 170 gas line extension project. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 435: (Representatives Turner, Arnold) Appropriation; Prentiss County for improvements to roads and bridges in Supervisors District 3. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 436: (Representative Turner) Appropriation; City of Baldwin for county Road 167 gas line extension project. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 437: (Representative Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with County Road 170 gas line extension project. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 438: (Representative Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with certain drainage improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 439: (Representative Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with improvements to Carrollville Avenue. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 440: (Representative Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with County Road 167 gas line extension project. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 441: (Representative Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with County Road 6105 water line replacement project. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 442: (Representative Turner) Appropriation; City of Baldwin for overlay of streets. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 443: (Representative Scoggin) MS Commission on College Accreditation; authorize IHL Board to provide staff, facilities and other means of support to. Universities and Colleges.

H. B. No. 444: (Representative Yates) Offense of failing to execute parental responsibility of a child; establish. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 445: (Representative Blackmon) Right to vote; restore automatically once a person has completed all sentencing requirements. Judiciary B; Constitution.

H. B. No. 446: (Representative Blackmon) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to the Freedom House in Canton. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 447: (Representatives Stamps, Blackmon, Clarke, Mickens, Sanders, Bailey) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. Medicaid; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 448: (Representatives Foster, Ford (73rd)) Recordings of law enforcement activity; prohibit under certain conditions. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 449: (Representative Ford (73rd)) National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS); require all law enforcement agencies to be compliant with or lose state funding. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 450: (Representative Ford (73rd)) "Seizure Safe Schools Act"; establish. Education.

H. B. No. 451: (Representatives Bain, Roberson) Bail; revise how the amount is determined and authorize certain options for the defendant. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 452: (Representatives Morgan, Bailey) Theft of street, road or highway signs; provide penalties for. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 453: (Representative Newman) Nonpayment of fees and fines; repeal sections that prohibit incarceration for. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 454: (Representatives Rushing, Stamps) Radar; authorize use by municipal law enforcement officers in certain municipalities. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 455: (Representative Hopkins) Stop Social Media Censorship Act; create. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 456: (Representatives Massengill, Williamson, Lancaster) Child abuse; revise definition to include gender reassignment. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 457: (Representatives Johnson, Paden, Bailey, Mickens, Harness, Sanders, Anthony) Ms Hospital Emergency Grant Program; create to provide grants to hospitals having financial difficulties. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 458: (Representatives Johnson, Clarke, Mickens, Sanders, Anthony) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. Medicaid; Rules; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 459: (Representative Miles) Teacher contracts; prohibit superintendents from entering into with current licensed employees for continuation of employment before. Education.

H. B. No. 460: (Representative Miles) School districts; authorize to offer supplemental compensation to Medicare eligible retired bus drivers if they secure Medicare. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 461: (Representative Miles) Sales tax; exempt sales of perishable food items to certain charitable organizations. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 462: (Representative Miles) Sales tax; create diversion to counties. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 463: (Representatives Porter, Hines, Johnson, Paden, Denton, Evans (91st), Foster, Holloway, Hulum, McCray, Mickens, Scott, Straughter, Thompson, Anthony) Child care; DHS shall transfer to CCDF the first \$40 Million of unspent TANF funds from prior FY to be used for child care vouchers. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 464: (Representatives Porter, Anthony) Reverse-location court order; regulate and prohibit under certain circumstances. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 465: (Representatives Porter, Anthony) Emergency communications districts; require to implement text-to-911 services by a certain date. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 466: (Representatives Porter, Hines, Johnson, Paden, Denton, Evans (91st), Foster, Holloway, Hulum, McCray, Mickens, Scott, Straughter, Thompson, Anthony) Child care services; provide eligibility for certain persons under the Child Care Payment Program (CCPP). Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 467: (Representatives Porter, Anthony, Hulum, Foster) Biometric Identifiers Privacy Act; establish. Judiciary A.

H. C. R. No. 10: (The Entire Membership) Former Representative Noal Akins; honor life and legacy upon his passing. Rules.

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 390: Historic property income tax credit; revise certain provisions regarding.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 390.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles,

Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson. Total-2.

Present--Bailey. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 401: Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission Law; revise certain provisions relating to a manufacturer's ownership of motor vehicle dealership.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Lamar:

AMEND by deleting lines 225 through 236.

AMEND further, on line 237 by striking "(ii)" and inserting in lieu thereof "(c)".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 401.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--105.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Evans, B, Hopkins, McGee, Owen, Williamson. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Hobgood-Wilkes, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-3.

Present--Bailey, Clark, Young. Total--3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--56

Representative Lamar entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the foregoing bill passed.

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 266: Department of Public Safety Headquarters Office; name in honor of Commissioner David R. Huggins.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Newman:

Amend after line 26 by inserting the following:

"SECTION 2. The Mississippi State Crime Laboratory of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety located in Pearl, Rankin County, Mississippi, shall be named the "Tom Weathersby State Crime Laboratory." The Department of Finance and Administration shall prepare or have prepared a distinctive plaque, to be approved by the Mississippi Department of Public Safety and the Mississippi House of Representatives, to be placed in a prominent place within the building, that states the background, accomplishments and service to the state by the Honorable Tom Weathersby. The Department of Finance and Administration, in conjunction with the Mississippi Department of Public Safety, shall erect or cause to be erected proper lettering or signage on the outdoor facade of the building displaying the official name of the building as the "Tom Weathersby State Crime Laboratory." Any and all funds necessary to accomplish this act will be appropriated by the Legislature for such purpose."

Further, amend on line 17 by striking "Transportation" and inserting in lieu thereof: "Public Safety".

Further, amend by renumbering the succeeding section accordingly.

Further, amend the title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 266**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Ladner, Robinson. Total-3.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Representative Reynolds requested that the Entire Membership be added as authors to the following bill; however, Representatives Hobgood-Wilkes and Ladner requested to be removed as authors:

H. B. No. 266: Department of Public Safety Headquarters Office; name in honor of Commissioner David R. Huggins.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 5: Floyd Shankerman; commend upon iconic years of service to Clarksdale, Mississippi; as owner of Shankerman's.

H. R. No. 6: Norman Goetzmann Stevens, Jr.; honor life and legacy upon his passing.

H. R. No. 7: Dr. Vernon Rayford; commend for outstanding service during COVID-19 pandemic.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. R. No. 4: Jim Waide; commend career and community contributions of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Lancaster moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Barbara Ann Moore, J. B. Scott, Brenda Carol Tunnell, and Terry Gerald Holder, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bain moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Beverly McQuiston, which motion prevailed.

At 2:18 PM, on motion of Rep. Hood the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, January 13, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

NINTH DAY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2023

(ELEVENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Bo Brown.

Rep. Brown (70th) led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor,

Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-3.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Bain, Huddleston and Robinson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Haney and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 468: (Representatives Gunn, Steverson, Miles, Felsher, Williamson) Pregnancy Resource Act; increase amount of tax credits that may be allocated under during a calendar year. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 469: (Representative Gunn) Appropriation; Health Department for MS Baptist Medical Center in Jackson to establish a burn center or unit. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 470: (Representatives Gunn, Anthony) Appropriation; Office of Workforce Development for supporting and expanding the career coaching program for schools. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 471: (Representatives Gunn, Anthony) Appropriation; Office of Workforce Development for supporting and expanding the career coaching program for schools. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 472: (Representatives Cockerham, Clarke, Banks, Brown (70th), Summers, Bell (65th), Crudup, Anthony) Appropriation; IHL for Jackson State University for student housing and dormitories. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 473: (Representative Miles) PERS; allow retirees to be employed as teachers and work full-time and receive full salary for two years. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 474: (Representative Miles) End-of-course assessments; remove mandatory requirement of passing score as a condition of graduation. Education.

H. B. No. 475: (Representative Miles) End-of-course subject area tests; discontinue and require ACT test for all students. Education.

H. B. No. 476: (Representative Miles) Holy Bible; designate as the official state book of Mississippi. Rules.

H. B. No. 477: (Representative Miles) Trooper training class; require Legislature to appropriate funds in 2023 and 2024 sessions to defray expenses of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 478: (Representatives Mims, Williamson, Scoggin, Brown (20th), Hopkins) Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact; create. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 479: (Representatives Brown (20th), Williamson) Civil proceedings; authorize judge to assess cost against those that are dismissed. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 480: (Representatives Brown (20th), Williamson) Wrongful death; clarify cause of action for an unborn child. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 481: (Representative Blackmon) Pre-election day voting; authorize for twenty days before an election. Apportionment and Elections; Rules.

H. B. No. 482: (Representative Blackmon) Enhanced penalties; repeal for certain crimes. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 483: (Representative Blackmon) Sentencing judge; authorize to set date to revisit sentencing of nonviolent offenders. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 484: (Representative Pigott) Petroleum Products Inspection Law; delete repealer on definitions and penalties under. Agriculture.

H. B. No. 485: (Representatives Cockerham, McLean, Ford (73rd), Anthony) Sexual assault evidence kit; regulate the processing of. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 486: (Representatives Hulum, Burnett, Clark, Gibbs, McCray, Sanders, Taylor, Thompson) Ban-the-Box Act; create to prohibit public employers from using criminal history as an initial bar to employment. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 487: (Representatives Hulum, Haney, Brown (70th), Carpenter, Newman, Thompson, Clarke) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist the Alfred Alleman VFW Post 2539 in Gulfport with improvements to Post building. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 488: (Representatives Hulum, Anthony, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Foster, Gibbs, Haney, McCray, Newman, Patterson, Thompson, Walker) School prayer; require school boards to designate a period of reflection for students at the beginning of each school day. Education.

H. B. No. 489: (Representative Banks) Drag racing; provide vehicle in violation shall be subject to forfeiture. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 490: (Representatives Banks, Brown (70th), Harness, Faulkner, Clark, Evans (91st), Gibbs, Hines, Jackson, Mickens, Porter, Straughter, Thompson, Hulum) Civil Rights Memorial Day; designate the last Monday of April as. Rules.

H. B. No. 491: (Representatives Banks, Brown (70th), Clark, Evans (91st), Faulkner, Gibbs, Hulum, Mickens, Straughter, Thompson) Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote; create. Rules; Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 492: (Representatives Banks, Faulkner, Brown (70th), Clark, Evans (91st), Gibbs, Harness, Hines, Hulum, Johnson, Mickens, Porter, Straughter, Thompson) Indigenous Native American Day; declare the second Monday in October as. Rules.

H. B. No. 493: (Representatives McLean, Steverson, Banks, Harness, Faulkner, Brown (70th), Clark, Gibbs, Hines, Hulum, Porter, Thompson) Religious Freedom Act and Protecting Freedom of Conscience from Government Discrimination Act; repeal. Judiciary A; Constitution; Rules.

H. B. No. 494: (Representatives Banks, Harness, Faulkner, Brown (70th), Clark, Evans (91st), Gibbs, Hines, Hulum, Mickens, Porter, Straughter, Thompson) Juneteenth; designate as a legal holiday in the State of Mississippi. Rules.

H. B. No. 495: (Representatives Banks, Porter, Faulkner, Brown (70th), Clark, Evans (91st), Gibbs, Hines, Hulum, Mickens, Straughter, Thompson) The Crown Act; create to prohibit discrimination based on hairstyles in workplace and schools. Judiciary B; Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 496: (Representative Foster) Motor Vehicle Theft Recovery Fund; create. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 497: (Representative Evans (91st)) Fifteenth Circuit Court District; revise residency requirement. Judiciary A; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 498: (Representatives Bell (65th), Brown (70th), Banks, Clarke, Foster, Stamps, Crudup) Municipalities allowed to establish overdue water/sewer payment programs, certain; extend program repeal date. Municipalities.

H. B. No. 499: (Representative Evans (91st)) Grandparent visitation; revise to include great-grandparents. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 500: (Representative Johnson) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Natchez with Concord Avenue drainage improvement project. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 501: (Representative Johnson) Appropriation; IHL for construction of athletic stadium for Jackson State University. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 502: (Representatives Johnson, Anthony) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; increase monthly benefit for. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 503: (Representative Johnson) Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act; repeal. Medicaid; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 504: (Representative Steverson) Sales tax; revise definition of "installation charges" to exclude labor services in connection with residential roofing. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 505: (Representative Steverson) Income tax; provide a credit for taxpayers that provide paid maternity and paternity leave for employees. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 506: (Representative Currie) County health departments; require nurse practitioner to be present weekly to provide contraceptive supplies. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 507: (Representatives Newman, Williamson) Legislature; provide that members have individual standing to challenge certain actions of the Governor in state court. Rules.

H. B. No. 508: (Representative Ford (73rd)) Sales tax; exempt sales of coins, currency and bullion. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 509: (Representative Ford (73rd)) "Families' Rights and Responsibilities Act of 2023"; enact. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 510: (Representatives Ford (73rd), Hopkins, Stamps) Foster Parents' Bill of Rights; and Responsibilities; create and require to be provided to foster parents. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 511: (Representative Hopkins) "The Educational Standards Legislative Review Act"; enact. Education.

H. B. No. 512: (Representative Hopkins) State agencies; authorize Governor to terminate certain appointed agency officials. Rules.

H. B. No. 513: (Representative Turner) Board of Barber Examiners and Board of Cosmetology; transfer functions of to Department of Health. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 514: (Representative Turner) Charter School Authorizer Board; reconstitute. Education.

H. B. No. 515: (Representatives Kinkade, Darnell, Hale, Morgan, Mickens) Training facilities; include in categories eligible for license fee increase proceeds. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. B. No. 516: (Representatives Kinkade, Morgan, Mickens) Conservation officer; decrease minimum years of law enforcement experience required to be appointed a. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. B. No. 517: (Representatives Kinkade, Darnell, Hale, Morgan, Mickens) Guide and outfitter services licenses; revise annual fee for both residents and nonresidents. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. B. No. 518: (Representatives Mims, Scoggin, Faulkner, McGee) Local Provider Innovation Grant Program; revise certain provisions of. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 519: (Representatives Creekmore IV, Lancaster) Landscape architects; authorize to participate with multi-disciplinary engineer and architecture firms. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 520: (Representative Darnell) Automobile liability insurance; provide motorists noncompliant with may not recover loss in accident with compliant. Insurance.

H. B. No. 521: (Representatives Evans (91st), Crawford, Stamps, Karriem, Scoggin, Rushing, Creekmore IV, Morgan, Miles, Arnold, Anthony, Sanford, Horne, Byrd, Steverson, Faulkner, Reynolds, Williamson) Length of Service Award Program; authorize for the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters. Insurance; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 522: (Representative Roberson) Mississippi Individual On-site Wastewater Disposal System Law; extend repealer on. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 523: (Representatives Hines, Johnson, Paden, Harness, Banks) Statewide testing program; require tests to be translated and printed into primary spoken language of ELL students. Education.

H. B. No. 524: (Representatives Hines, Bailey, Harness, Osborne, Paden, Johnson, Hulum, Anderson (110th), Banks, Bell (65th), Blackmon, Brown (70th), Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Faulkner, Gibbs, Holloway, McCray, Miles, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young) Appropriation; DFA for making grants under the Mississippi Hospital Recovery Trust Program. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 525: (Representatives Hines, Bailey, Harness, Osborne, Paden, Johnson, Hulum, Anderson (110th), Banks, Bell (65th), Blackmon, Brown (70th), Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Faulkner, Gibbs, Holloway, McCray, Miles, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young, Mickens, Foster, Anthony) Mississippi Hospital Recovery Trust Program; create to provide grants to public hospitals at high financial risk. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 526: (Representatives Hines, Johnson, Paden, Harness, Banks, Clark) Office of Independent State Hearing Officers; create to hear and decide matters for persons as alternative to agency hearing officers. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 527: (Representatives Hines, Johnson, Paden, Harness, Banks, Clark) Licensed professional counselors; revise qualifications for licensure for applicants who meet certain requirements. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 528: (Representative Wallace) State employees life and health insurance plan; revise to include coverage for county and municipal election commissioners under. Insurance.

H. B. No. 529: (Representatives Bain, Faulkner) Department of Public Safety; revise various provisions. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 530: (Representative Bain) Dangerous dogs; create process for complaint to be filed when someone is injured. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 531: (Representative Bain) Youth court; revise the age that a child may be held criminally responsible or criminally prosecuted for a misdemeanor or felony. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 532: (Representatives Bain, Barnett) Mississippi School Safety Guardian Act; create. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 533: (Representative Bain) Adoption procedures; revise home study and residency requirements. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 534: (Representatives Bain, Miles) Drug Intervention Courts; standardize references. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 535: (Representative Weathersby) Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 536: (Representative Weathersby) MSU; amend authority to enter into a long-term lease for housing and retail purpose to extend the original lease term to 65 years. Universities and Colleges.

H. B. No. 537: (Representatives McGee, Foster, Stamps, Crudup, Anthony, Summers, Karriem, Hulum, Sanders) Municipalities; authorize waiver of liens, under certain circumstances, for costs associated with cleaning menaced property. Municipalities.

H. B. No. 538: (Representatives Turner, Ladner) Pat Harrison Waterway District; provide county withdrawal from district not effective until close of FY in which county obligations met. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Conservation and Water Resources.

H. B. No. 539: (Representatives Turner, Ladner) Educational Scholarship Accounts (ESAs); direct to maximize the number funded as possible. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 540: (Representatives Turner, Ladner, Hopkins) Personal and professional services; require the Department of Finance and Administration to conduct solicitations of for certain agencies. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 541: (Representatives Turner, Ladner) MDOC; require to attain consulting services from Department of Information Technology Services to implement new offender management information system. Corrections; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 542: (Representatives Sanford, Tullos) Hunting and fishing license; waive requirement for residents who are honorably discharged veterans. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. B. No. 543: (Representatives Sanford, Tullos) Criminal investigator; authorize additional for 13th Circuit Court District. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 544: (Representatives Ford (54th), Deweese) Valued policy law; exempt builder's risk insurance policies from. Insurance.

H. B. No. 545: (Representative Ford (54th)) Use tax; require PEER to provide certain reporting concerning expenditures of tax by municipalities and counties. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 546: (Representative Yancey) Divorce; authorize where marriage is irretrievably broken. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 547: (Representatives Currie, Ladner) Corrections auditor; revise duties of. Corrections.

H. B. No. 548: (Representative Darnell) Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training; require K-9 teams to be certified. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 549: (Representatives Oliver, Stamps) Sales Tax; exempt certain sales of property transported from this state and first used in another state. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 550: (Representatives Barnett, Oliver, Bain) Second Amendment Preservation Act; authorize with exclusion for universities and colleges. Constitution.

H. B. No. 551: (Representative Wallace) Surveyors license; provide that licensed engineers may qualify for if certain conditions are met. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 552: (Representatives Wallace, Byrd, Summers, Karriem) Poll managers; increase the compensation of. Apportionment and Elections; County Affairs.

H. B. No. 553: (Representative Tullos) CDL; exempt county and municipal employees who operate vehicles and equipment in the performance of their job. Transportation; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 554: (Representatives Ladner, Felsher) Bentley's Law; create to authorize court order child maintenance payments when parent's death is caused by case of aggravated DUI. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 555: (Representative Ladner) Charter schools; reconstitute authorizer board and require formula to ensure equitable distribution of local funds. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 556: (Representatives Rushing, Stamps, Summers, Anthony) "Property Clean up Revolving Fund"; establish. Municipalities.

H. B. No. 557: (Representative Steverson) MS Rural Dentists Scholarship Program; increase number of students who may be admitted into annually. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 558: (Representative Haney) PERS; allow retirees to work as law enforcement officer for another employer and draw retirement allowance and work full time. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 559: (Representative Tullos) The Phillip Cameron Hendry Mississippi Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness Week; designate the second week in April annually as. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 11: (Representative Hopkins) Joint Rules; amend 9A to require all bills with 50 or more cosponsors to be adopted automatically by the committee of House of Origin. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 12: (Representative Johnson) Senator Hiram Revel and Fannie Lou Hamer; request the joint committee on the Library of Congress to approve the replacement of the statues of James Zachariah George and Jefferson Davis with statues of. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 13: (Representatives Banks, Faulkner, Brown (70th), Clark, Evans (91st), Gibbs, Hines, Hulum, Porter, Straughter, Thompson) B.B. King or Elvis Presley; request the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress to approve the replacement of Jefferson Davis with either. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 14: (Representatives Banks, Hines, Johnson, Brown (70th), Harness, Porter, Faulkner, Clark, Gibbs, Hulum, Mickens, Straughter, Thompson, Evans (91st), Anthony) Representative Bennie G. Thompson; commend for service as chairman of committee to investigate the attack on the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 15: (Representative Tullos) Bay Springs High School Football Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 1A State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 8: (Representative Hopkins) House Rules; amend to create a new House Rule 77.1 to require discussion of all bills referred to a House committee. Rules.

H. R. No. 9: (Representative Hopkins) House Rules; amend 104A to require all House committees to be live streamed. Rules.

H. R. No. 10: (Representatives Weathersby, Brown (20th)) Coach Jan Sojourner; commend extraordinary coaching career. Rules.

Representative Ford J moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Edward C. Hayward III, Robert Lash Lacoste, John Edward Pulley, Marion Thames Massey, Jane B. Jordan, Arthur William May, Joe Khalaf, Melva Crawford Dallas, Nicholas James Smith, and Susan Henry Taylor, which motion prevailed.

At 9:07 AM, on motion of Rep. Hood the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, January 16, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TENTH DAY, MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2023

(FOURTEENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Jamie Capers, Pastor of the Lynch Street CME Church.

Rep. Summers led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Huddleston and Robinson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 560: (Representative Eubanks) School boards; elect members at presidential election for 4-year term. Education.

H. B. No. 561: (Representative Powell) Alcoholic beverages; authorize the sale of wine at grocery stores. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 562: (Representative Powell) Alcoholic beverages; revise policy of state regarding prohibition of. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 563: (Representatives Busby, Felsher) Alcoholic beverages; allow direct sales and shipments of wine to be made to residents in this state. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 564: (Representative Roberson) MS Workforce Training and Education Act; extend repealer and codify repealers on conforming statutes. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 565: (Representative Holloway) Blue; designate as the state color of Mississippi. Tourism.

H. B. No. 566: (Representatives Holloway, Porter) Headlights; require to be used whenever windshield wipers necessitated. Transportation.

H. B. No. 567: (Representative Holloway) Railroad crossings; require MDOT to review all passive crossings to determine if any are particularly dangerous. Transportation.

H. B. No. 568: (Representative Banks) Chancery clerk; require to remove social security numbers from land transfer deeds. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 569: (Representative Banks) Teachers; allow to participate in strikes in any year during which no legislative raise is given. Education; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 570: (Representative Banks) Teacher strikes; repeal prohibition of. Education; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 571: (Representative Banks) Credit reports; prohibit release of information unless authorized by the consumer. Banking and Financial Services.

H. B. No. 572: (Representative Banks) State Health Insurance Plan; provide coverage for proton therapy to treat cancer and certain noncancerous tumors. Insurance.

H. B. No. 573: (Representative Banks) Public schools; clarify authority of local law enforcement agencies to prevent and investigate crimes on property of. Education; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 574: (Representative Calvert) Drug and alcohol treatment; require 30-day minimum in-patient treatment. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 575: (Representative Calvert) Alternative nicotine; clarify prohibition on school property. Education; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 576: (Representatives Hobgood-Wilkes, Williamson) Gender reassignment surgery or services; prohibit performing or paying for. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 577: (Representative Faulkner) Local governments capital improvements revolving loan program; include municipal natural gas facilities. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 578: (Representatives Harness, Denton, Foster, Paden, Thompson) IHL board; delete repealer on authority to oversee certain construction projects funded by state general obligation bonds. Universities and Colleges; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 579: (Representatives Harness, Denton, Foster, Paden, Thompson) Appropriation; IHL for research project on indoor production of medical marijuana at Alcorn State University. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 580: (Representatives Harness, Denton, Thompson) Appropriation; Town of Meadville for improvements to water and sewer infrastructure. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 581: (Representative Harness) Appropriation; Pattison Community Water Association for water system improvements. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 582: (Representative Harness) Appropriation; Hermanville Community Water Association for certain water system improvements. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 583: (Representatives Brown (70th), Johnson, Hines, Banks, Clark, Crudup, Gibbs, Holloway, Hulum, Mickens, Rosebud, Sanders, Taylor) Minimum wage; establish at \$8.50 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. Workforce Development; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 584: (Representatives Mims, Faulkner, Anthony) Qualified Health Center Grant Program; clarify that amount specified for grants under is minimum amount to be issued. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 585: (Representatives Taylor, Osborne, Sanders) Regional correctional facilities; require Department of Corrections to utilize for housing of state offenders before utilizing private facilities. Corrections.

H. B. No. 586: (Representatives Taylor, Hulum, Osborne, Sanders) Financial credit counseling; require curriculum to be taught as an elective class that is required for graduation. Education.

H. B. No. 587: (Representatives Shanks, Newman) PERS; all members of will vest after 4 years of membership regardless of the date they became members. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 588: (Representative Roberson) Office of Workforce Development; revise funding mechanism for and revise powers and duties of. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 589: (Representatives Carpenter, Miles, Arnold, Byrd, Hale, Hopkins, Thompson, Williamson, Lancaster) Death Benefits Trust Fund; survivors of persons receiving federal death benefits shall automatically receive a payment from. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 590: (Representatives Carpenter, Hopkins, Williamson) Bribery of candidate; revise statute of limitations. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 591: (Representative Young) Appropriation; MDE to assist parents in paying school districts for cost of lost/damaged electronic devices assigned to students. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 592: (Representatives Brown (70th), Banks, Denton, Faulkner) U.S. Highway 49/49E/49W; designate segment from Hinds County to Coahoma County as an historic memorial blues highway. Transportation; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 593: (Representatives Brown (70th), Banks, Denton) Physical education curriculum; require full implementation in all K-12 schools. Education.

H. B. No. 594: (Representatives Brown (70th), Denton, Faulkner) Private prisons that house state offenders; provide moratorium on the expansion of. Corrections.

H. B. No. 595: (Representatives Brown (70th), Faulkner, Denton) African-American Studies and Racial Diversity; require SDE to develop curriculum for implementation in public high school. Education.

H. B. No. 596: (Representatives Brown (70th), Denton, Faulkner) Civics; require State Board of Education to develop curriculum for public middle and high school students. Education.

H. B. No. 597: (Representatives Brown (70th), Denton, Faulkner) Vocational and home economics; require curriculums for all middle, high and alternative school students. Education.

H. B. No. 598: (Representative Holloway) Marijuana possession; revise as civil penalty. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 599: (Representative Holloway) Schools in district transformation; prohibit mandatory consolidation if progressing toward termination of district transformation status. Education.

H. B. No. 600: (Representative Holloway) Presidential electors; revise selection of to be one from each congressional district and two from the state at large. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 601: (Representatives Holloway, Summers, Mickens, Porter, Sanford) School attendance officers; provide formula for allocating funds for the employment of and increase minimum base salary of. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 602: (Representatives Read, Karriem) District Attorneys; increase the operating allowance of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 603: (Representative Read) Budget; provide for various transfers of funds, and create various special funds. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 604: (Representative Read) New programs funded with ARPA funds; revise certain provisions and bring forward sections of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 605: (Representative Busby) PERS; contribution rates not increased unless authorized by Legislature, and make recommendation on changes to the plan. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 606: (Representatives Eure, Felsher) The Mobile/Online Betting Task Force; authorize. Gaming; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 607: (Representative Anderson (110th)) Collegiate voters; require each public and private four-year postsecondary institution to have an on-campus voting precinct. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 608: (Representative Anderson (110th)) Online voter registration; authorize for first-time registrants. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 609: (Representative Anderson (110th)) Voting rights; restore upon satisfaction of all sentencing requirements of a conviction including parole but not probation. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 610: (Representative Anderson (110th)) Sales tax; phase out on sales of certain food. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 611: (Representative Anderson (110th)) Absentee voting; establish electronic application procedure for college students. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 612: (Representative Johnson) TANF benefits; provide child care and transportation for applicants during initial orientation meetings. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 613: (Representative Johnson) TANF funds; prohibit providing to any person whose income is more than 200% of poverty level. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 614: (Representatives Harness, Holloway, Denton, Foster, Paden, Thompson) "Collegiate Computerized Educational Device (C-CompED) Act"; authorize

public postsecondary educational institutions to purchase wireless communication devices for students. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 615: (Representative Anderson (110th)) Officer-involved deaths; require investigation by Mississippi Bureau of Investigations. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 616: (Representative Anderson (110th)) Review Board for Officer-Involved Deaths; create. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 617: (Representatives Miles, Hulum) Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund; use portion of monies in to advertise for state parks. Tourism; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 618: (Representative Miles) Transportation funding; authorize public-private partnerships to include naming rights. Transportation.

H. B. No. 619: (Representative Eubanks) State Health Officer; require certain orders issued by to be approved by the Governor. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 620: (Representatives McCray, Banks, Bell (65th), Brown (70th), Crudup, Foster, Hale, Hines, Hulum, Johnson, Paden, Watson, Anthony) Early voting; authorize. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 621: (Representatives Criswell, Williamson) Firearms Protection Act; create. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 622: (Representative Criswell) Seizure and forfeiture; require conviction and establish in relation to certain criminal offenses. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 623: (Representative Criswell) Appeal from judgment by a county or municipal authority; revise standard of construction for determining constitutionality. Judiciary A; Constitution.

H. B. No. 624: (Representatives Criswell, Williamson) Stun gun; remove the term from the prohibited firearms category. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 625: (Representatives Criswell, Williamson) Local and private bills proposing to extend local tax for second time; require direct referendum. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 626: (Representative Byrd) Boards of Supervisors; provide exception on prohibition of expending certain funds in last months of office to meet federal ARPA spending deadline. County Affairs.

H. B. No. 627: (Representative Byrd) Ad valorem tax; revise exemption for university, college, community or junior college foundation property. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 628: (Representative Byrd) Children's Promise Act; revise definition of "eligible charitable organization" under. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 629: (Representative Byrd) Sales tax; reduce rate on retail sales of motorcycles. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 630: (Representative Byrd) Ballot box; prohibit the opening of and counting of votes until all of the polling places have closed. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 631: (Representatives Byrd, Carpenter, Mickens, Faulkner, Crawford) Disabled veterans motor vehicle license tags; revise certain provisions regarding disability rating. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 632: (Representative Carpenter) Back pay; authorize in certain situations where administrative error has occurred. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 633: (Representatives Carpenter, Hopkins, Williamson) Open Meetings Law; authorize court to void certain actions taken in violation of. Judiciary A; Rules.

H. B. No. 634: (Representatives Carpenter, Brown (20th), Hopkins, Williamson) Baby drop-off law; revise procedure to authorize a person designated by a parent to. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 635: (Representatives Taylor, Sanders) Starkville High School AP Government Class of 2019 Motor Voter Act; create to establish the procedure for the automatic registration of. Apportionment and Elections; Education.

H. B. No. 636: (Representatives Taylor, Sanders) Appropriation; City of Starkville for making Northside Drive drainage improvements. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 637: (Representatives Taylor, Sanders) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Starkville with certain drainage projects. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 638: (Representatives Taylor, Sanders) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Starkville with drainage improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 639: (Representatives Taylor, Sanders, Osborne) Nonviolent offenders, certain; require Department of Corrections to house within a 100-mile radius of offenders' release residences. Corrections.

H. B. No. 640: (Representatives Taylor, Sanders, Osborne) Workforce training, certain; provide for nonviolent offenders in regional correctional facilities. Corrections.

H. B. No. 641: (Representatives Taylor, Osborne, Sanders) Wrongful conviction; remove limit on damages when court finds. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 642: (Representatives Taylor, Osborne, Sanders) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Clay, Lowndes and Oktibbeha Counties with certain road projects. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 643: (Representatives Taylor, Osborne, Sanders) Practice of medicine or dentistry; allow persons convicted of certain crimes to practice after license reinstatement. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 644: (Representatives Taylor, Sanders) Victim Assistance Coordinator; authorize an additional coordinator for the Seventh Circuit Court District. Judiciary A; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 645: (Representatives Taylor, Osborne, Sanders) Federal funds; Governor can not return to federal government as long as there is still a demonstrable need for those funds in Mississippi. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 646: (Representatives Taylor, Sanders) Contractors; authorize counties and municipalities to pay utilizing electronic deposits. County Affairs; Municipalities.

H. B. No. 647: (Representatives Eubanks, Williamson) Mississippi Adult Health and Privacy Act; create. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 648: (Representatives Eubanks, Williamson) Milk products; exempt owners of certain milk producing animals from regulation when used for personal milk consumption. Agriculture.

H. B. No. 649: (Representatives Eubanks, Williamson) Mississippi On-Farm Sales and Food Freedom Act; create. Agriculture.

H. B. No. 650: (Representative Eubanks) Motor vehicle license plates; allow reuse from one vehicle to another vehicle under certain conditions. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 651: (Representative Hood) Auto insurance; policy held by lienholder or secured party not invalidated by intentional act of vehicle owner. Insurance.

H. B. No. 652: (Representative Hood) Excused absence; permit for students participating in roping or barrel horse racing events. Education.

H. B. No. 653: (Representative Hood) Autopsies; create "Jenna's Law" to require autopsies to include inquiry about whether death was a result of seizure or epilepsy. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 654: (Representative Hood) Antique boats; exempt from three year registration renewal requirement. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. B. No. 655: (Representative Hood) Children's Promise Act; revise definition of "eligible charitable organization" under. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 656: (Representatives Hood, Lancaster) Firearm suppressors; authorize manufacture and possession in Mississippi and prohibit enforcement of federal laws governing. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 657: (Representative Hood) Youth courts; require to file all legal documents using MEC. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 658: (Representatives Hood, Mickens) Commercial driver's license; exempt county-owned garbage trucks operators from requirement. County Affairs; Transportation.

H. B. No. 659: (Representative Hood) Foresters; liable for cost of timber on failure to provide scale tickets to landowners if logger fails to pay forester. Forestry.

H. B. No. 660: (Representative Busby) Appropriation; State Aid Road Fund from State General Fund. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 661: (Representative Busby) Appropriation; State Aid Road Fund to reimburse for monies expended to counties due to provisions of House Bill 779, 2019 Regular Session. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 662: (Representative Busby) Appropriation; Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund to be utilized by MDOT. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 663: (Representative Horne) Ad valorem taxation; provide partial exemption for certain business personal property. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 664: (Representative Horne) Homestead exemption; increase for persons 65 years of age or older or totally disabled. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 665: (Representative Horne) Ad valorem tax; exempt certain business personal property from. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 666: (Representative Thompson) Driver's license; prescribe information to be included on and authorize discretionary inclusion of blood type. Transportation.

H. B. No. 667: (Representative Thompson) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Lee County with repair/replacement of a bridge. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 668: (Representative Busby) Teacher licensure; authorize SDE to issue Nontraditional Teaching Route - Standard License to certain individuals with advanced degrees. Education.

H. B. No. 669: (Representatives Busby, Felsher) Mississippi Architects and Engineers Good Samaritan Act; create. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 670: (Representative Busby) Nonadmitted policy fee; divert forty percent of for rural fire truck and supplemental fund. Insurance.

H. B. No. 671: (Representative Busby) Lottery proceeds; revise distribution of. Education; Transportation.

H. B. No. 672: (Representative Busby) Income tax; revise certain provisions relating to electing pass-through entities. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 673: (Representative Busby) Appropriation; MDOT for replacement of bridges incapable of supporting harvest permit allowable weight. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 674: (Representative Busby) Appropriation; MDOT for matching funds for the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 675: (Representatives Carpenter, Arnold, Byrd, Hopkins, Williamson, Tullos, Stamps) State Veterans Affairs Board; revise provisions regarding processing appeals of claims. Military Affairs.

H. B. No. 676: (Representatives Mickens, Carpenter, Brown (20th), Arnold, Byrd, McLeod, Williamson) Counties; authorize to choose not to be subject to requirement for permitting as a condition to construction. County Affairs.

H. B. No. 677: (Representatives Carpenter, Arnold, Byrd, Hopkins, Williamson, Tullos, Stamps, Karriem) County veteran service officers; revise certain qualifications for. Military Affairs.

H. B. No. 678: (Representative Osborne) Mississippi Voter Protection Act; create. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 679: (Representative Osborne) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. Medicaid; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 680: (Representative Osborne) Disabled veterans; establish right to appeal in forma pauperis in certain cases. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 681: (Representative Osborne) Bonds; authorize issuance for repair and renovation projects at Mississippi Valley State University. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 682: (Representative Osborne) State holidays; remove Confederate Memorial Day as. Rules.

H. B. No. 683: (Representative Reynolds) Indecent assault; create the crime of and provide penalties. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 684: (Representative Reynolds) Income tax; exempt income of certain mental health professionals providing services in critical mental health services shortage areas. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 685: (Representative Reynolds) Deeds to married couples; create a rebuttable presumption of joint tenancy with rights of survivorship. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 686: (Representative Reynolds) Simple assault; revise to include indecent touching. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 687: (Representative Reynolds) Municipalities; establish alternative procedure to require property owners to make corrective repairs to property. Municipalities.

H. B. No. 688: (Representative Watson) Civil Legal Assistance Fund; specify funding to from certain sources. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 689: (Representative Watson) Mississippi Center for Legal Services Corporation Fund; create and provide for a new fee to be deposited into. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 690: (Representatives Barnett, Smith) Chickasawhay Natural Gas District; increase compensation of board of directors and chairperson of. Energy; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 691: (Representatives Barnett, Stamps, Miles) Memorial highways; designate various throughout the state. Transportation; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 692: (Representative Barnett) Firearms in possession of a felon; revise regulations for. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 693: (Representative Carpenter) Aldermen and councilmen; increase the maximum amount of surety bond that may be given by. Municipalities.

H. B. No. 694: (Representatives Carpenter, Arnold, Byrd, Hopkins) Civil Air Patrol members; authorize granting of leave of absence to for certain emergency services. Military Affairs.

H. B. No. 695: (Representatives Carpenter, Miles, Byrd, Kinkade, Powell, Thompson, Williamson, Felsher, Lancaster) PERS; new public safety employees may receive retirement allowance with 25 years of service. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 696: (Representative Yates) Capitol Complex Improvement District; revise boundary lines of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 697: (Representative Yates) Homeowner associations that provide water to its residents, certain; prohibit PSC from providing certain regulation of. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 698: (Representative Yates) Municipal water, wastewater and sewer services; require equity based billing based on use of. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 699: (Representative Yates) MS State Asylum Records; provide procedures for access and exempt from confidentiality and privilege requirements. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 700: (Representatives Yates, Bell (65th), Newman, Powell, Shanks, Yancey, Foster, Stamps, Crudup) Flood and drainage control districts; revise the number of directors for certain municipalities. Municipalities.

H. B. No. 701: (Representative Steverson) Mississippi Work and Save Program; create. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 702: (Representative Bell (21st)) Reverse auction; revise method of receiving bids through for agencies and governing authorities. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 703: (Representatives Creekmore IV, Turner, Arnold, Stamps) "Medal of Honor Trail"; designate portion of Interstate 22 and U.S. Highway 78 within the State of Mississippi as. Transportation; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 704: (Representatives Creekmore IV, Summers, Stamps) Television series production; provide incentives for certain. Tourism; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 705: (Representatives Rosebud, Anthony) Bonds; create pilot program for grants to certain municipalities for security cameras and equipment and authorize bonds to provide funds. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 706: (Representative Rosebud) Bonds; create small municipalities security cameras and equipment grant program and authorize bonds to provide funds. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 707: (Representatives Burnett, Hulum) Lottery; clarify liquor stores able to serve as lottery retailers. Gaming; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 708: (Representative Burnett) Mobile sports wagering; authorize. Gaming; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 709: (Representative Burnett) Retired judges; authorize to solemnize marriages. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 710: (Representative Horne) Bonds; mandate election on issue of county or municipal bonds. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 711: (Representative Horne) Bonds; mandate election on issue of county or municipal bonds. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 712: (Representative Evans (91st)) State advertising; prohibit elected and appointed officers from publicly participating in. Apportionment and Elections; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 713: (Representative Evans (91st)) Interrogations; require all to be conducted by law enforcement to be recorded. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 714: (Representative Evans (91st)) Tobacco; prohibit sale of candy or food product that mimics. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 715: (Representative Evans (91st)) DUI; revise license suspension for test refusal if licensee pleads guilty. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 716: (Representative Evans (91st)) Pawnbrokers, title pledge lenders and check cashers; reduce maximum rate of interest that they may charge for their services. Banking and Financial Services.

H. B. No. 717: (Representative Evans (91st)) Elected official; prohibit from changing political party affiliation during term of office. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 718: (Representative Walker) Mobile homes and manufactured homes; give owner of one year to redeem the property after sold for taxes. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 719: (Representative Walker) Automatic voter registration; authorize for those who apply for the issuance, renewal or change of address of driver's license. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 720: (Representative Walker) Mississippi Horse Racing Act; create. Gaming; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 721: (Representative Walker) Jobs for Mississippi Graduates, Inc.; establish funding for. Workforce Development; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 722: (Representatives Bell (65th), Anthony) Controlled substances; exclude fentanyl testing materials from definition of "paraphernalia" under. Drug Policy.

H. B. No. 723: (Representatives Bell (65th), Stamps) Mississippi Transit Corporation; establish and create study committee. Transportation.

H. B. No. 724: (Representative Bell (65th)) DPS; require to establish training component relating to autism spectrum disorder. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 725: (Representative Bain) Social media deplatforming; regulate and prohibit. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 726: (Representative Cockerham) Supreme court, court of appeals, chancery courts and circuit courts; bring forward code sections related to. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 727: (Representative Scoggin) Advanced practice registered nurses; revise licensing provisions relating to. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 728: (Representative McLean) State school and school district accountability system; eliminate certain criteria for measuring performance under. Education.

H. B. No. 729: (Representatives McCarty, Hulum, McLean) "Mississippi Successful Techniques Resulting in Delivering Excellence in Education and Employability (STRIDE) Scholarship Program"; establish. Education.

H. B. No. 730: (Representatives McCarty, McLean, Summers, Hulum) "William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program"; revise to expand eligibility. Education.

H. B. No. 731: (Representatives McCarty, McLean, Owen, Summers) National Board certified teachers; provide \$4,000 annual salary supplement for those employed in areas designated as geographically critical teacher shortage areas. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 732: (Representatives McCarty, Reynolds, McLean, Summers) Early Learning Collaboratives; expand to provide in every school district by the start of the 2027-2028 school year. Education.

H. B. No. 733: (Representative Roberson) 911 calls; require a public body to transcribe and release to the public if certain information redacted. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 734: (Representative Roberson) DHS; extend date of repealers on and update certain language. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 735: (Representatives Roberson, Hopkins, Arnold, Eubanks) Retailer Tax Fairness Act; create. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 736: (Representative Faulkner) Appropriation; City of Holly Springs for widening a road for the Springs Industrial Park. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 737: (Representative Faulkner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Holly Springs with improvements to Mississippi Highway 178. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 738: (Representative Faulkner) Income tax; authorize credit for employers of convicted felons, prohibit certain criminal record/history checks. Workforce Development; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 739: (Representatives Faulkner, Denton) Elections; establish procedure for automatic registration of voters. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 740: (Representatives Faulkner, Denton) Spouse and children of first responders killed in the line of duty; provide scholarship for attendance at postsecondary institutions. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 741: (Representative Evans (91st)) Nursing homes; require to purchase and maintain a minimum amount of liability insurance. Insurance.

H. B. No. 742: (Representative Evans (91st)) Mineral rights; revert to surface owner after certain period of time. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 743: (Representative Evans (91st)) Employment-at-will doctrine; abolish and create "Good Faith in Employment Act." Workforce Development; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 744: (Representative Evans (91st)) Implied consent; revise suspension period during appeals for refusal to submit to chemical test. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 745: (Representative Evans (91st)) Legislature; allow retired PERS members to receive a retirement allowance while serving as a member of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 746: (Representative Evans (91st)) Cigarettes; increase excise tax on. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 747: (Representative Brown (20th)) Mississippi Scholarship Act; create to provide scholarships to K-12 public school students. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 748: (Representatives Brown (20th), Hopkins, Williamson) Tim Tebow Act; create to authorize homeschool students to participate in public school extracurricular activities. Education.

H. B. No. 749: (Representative Brown (20th)) Extracurricular activities; require certain organizations to allow equal participation by all students in. Education.

H. B. No. 750: (Representatives Brown (20th), Hopkins) Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 751: (Representative Brown (20th)) Income tax refund; provide check off on individual form to allow contribution to State General Fund. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 752: (Representatives Byrd, Arnold, Carpenter, Crawford, McCarty, Zuber) MS Dyslexia Therapy Scholarship for Students with Dyslexia; revise eligibility beginning with kindergarten. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 753: (Representatives Byrd, Hale, Reynolds) Appropriation; Rural Fire Truck Fund for additional round of trucks under Acquisition Assistance Program. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 754: (Representatives Paden, Johnson) Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the local option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 755: (Representative Evans (91st)) Tobacco; increase excise tax on all products except cigarettes. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 756: (Representative Shanks) The Missing Persons Reporting and Identification Act; create to require local law enforcement agencies to input missing person in the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NAMUS). Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 757: (Representative Shanks) Assessment on certain offenses; revise. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 758: (Representative Shanks) Simple assault; add athletic umpires to list that elevates to aggravated. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 759: (Representative Shanks) Certificate of Foreign Birth; authorize without judicial proceeding under certain circumstances. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 760: (Representative Shanks) Recreational landowners; add cycling to the list of activities exempt from liability. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 761: (Representative Lamar) Appropriation; Children's Advocacy Centers of Mississippi for distribution to children's advocacy centers throughout state. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 762: (Representative Lamar) Judicial operating allowance; increase. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 763: (Representative Lamar) MDA FY23 appropriations from Gulf Coast Restoration Fund; revise those made to the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 764: (Representatives Crudup, Summers) Capitol Complex Improvement District; authorize demolition of slum and blighted properties located within. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 765: (Representative Crudup) Motor vehicles; require certain new to be equipped with alert to operator to check rear designated seat when engine stops. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 766: (Representative McKnight) MCOPS programs; authorize training for to provide at any approved training academy in the state. Education.

H. B. No. 767: (Representative Eubanks) Homeschooled students; authorize participation in therapy services available through local school district. Education.

H. B. No. 768: (Representatives Turner, Ladner) State Personnel Board; require agencies seeking an exemption from the oversight of to submit written plan of justification to Legislature and SPB. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 769: (Representatives Bain, Reynolds, Carpenter, Miles) Harvey Moss Wildlife Management Area at Tuscumbia; designate Tuscumbia Wildlife Management Area as Public Property.

H. B. No. 770: (Representative Ladner) Mississippi Office of Space and Technology; create to be administered by MDA, which shall staff. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 771: (Representative Scoggin) HELP Grant and MTAG Programs; revise level of funding provided to eligible students. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 772: (Representatives Currie, Holloway, Ford (73rd)) Mississippi Opal; designate as official state gemstone. Tourism.

H. B. No. 773: (Representatives Deweese, Barnett, Bell (21st), Carpenter, Felsher, Ford (54th), Ford (73rd), Goodin, McKnight, Powell, Shanks, Steverson, Tubb, Yancey, Anderson (122nd), Arnold, Porter, Karriem) Real estate brokers and agents; revise liability regarding disclosure statements. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 774: (Representatives Johnson, Anthony) TANF block grant; DHS shall transfer 30% of each year to CCDF for child care vouchers. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 775: (Representative Hood) Mississippi Gospel Music Trail; authorize MDA Division of Tourism to establish program and historical markers for. Tourism.

H. B. No. 776: (Representative Busby) Trailers and semitrailers; revise alternative highway privilege tax for. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 777: (Representative Crudup) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with demolition and removal of blighted properties. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 778: (Representative Bell (65th)) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to senior centers, community centers and gymnasiums. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 779: (Representative Thompson) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Verona with site development related to the Old Town Crossing Project. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 780: (Representatives Paden, McCray) Appropriation; State Department of Health to provide epi-pens and AEDs in community colleges, universities and schools. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 781: (Representative Byrd) Dyslexia screenings; reimburse parents and school districts for comprehensive psycho-educational evaluations of students failing initial screener. Education.

H. B. No. 782: (Representative Summers) Income tax; provide a credit for taxpayers who claim a federal earned income tax credit. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 783: (Representative Hale) Health Care Facility Right to Visit Act; create. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 784: (Representatives Hale, McCray) First Responders Health and Safety Act; revise to provide that the cancer benefits will be paid by the state and not insurance policies. Insurance.

H. B. No. 785: (Representative McKnight) Mississippi Rare Disease Advisory Council; create at UMMC. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 786: (Representative Hood) Nonresident native hunting and fishing license; authorize issuance for nonresident natives of Mississippi. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. B. No. 787: (Representative Hood) Mississippi Board of Registration for Foresters; bring forward all code sections and authorize to suspend license of licensee for failure to satisfy judgement. Forestry.

H. B. No. 788: (Representative Hood) School districts; prohibit from denying students who maintain all A's from being exempt from certain exams. Education.

H. B. No. 789: (Representatives Arnold, Hopkins) Prohibiting Financial Surveillance Act; create. Banking and Financial Services.

H. B. No. 790: (Representative Arnold) PERS; county and municipal election commissioners shall be members of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 791: (Representative Arnold) Tianeptine; add to Schedule II list of controlled substances. Drug Policy.

H. B. No. 792: (Representative Arnold) Hotel construction projects; authorize sales tax incentive for. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 793: (Representatives Hobgood-Wilkes, Carpenter, Crawford) EMS Memorial; Health Dept. shall design and construct to honor EMS personnel who died in line of duty. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 794: (Representative Hobgood-Wilkes) Certified Nurse Aides (CNAs); transfer administration of certification from Health Department to Board of Nursing. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 795: (Representative Hobgood-Wilkes) Shoplifting; require to calculate the total price of all shoplifting items for fine. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 796: (Representative Hobgood-Wilkes) Advanced practice registered nurses; revise licensing provisions relating to. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 797: (Representative Horan) Judicial operating allowance and district attorney; revise to increase. Judiciary A; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 798: (Representative Horan) Court administrators; revise compensation of. Judiciary A; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 799: (Representative Horan) Inmate Welfare Fund; authorize to expend funds for treatment of mental illness for certain inmates. Corrections.

H. B. No. 800: (Representatives Brown (70th), Summers, Cockerham, Denton, Faulkner, Gibbs, Karriem, Sanders, Scott, Taylor, Thompson, Young) Department of Mental Health and community health centers; expand outpatient services for certain formerly incarcerated state inmates. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 801: (Representatives Brown (70th), Summers, Banks, Gibbs, Johnson, Thompson) Community and junior colleges; expand workforce development partnerships. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 802: (Representative Mangold) appropriation; IHL MSU - Cooperative Extension Service for administration of the MS Youth Preparedness Initiative. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 803: (Representative Creekmore IV) Appropriation; Administrative Office of Courts for additional funding for intervention courts. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 804: (Representatives Sanford, Tullos) Hunting and fishing license; nonresident not required to have if on land that he or she owns. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. B. No. 805: (Representatives Hulum, Anthony, Denton, Osborne, Sanders, Taylor) Compulsory school age; revise definition to include children who attain the age of five years before September 1. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 806: (Representative Ford (54th)) Courtroom proceeding; authorize video conferences for certain proceedings. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 807: (Representative Bell (21st)) Mississippi State Workforce Investment Board; bring forward code sections related to. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 808: (Representative Burnett) Youth court services fees and fines; exclude parents and children from payment of. Youth and Family Affairs; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 809: (Representative Bounds) Executive Director of Public Utilities Staff; remove Public Service Commission from the process of appointing. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 810: (Representative Osborne) Fair Minimum Wage Act; create. Workforce Development; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 811: (Representative Osborne) Municipal Veterans Treatment Court; authorize in municipalities that have a municipal drug court. Military Affairs; Municipalities.

H. B. No. 812: (Representative Osborne) Racial Profiling Prevention Act; create. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 813: (Representative Osborne) Employment; prohibit denial of solely because a person has been convicted of a felony. Workforce Development; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 814: (Representative Osborne) Custodial interrogations; authorize electronic recording of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 815: (Representatives Lancaster, Creekmore IV) Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 816: (Representatives Bain, Williamson) Fentanyl; increase penalties for possession of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 817: (Representatives McCarty, Bennett, Summers, Hulum, McLean) Early Learning Collaborative; increase minimum funding levels for full-day and half-day programs. Education.

H. B. No. 818: (Representative Yancey) PERS Board; require to make investment decisions with sole purpose of maximizing returns. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 819: (Representative Summers) Mississippi Child Poverty Task Force; create. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 820: (Representative Summers) Appropriations; Hinds County for purchase of video cameras. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 821: (Representative Aguirre) Notaries; revise residency requirements of. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 822: (Representatives Hines, Paden, Johnson, Bailey, Clark) Small Business Bridge Loan Program; create. Banking and Financial Services; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 823: (Representatives Holloway, Harness, Hulum) Commission on Education and Economic Competitiveness; establish to develop vision for the state's future economic and educational success. Education.

H. B. No. 824: (Representatives Creekmore IV, Reynolds, Massengill, Steverson) MDOT; authorize to assist publicly owned gas and water districts with certain removal and relocation projects. Transportation.

H. B. No. 825: (Representatives Karriem, Taylor, Summers, Clark, Sanders) State holiday; exclusively recognize Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday on the third Monday of January. Rules.

H. B. No. 826: (Representative Karriem) Fresh Start Act; revise certain provisions of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 827: (Representatives Karriem, Sanders) Statutory rape; create an exception when both teenagers are dating each other. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 828: (Representative Karriem) Driver's license; revise certain requirements and create certificate for driving. Transportation; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 829: (Representative Karriem) Expungement; revise list of eligible crimes. Constitution; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 830: (Representative Karriem) High school curriculum; require SBE to develop for instruction in civics and home economics. Education.

H. B. No. 831: (Representative Karriem) African-American Studies and Racial Diversity; require SDE to develop curriculum for implementation in public high school. Education.

H. B. No. 832: (Representative Karriem) Disenfranchising crimes; clarify those that qualify as. Constitution; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 833: (Representative Karriem) Absentee ballots; revise those who are authorized to vote by. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 834: (Representatives Read, Karriem) Assistant District Attorneys and criminal investigators; increase authorized number of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 835: (Representative Mangold) Utility shutoffs; revise Governor's authority regarding. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 836: (Representative Miles) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; reauthorize issuance members of the clergy. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 837: (Representative Bain) Case plans for inmates; require ordered alcohol/drug treatment to commence within 90 days of admission. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 838: (Representative Bain) Mississippi Tianeptine and Kratom Consumer Protection Act; create. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 839: (Representative Bain) The "Uncrewed Aircraft Systems Rights and Authorities Act"; create. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 840: (Representative Bain) State Public Defender; revise certain powers and duties of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 841: (Representative Bell (21st)) Wiretapping; authorize county sheriff to apply to court for. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 842: (Representatives Bell (21st), Anthony) Office of Workforce Development; authorize to work with MS Alliance of Nonprofits and Philanthropy to create an accountability system for certain nonprofits. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 843: (Representative Bell (21st)) Mississippi Department of Employment Security; authorize to conduct background investigations on certain employees. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 844: (Representatives Bell (21st), Sanford, Summers) Office of Workforce Development; revise funding mechanism for and create Mississippi K-12 Workforce Development Grant Program. Workforce Development; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 845: (Representatives Bell (21st), Anthony) Mississippi New Economic Development Training Assistance Grant Program; create. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 846: (Representative Bell (21st)) Sixteenth Section land; revise zoning authority of local governing entities to prohibit restrictions on school districts' ability to build on said lands. Public Property.

H. B. No. 847: (Representative Gunn) Residential builders and remodelers laws; revise certain licensing provisions. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 848: (Representatives Steverson, Jackson) Mississippi Digital Asset Mining Act; create. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 849: (Representative Steverson) Securities laws; provide certain exemptions regarding blockchain tokens. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 850: (Representative Burnett) School ad valorem tax levy; authorize levying authority for certain districts to approve/disapprove request for certain increases. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 851: (Representative Burnett) Firearms and weapons; authorize nonviolent felons to possess and use in defense of residence or motor vehicle. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 852: (Representatives McGee, Deweese, Massengill) Tax credits; authorize for business contributions to certain organizations supporting food pantries or soup kitchens. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 853: (Representative McGee) Health insurance policies; require certain to provide infertility coverage and establish pilot program in State Health Plan. Insurance.

H. B. No. 854: (Representative McGee) Marriage and family therapists; revise certain requirements for licensure. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 855: (Representative Powell) Income tax; authorize a credit for costs incurred by certain taxpayers for storm shelter/safe room construction. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 856: (Representatives Byrd, Summers) County boards of supervisors; authorize to make contributions to community participants of the MS Main Street program. County Affairs; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 857: (Representative Byrd) Local Government Debt Collection Setoff Act; clarify term of "claimant local government" under. County Affairs; Municipalities.

H. B. No. 858: (Representatives Byrd, Stamps) Mississippi Regional Preened Disaster Clean Up Act; create. County Affairs.

H. B. No. 859: (Representative Currie) Public special purpose schools; exempt from certain audit requirements. Education.

H. B. No. 860: (Representative Bounds) "MS Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act" and "Uniform Athlete Agents Act"; bring forward. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 861: (Representatives Bell (65th), Summers) Motor vehicle police pursuit policies; require police and sheriffs' departments to develop and implement. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 862: (Representative Horne) Contract lobbyists; prohibit agencies, universities and colleges from hiring with public funds. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 863: (Representatives Hulum, Hines, Johnson, Taylor, Harness, Sanders, Anthony, Porter, Mickens, Jackson, Faulkner, Anderson (110th), Bailey, Banks, Bell (65th), Blackmon, Brown (70th), Burnett, Clark, Foster, Holloway, Karriem, McCray, Osborne, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Walker, Watson) Ban-the-Box Act; enact. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 864: (Representative McKnight) Mobile sports wagering; authorize. Gaming; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 865: (Representative Rosebud) Mental health screenings and assessments; require in all public schools. Public Health and Human Services; Education.

H. B. No. 866: (Representative Rosebud) State Correctional Facilities Monitoring Unit; establish. Corrections.

H. B. No. 867: (Representative Rosebud) DOC discharge plans; require explanation of disenfranchising crimes and opportunity for certain offenders to register to vote. Corrections; Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 868: (Representatives Rosebud, Anthony) Mobile barbershops; authorize licensed barbers to operate. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 869: (Representative Banks) Early voting; require Secretary of State to authorize for overseas military. Apportionment and Elections; Military Affairs.

H. B. No. 870: (Representative Reynolds) Justice Court appeals; revise number of days to circuit court. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 871: (Representatives Reynolds, Stamps, Boyd (19th)) Ad valorem tax; extend time for partial exemption and fee-in-lieu of ad valorem tax agreement for certain renewable energy projects. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 872: (Representative Evans (91st)) Expungement; authorize automatically for first-time offenders. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 873: (Representative Johnson) Appropriation; City of Natchez for Concord Avenue Drainage Improvement Project. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 874: (Representative Weathersby) MS Dept. of Archives and History property; authorize DFA to clarify donation of certain lands in Claiborne County to U.S. Dept. of Interior - National Park Service. Public Property.

H. B. No. 875: (Representative Weathersby) Public purchases; revise bidding requirements for certain projects and other related to Mississippi Landmarks. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 876: (Representative Weathersby) Columbia Training School Property; clarify purposes for which the Marion County Economic Development District may be reimbursed. Public Property.

H. B. No. 877: (Representative Weathersby) USM; clarify authority to enter into insurance agreement for protection of property at the state port at Gulfport. Public Property.

H. B. No. 878: (Representative Weathersby) Construction certificate of responsibility; increase to \$75,000.00 and align bond requirement. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 879: (Representative Weathersby) Public purchasing law; amend to allow competitive bids over \$75,000.00 to be advertised on the procurement portal. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 880: (Representatives Stamps, Turner, Arnold, Hulum) Mississippi Consumer Privacy Act for State Agencies; create. Banking and Financial Services.

H. B. No. 881: (Representative Turner) Consumer credit record; provide maximum amount that may be charged for improving. Banking and Financial Services.

H. B. No. 882: (Representatives Sanders, Turner, Jackson, Faulkner, Hulum) Renaissance Assistance Program to Initiate Development; create to assist small businesses. Banking and Financial Services; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 883: (Representative Roberson) Mississippi Kratom Consumer Protection Act; create. Drug Policy.

H. B. No. 884: (Representative Roberson) Statutory construction; define "First Responder" as used in any statute for which a definition of the term is not provided. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 885: (Representative Roberson) Mississippi Emergency Communications Act; create. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 886: (Representative McCray) Appropriation; DFA to assist God's Living Word Ministry in Walls with construction of a community family life center. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 887: (Representatives McCray, Hale) Appropriation; DFA for costs of constructing a training facility for the Walls Volunteer Fire Department in DeSoto County. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 888: (Representatives Cockerham, Anthony) Child support; authorize for disabled child past the age of majority. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 889: (Representative Evans (91st)) Supplemental Legislative Retirement Plan; new legislators not members and current members do not earn additional credit. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 890: (Representative Crudup) Sheriffs and police officers; require availability of less-lethal force option while on duty. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 891: (Representatives Brown (70th), Taylor, Banks, Byrd, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Holloway, Paden, Straughter, Summers, Thompson) PERS; conduct study on feasibility of allowing retired teachers to continue to work full-time and receive full retirement allowance. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 892: (Representative Bell (21st)) MS Workforce Training and Education Act; extend repealer on act and delete repealer on sections amended to conform in 2004. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 893: (Representatives Haney, Summers) SkillPath 2030 Program; authorize Office of Workforce Development to create pilot program for. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 894: (Representatives Haney, Hulum) Violations of local zoning ordinances; authorize governing authorities to pursue administrative or civil penalties for. Municipalities.

H. B. No. 895: (Representative Watson) Uninsured motorist coverage; provide that coverage is mandatory in every automobile liability insurance policy. Insurance.

H. B. No. 896: (Representative Watson) Uninsured motorist coverage; provide that limits will be equal to liability coverage unless insured selects otherwise. Insurance.

H. B. No. 897: (Representative Banks) Firearms; revise limits placed on counties and municipalities to regulate. Constitution; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 898: (Representative Watson) Workers' compensation commission; require emergency hearing upon request of either party. Insurance.

H. B. No. 899: (Representative Watson) Mississippi Center for Legal Services; require \$15.00 collected from criminal and civil actions to be remitted to. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 900: (Representative Watson) Civil Legal Assistance Fund; provide for an assessment to be used for. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 901: (Representative Weathersby) Radar; authorize use of by municipal law enforcement officers in certain municipalities with a population in excess of 7,000 on federal highways therein. Judiciary B; Transportation.

H. B. No. 902: (Representative Busby) Alcoholic beverages; allow direct sales and shipments of wine to be made to residents in this state. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 903: (Representatives Evans (45th), Anderson (110th)) Counties and municipalities; revise fine amount that may be paid by those convicted of violating anti-littering ordinance. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 904: (Representative Evans (45th)) Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District; authorize to transfer Kemper Lake to Kemper County Board of Supervisors. Public Property.

H. B. No. 905: (Representatives Thompson, Aguirre, Gibbs, Lancaster) Appropriation; Okolona School District for construction of new elementary school. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 906: (Representative Thompson) First Circuit Court District; increase number of judges. Judiciary A; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 907: (Representative Thompson) Appropriation; City of Verona for site development work for Old Town Crossing Project. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 908: (Representative Horne) Water well contractors; exempt from continuing education if 65 or older or with at least 20 years experience. Conservation and Water Resources.

H. B. No. 909: (Representative Horne) Fireworks; require to be located within a permanent structure. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 910: (Representative Horne) Fireworks; authorize sale of year-round. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 911: (Representatives Anderson (122nd), McKnight, Wallace) Search warrant; authorize electronic application for and issuance of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 912: (Representatives Stamps, Anderson (122nd), Arnold, Bain, Brown (20th), Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Creekmore IV, Eure, Gibbs, Goodin, Hale, Hopkins, Ladner, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McKnight, Miles, Newman, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Williamson, Zuber, Steverson, Hood, Burnett, Horne, Bounds) Firearm suppressors; authorizing manufacture and possession in Mississippi and prohibit enforcement of federal laws governing. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 913: (Representative Watson) Motor vehicle liability insurance policy; require to include medical payment coverage. Insurance.

H. B. No. 914: (Representative Watson) Income tax; provide a credit for taxpayers allowed to claim federal earned income tax credit. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 915: (Representatives Arnold, Hopkins) Overseas police service station; prohibit location of in this state. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 916: (Representative Bell (21st)) General experience rate; provide that noncharges caused by COVID-19 pandemic shall not impact. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 917: (Representative Weathersby) Mississippi Worker's Comp commission office building; place under the supervision and care of DFA. Public Property.

H. B. No. 918: (Representatives Eubanks, Crudup) Sales tax; exempt certain sales of tangible personal property and services to churches. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 919: (Representative Bell (65th)) Sales tax; exempt retail sales of severe weather preparedness items. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 920: (Representative Rushing) Radar; clarify how population is calculated. Municipalities.

H. B. No. 921: (Representative Turner) Public Procurement Review Board; revise the qualifications of members on. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 922: (Representatives Harness, Holloway, Denton, Foster, Paden, Thompson) Alcorn State University; update references to in code to reflect current name designation. Universities and Colleges.

H. B. No. 923: (Representatives Eubanks, McGee, Reynolds, Kinkade, Aguirre, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell (21st), Bounds, Boyd (19th), Brown (20th), Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Crudup, Darnell, Deweese, Faulkner, Ford (54th), Ford (73rd), Gibbs, Goodin, Haney, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Johnson, Karriem, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McLeod, Miles, Morgan, Newman, Oliver, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scott, Smith, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Weathersby, Young, Horne) Bob Tyler Fish Hatchery; designate the fish hatchery located in North Mississippi as. Public Property.

H. B. No. 924: (Representative Karriem) Driver's license; authorize issuance of hardship license to persons who have their licenses suspended as a result of being out of compliance with order for support. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 925: (Representative Karriem) Medicaid; suspend eligibility of incarcerated persons instead of terminating it. Medicaid; Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 926: (Representative Karriem) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. Medicaid; Rules; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 927: (Representative Karriem) Body-worn cameras; require cities and counties to provide to police officers and deputy sheriffs. Municipalities; County Affairs.

H. B. No. 928: (Representative Karriem) Youth Employment Grant Program; create. Workforce Development; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 929: (Representative Karriem) Expungement; authorize for all nonviolent crimes after five years. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 930: (Representative Karriem) Expungement; remove certain types of embezzlement from list of excluded crimes. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 931: (Representative McLeod) School board members; allow school districts to provide health insurance for. Insurance; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 932: (Representative Banks) Taking of another person's animal; clarify crime and penalties for. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 933: (Representative Banks) Voter rolls; prohibit purging names from Statewide Elections Management System 120 days or less before the date of any election. Apportionment and Elections; Rules.

H. B. No. 934: (Representative Banks) Alcoholic beverages; require holder of on-premises retailer's permit to have blood alcohol content testing device available. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 935: (Representative Banks) Counties and municipalities; prohibit ordinances authorizing automated recording equipment to enforce automobile insurance requirements. Insurance; Municipalities.

H. B. No. 936: (Representative Banks) Mandatory minimum sentences for crimes committed by offenders; revise which offenders are eligible for. Corrections; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 937: (Representatives Banks, Summers) Abortion; repeal statutes prohibiting after 15 weeks' gestation and after detection of fetal heartbeat. Public Health and Human Services; Judiciary B; Rules.

H. B. No. 938: (Representatives Banks, Summers) Abortion; repeal prohibition of. Public Health and Human Services; Judiciary B; Rules.

H. B. No. 939: (Representatives Banks, Summers) Breastfeeding; authorize distribution of statewide info to support breastfeeding in public places. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 940: (Representative Banks) Hospice care; authorize to be provided to persons who are not terminally ill under certain circumstances. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 941: (Representative Banks) State podiatric forgivable loan program; create. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 942: (Representative Banks) Hospitals; require to examine persons at ER with sickle cell disease symptoms within four hours after admission. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 943: (Representative Banks) Appropriation; City of Jackson for constructing detention center for misdemeanor offenders. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 944: (Representative Banks) Water bills; prohibit municipalities from estimating water bills after 120 days. Municipalities.

H. B. No. 945: (Representative Banks) Water bills; prohibit certain municipalities from estimating water bills after 120 days. Municipalities.

H. B. No. 946: (Representative Banks) Power lines; prohibit a person from placing objects on. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 947: (Representative Banks) County public defenders; require salary of all to be the same as district attorneys. County Affairs; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 948: (Representative Banks) Department of Corrections; require implementation of an Extended Family Visitation Program for eligible offenders. Corrections.

H. B. No. 949: (Representative Banks) Case plans for nonviolent inmates; require certain programs be placed within. Corrections; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 950: (Representative Banks) Conjugal visits; require Department of Corrections to provide for married inmates. Corrections.

H. B. No. 951: (Representative Banks) Case plans for inmates who committed violent offenses; require certain programs be placed within. Judiciary B; Corrections.

H. B. No. 952: (Representative Banks) Violent offenders, certain; may be paroled by Parole Board if sentencing judge authorizes parole consideration. Judiciary B; Corrections.

H. B. No. 953: (Representative Banks) Department of Corrections; authorize to administer the "Halfway House Grant Program." Corrections; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 954: (Representative Banks) Case plans for inmates who committed capital offenses; require certain programs be placed within. Judiciary B; Corrections.

H. B. No. 955: (Representative Banks) DOC's evaluation of requests for proposals for canteen services; require interested third parties to have reasonable prices for services. Corrections.

H. B. No. 956: (Representative Banks) Voting rights; restore to all felons upon satisfying all of the sentencing requirements of the conviction. Judiciary B; Constitution.

H. B. No. 957: (Representative Banks) Jackson Metropolitan Area Airport Authority; repeal. Ports, Harbors and Airports.

H. B. No. 958: (Representative Banks) Land banks; authorize counties and municipalities to create to convert certain property to productive use. County Affairs; Municipalities.

H. B. No. 959: (Representative Banks) State of Mississippi; require to pay fee-in-lieu of taxes to City of Jackson for fire protection services provided to state facilities. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 960: (Representative Banks) Appropriation; City of Jackson for demolishing certain structure in Farish Street Historic District. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 961: (Representative Banks) Appropriation; Hinds County for construction of new county jail. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 962: (Representative Banks) License plates for disabled individuals; revise various provisions related to. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 963: (Representative Banks) Tax Returns Uniformly Made Public Act; create. Apportionment and Elections; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 964: (Representative Banks) Sales tax; exempt sales of groceries. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 965: (Representative Banks) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of a Department of Mental Health group housing facility in Madison. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 966: (Representative Banks) Retail food establishments; prohibit from imposing cost-plus pricing formulas. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 967: (Representative Banks) Mississippi Prison Industries; require to pay inmates federal minimum wage for inmate labor. Corrections; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 968: (Representative Lamar) Sales tax and use tax; revise provisions regarding computer software, computer software service and computer service. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 969: (Representative Kinkade) Medicaid; delete prohibition on participation in for psychiatric residential treatment facility in Desoto County. Medicaid.

H. B. No. 970: (Representative Johnson) TANF funds; prohibit use of for college scholarships for persons not receiving TANF benefits. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 971: (Representative Johnson) TANF benefits; remove certain restrictions and penalties for applicants and recipients. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 972: (Representative Miles) Motor vehicle license tag; provide option of black background for certain. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 973: (Representative Miles) Sales tax; divert certain sales tax revenue to special fund for state park improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 974: (Representative Miles) Lottery proceeds; authorize transfer of Ten Million Dollars to State Park Fund. Gaming; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 975: (Representatives Kinkade, Faulkner, Massengill) Appropriation; City of Byhalia for relocation of certain utilities and making street paving improvements. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 976: (Representative Kinkade) Boats; require validation decal certifying the awarded number to be displayed on each side of vessel. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. B. No. 977: (Representatives Kinkade, Faulkner, Massengill) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Byhalia with relocation of utilities and street paving. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 978: (Representatives Kinkade, Faulkner, Massengill) Bonds; authorize to assist Marshall County with construction of emergency response center to serve Chickasaw Trail Industrial Park. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 979: (Representative Kinkade) Hunting; provide exception for recovering mortally wounded animals at night with use of light. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. B. No. 980: (Representative Rosebud) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. Medicaid; Appropriations; Rules.

H. B. No. 981: (Representatives Tullos, Clark, Sanford) Workers' compensation subrogation lien; revise reimbursement of when injured employee recovers from a third party. Insurance.

H. B. No. 982: (Representatives Tullos, Clark) Tort Noneconomic Damages Assessment Task Force; create. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 983: (Representative Newman) Pregnancy Resources Grant Program; create. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 984: (Representative Rushing) "Liberty for Our Agricultural Land Act"; enact to prohibit the companies owned by the People's Republic of China owning more than 100 acres of real estate. Agriculture.

H. B. No. 985: (Representative Hobgood-Wilkes) EMS Advisory Council; revise membership of. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 986: (Representatives Busby, Stamps) Transportation; allow public and private partnerships to establish electric vehicle charging stations. Transportation; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 987: (Representative Arnold) Pharmacy Benefit Prompt Pay Act; revise various provisions of. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 988: (Representatives Felsher, Summers) Mississippi Youth Career and Workforce Preparation Grant Program; create. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 989: (Representative Felsher) Child Protection Services; remove from DHS and make it a separate agency. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 990: (Representative Hood) Medicaid; bring forward sections of law for possible amendment. Medicaid.

H. B. No. 991: (Representative Hood) Medicaid; bring forward sections of law for possible amendment. Medicaid.

H. B. No. 992: (Representative Hood) Medicaid; bring forward services and managed care provisions. Medicaid.

H. B. No. 993: (Representatives Currie, Bennett, Carpenter, Evans (91st), Felsher, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, Mangold, Morgan, Owen, Read, Wallace, Pigott, Crawford) One Lake flood control project; prohibit the Rankin-Hinds Pearl River Flood and Drainage Control District from implementing. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 994: (Representative Darnell) Retired teachers; allow to return to teaching for a maximum of five years while receiving retirement benefits. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 995: (Representatives McLean, Arnold, Carpenter, Darnell, Owen) Rape; revise elements for the crime of and remove spousal exception. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 996: (Representatives McLean, Owen) Intestate succession; child conceived by assisted reproduction after decedent's death is deemed to be living at time of death. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 997: (Representatives McLean, Owen) Licensure; revise reciprocity requirements for out-of-state attorneys. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 998: (Representative Kinkade) Wildlife; provide that the state has a duty to protect and sustain for the public's benefit. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. B. No. 999: (Representative Kinkade) Sales tax; deposit portion of revenue into the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1000: (Representatives Kinkade, Brown (20th), Williamson, Reynolds) Foster and adopted children; allow foster or adoptive parent to choose school or school district of enrollment. Education.

H. B. No. 1001: (Representative Busby) Appeals Board of the Mississippi Transportation Commission; bring forward provision related to for purpose of possible amendment. Transportation.

H. B. No. 1002: (Representative Busby) Petroleum Products Inspection Law; delete repealer on. Transportation.

H. B. No. 1003: (Representatives Busby, Deweese) Mississippi Fully Autonomous Vehicle Enabling (MS FAVE) Act of 2023; establish to regulate operation of autonomous vehicle on public roads. Transportation.

H. B. No. 1004: (Representative Rosebud) Free online tutoring services; require State Department of Education to post announcement on website about Education.

H. B. No. 1005: (Representative Rosebud) Voting rights; restore upon satisfaction of all of the sentencing requirements of a conviction. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1006: (Representative Rosebud) Confederate Memorial Day; remove as a state holiday. Rules.

H. B. No. 1007: (Representative Rosebud) The Crown Act; prohibit discrimination based on natural hairstyles. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1008: (Representative Rosebud) Juneteenth; designate as a state holiday. Rules.

H. B. No. 1009: (Representative Rosebud) Department of Public Safety; require to provide report on hiring practices of employees within the Office of Capitol Police. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1010: (Representatives Criswell, Williamson) Charter schools; require automatic approval of new school when applicant is currently operating charter school in MS and authorize expansion. Education.

H. B. No. 1011: (Representative Barton) Podiatrist; authorize to perform ankle surgery when meet certain requirements. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1012: (Representative Bounds) Department of Wildlife; authorize reimbursement for discounts relating to hunting and fishing licenses and other fees. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. B. No. 1013: (Representative Shanks) Income tax; revise method of collecting from public officers or employees in arrears. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1014: (Representative Byrd) Motor vehicle license tags; revise provisions regarding county disposition of surrendered or outdated tags. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1015: (Representatives Lamar, Felsher, Aguirre) Tax Credits; authorize for business contributions to certain organization supporting food pantries or soup kitchens. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1016: (Representatives Lancaster, Stamps) Memorial highway; designate segment of MS Hwy 8 in Chickasaw County as the "Deputy Jeremy Allen Voyles Memorial Highway". Transportation; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1017: (Representatives Smith, Stamps) Memorial intersection; designate intersection of U.S. 45 and CR 110 in Clarke County as the "Army Spc. Terry Kishaun Dantez Gordon Memorial Intersection". Transportation; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1018: (Representative Calvert) Adoptees; authorize those twenty-four years of age or older. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1019: (Representative Powell) Mississippi Coach Safety Act; create to require certain youth coaches to take injury mitigation and information course. Public Health and Human Services; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1020: (Representatives Lamar, Shanks, Wallace) Capitol Complex Improvement District judicial jurisdiction; create and revise boundaries. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1021: (Representatives Banks, Bell (65th), Summers, Brown (70th), Clarke) Capitol Complex Improvement District; revise to include Boling Street. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1022: (Representative Banks) State boards and commissions; Department of Finance and Administration travel regulations shall be applicable to all. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1023: (Representative Sanford) Land partitions; revise provision that regulate. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1024: (Representative Lamar) "Mississippi School Resource Officers School Safety (MS ROSS) Act"; create to provide funding to local law enforcement agencies for the employment of SROs. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1025: (Representatives Calvert, Hulum) Airport authority; authorize to dispose of property with a fair market value of zero if certain conditions are met. Ports, Harbors and Airports.

H. B. No. 1026: (Representative Kinkade) Sale of game animals; prohibit unless permitted by an act of the Legislature. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1027: (Representatives Ford (73rd), Anthony, Hobgood-Wilkes) State Fruit; designate the blueberry as. Tourism.

H. B. No. 1028: (Representative Roberson) Medical radiation technologists; extend repealers on regulation of and revise definition of nuclear medicine tech. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1029: (Representatives Roberson, Tullos, Hulum, Stamps) United States Space Force; provide that reference to "Armed Forces" and "Uniformed Services" in Mississippi law shall include members of. Military Affairs.

H. B. No. 1030: (Representative Aguirre) Motor Vehicle Sales Finance Law; clarify employees of state licensee may work remotely. Banking and Financial Services.

H. B. No. 1031: (Representatives Aguirre, Turner) Health care providers; authorize lien against claims by patients and damages recovered by patients in a lawsuit or settlement. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1032: (Representative Massengill) "Mississippi Security Drone Act of 2023"; enact to prohibit the purchase of unmanned aircraft systems from non-U.S. manufacturers. Transportation.

H. B. No. 1033: (Representative Carpenter) MS Management and Reporting System Revolving Fund; require administration to submit report of purchasing needs to legislative committees. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1034: (Representatives Carpenter, Foster, Stamps, Karriem) State Veterans Affairs Board; revise composition of. Military Affairs.

H. B. No. 1035: (Representative Carpenter) MHP and MBN officers; provide a salary increase of \$4,000. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1036: (Representatives Carpenter, Arnold) Implied consent laws and investigation of traffic accidents; authorize the Commercial Transportation Enforcement Division within DPS to enforce. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1037: (Representative Carpenter) Radar; authorize DPS to authorize CTED law enforcement officers to use on public roadways for commercial vehicles. Judiciary B; Transportation.

H. B. No. 1038: (Representative Carpenter) Homestead exemption; bring forward certain sections of law relating to. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1039: (Representatives Carpenter, Tullos, Williamson, Hopkins, Hulum, Stamps, Faulkner, Brown (20th)) Occupational licensing; revise certain provisions relating to members of the military to include veterans. Military Affairs.

H. B. No. 1040: (Representative Hale) Law enforcement officers; require training in Alzheimer's and other dementias. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1041: (Representative Zuber) State depositories; revise certain definitions relating to align with federal regulatory standards. Banking and Financial Services.

H. B. No. 1042: (Representative Darnell) Public school years; revise basis for establish length from days to equivalent number of hours of actual teaching. Education.

H. B. No. 1043: (Representative Crudup) DFA; require to provide bicycle parking at all government buildings in the Capitol Complex in Jackson, MS. Public Property.

H. B. No. 1044: (Representative Bounds) Excavators; require to mark proposed excavation area with white paint, flags or stakes before notifying Mississippi 811. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 1045: (Representatives Ford (73rd), Hobgood-Wilkes, Williamson, Boyd (19th)) Libraries; regulate the material that is curated for children and younger teens. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1046: (Representative Boyd (19th)) Child support; authorize Gaming Commission and DHS to collect child support from winnings. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1047: (Representatives McGee, Ford (73rd), Yates, Anthony, Byrd, Creekmore IV, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Kinkade, McLean, Oliver, Paden, Wallace) Mississippi Native Plant Month; declare April as. Rules.

H. B. No. 1048: (Representative Crawford) "Universal Changing Tables Installation Incentive Grant Program Act"; establish to be administered by Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services. Public Property; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1049: (Representative Crawford) Agencies, departments and institutions; require each to post organizational structure on official websites of. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1050: (Representative Crawford) Student absenteeism; excuse those related to a student's disability. Education.

H. B. No. 1051: (Representative Crawford) COVID-19; require notice to family when death may have been caused by vaccine and authorize autopsy. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1052: (Representatives Wallace, Hopkins, Morgan) Ad valorem tax levy for school districts; provide levying authority with discretion to approve request by school board. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1053: (Representative Johnson) County board of supervisors; authorize to be employed by community college districts while serving as. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Universities and Colleges.

H. B. No. 1054: (Representatives Johnson, Anthony) TANF funds; require PEER Committee to review and evaluate performance outcomes of subcontracts and subgrants of. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1055: (Representative Crudup) Public property; authorize certain state property conveyed to Jackson to be used for park and recreational purposes. Public Property.

H. B. No. 1056: (Representative Hood) School employees; revise rate for payment for unused leave to unlicensed employees upon retirement. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1057: (Representative Summers) Online voter registration; authorize and establish the process for. Apportionment and Elections; Rules.

H. B. No. 1058: (Representatives Newman, Hulum, Powell, Shanks, Yancey) School district records; revise time period to be maintained from five to seven years. Education.

H. B. No. 1059: (Representative Tullos) Broadband equipment speed; increase to FCC requirement regarding ad valorem tax exemption. Public Utilities; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1060: (Representatives Anderson (122nd), Stamps) Electric vehicles; authorize charging by nonutilities. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 1061: (Representatives Anderson (122nd), Stamps) Electric transmission infrastructure; prescribe requirements for issuance of certificate of public convenience and necessity. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 1062: (Representatives Anderson (122nd), Creekmore IV) DPS; include certified peer support members in class of individual to whom coverage of privileged communication applies. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1063: (Representative Anderson (122nd)) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of Mississippi Towing and Recovery Professionals, Inc. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1064: (Representative Wallace) Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1065: (Representative Wallace) County superintendent of education; change selection method from appointive to elective in certain county. Education.

H. B. No. 1066: (Representative Bounds) Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; remove requirement that projects that acquire property shall not be considered until July 1, 2024. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. B. No. 1067: (Representatives Bounds, Stamps) Mississippi Broadband Accessibility Act; create. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 1068: (Representative Yancey) Water Quality Accountability Act; create. Conservation and Water Resources.

H. B. No. 1069: (Representative Yancey) Secretary of State; authorize transfer of fragile land records to Department of Archives and History for preservation. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1070: (Representatives Yancey, Hulum) Patriotic Education Grant Program; establish. Education.

H. B. No. 1071: (Representative Yancey) Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules. Drug Policy.

H. B. No. 1072: (Representatives Yancey, Foster) Hazardous trees on tax forfeited land; authorize counties/municipalities to remove and Secretary of State to reimburse for the removal of. Municipalities.

H. B. No. 1073: (Representative Yancey) Design Professionals; declare certain provisions in contracts for services void and establish standard of care. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1074: (Representative Ford (73rd)) The Title IX Preservation Act; enact. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1075: (Representative Ford (73rd)) Municipal public improvement district board of directors; authorize municipal governing body to perform duties of under certain circumstances. Municipalities.

H. B. No. 1076: (Representative Ford (73rd)) Police chiefs; authorize approval of use of uniforms, weapons, vehicles by off-duty officers on private security jobs. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1077: (Representative Ford (73rd)) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of Magnolia Speech School. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1078: (Representative Ford (73rd)) Monies from seized weapons; authorize law enforcement agency to use to purchase equipment for the agency. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1079: (Representative Ford (73rd)) Death penalty sentencing alternatives for those under 18; provide. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1080: (Representatives McLean, Arnold, Bennett, Currie, McCarty, McGee, Yates) Medicaid; provide coverage for neonatal circumcision procedures. Medicaid; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1081: (Representatives Hobgood-Wilkes, McLean, Arnold, Boyd (19th), Calvert, Crawford, Eubanks, Ford (73rd), Zuber) Midwifery; provide for licensure and regulation of. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1082: (Representatives McLean, Arnold, Carpenter, Owen) Child support; require insurers to provide MDHS certain information for noncustodial, delinquent parents. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1083: (Representatives McLean, Carpenter, Owen, Arnold) Child support; authorize DHS and Gaming Commission to collect from gaming winnings. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1084: (Representatives McLean, Karriem) Insurance agents; revise the continuing education requirements of those who are 65 and have been licensed for 20 years. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1085: (Representatives McLean, Currie) County health departments; require nurse practitioner to be present weekly to provide free contraceptive supplies. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1086: (Representative McLean) Tianeptine; add to list of Schedule I controlled substances. Drug Policy.

H. B. No. 1087: (Representatives McLean, Hulum, Karriem) MS School for Math and Science; increase licensed employees' salaries by amount corresponding to increases to amount and years in teacher salary scale. Education.

H. B. No. 1088: (Representative Read) State budget; provide for various transfers and create new special funds. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1089: (Representative Read) State budget; revise provisions of several FY 23 funds and authorize reimbursement of certain costs of MDA. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1090: (Representatives Eubanks, Barnett, Calvert, Carpenter, Boyd (37th), Ford (73rd), Goodin, Hale, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Lancaster, Massengill, McLean, McLeod, Newman, Patterson, Powell, Sanford, Smith, Summers, Williamson) Sales Tax; exempt retail sales of baby/toddler clothing, diapers, diaper bags and rash cream and baby wipes. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1091: (Representatives Eubanks, Williamson) Minors; hold entities that publish harmful material on the internet civilly liable if age verification is not performed. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1092: (Representative Crawford) State Health Officers; bring forward section providing for appointment of and qualifications for the office. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1093: (Representative Crawford) State Health Officer; require certain orders issued by to be approved by the Governor. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1094: (Representatives Currie, Hobgood-Wilkes, Crawford) Wastewater and sewage; authorize MDEQ to fine any municipality or county for improper disposal of. Conservation and Water Resources.

H. B. No. 1095: (Representative Felsher) Involuntary civil commitment; limit county's liability for cost of treatment of indigents. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1096: (Representatives Mims, Bain, Mangold, Newman, Shanks, Hulum, Hobgood-Wilkes, Williamson) Pharmacy Benefits Prompt Pay Act; revise various provisions of. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1097: (Representative Thompson) Justice court jurisdiction; revise amount for property. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1098: (Representative Mangold) Divorce beneficiary revocation; clarify the effective date. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1099: (Representative Criswell) Public retirement systems; require all investment actions to be made exclusively for purpose of providing financial benefits for members of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1100: (Representative Bennett) Reciprocity in travel; prohibit ability of publicly funded entities from traveling to or hosting entities from certain states. Education.

H. B. No. 1101: (Representative Deweese) Corporations and LLCs; authorize determination notices and certificates of administrative dissolution to be served by email to registered agent. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1102: (Representatives Deweese, Barnett, Massengill, Kinkade) Drivers licenses; authorize designation of satisfactory completion of the boating safety course. Marine Resources.

H. B. No. 1103: (Representative Crudup) Property and casualty insurance; require blighted real property to be cleaned up before insurer pay insured certain amount. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1104: (Representatives Williamson, Eubanks) Emergency executive order; limit state of emergency orders to 30 days. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1105: (Representatives Barnett, Stamps) Secretary of State employees; authorize certain employees to carry a firearm. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1106: (Representative Williamson) Violent offenders; prohibit from receiving parole. Corrections.

H. B. No. 1107: (Representative Owen) School attendance officers; bring forward provisions related to for possible amendment. Education.

H. B. No. 1108: (Representatives Boyd (37th), McLean, Stamps, Reynolds) Rural water associations; authorize those providing sewer services to participate in the ARPA Rural Water Association Infrastructure Grant Program. Conservation and Water Resources.

H. B. No. 1109: (Representatives Boyd (37th), McLean) ARPA funds; counties may spend revenue loss category of those funds projects of rural water associations and water/sewer authorities. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1110: (Representatives Stamps, Owen, Barnett, Bennett, Boyd (19th), Carpenter, Currie, Darnell, Felsher, Ford (73rd), Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Hulum, Lancaster, McCarty, McLean, Morgan, Newman, Pigott, Read, Scoggin, Shanks, Wallace, Williamson, Steverson, Bounds, Crawford) Second Amendment Financial Privacy Act; create. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1111: (Representative Owen) County court jurisdiction for termination of parental rights; authorize for both involuntary and voluntary termination. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1112: (Representative Owen) Child support; authorize criminal charge of desertion of a child for failure to pay. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1113: (Representative Owen) Home Business Prosperity Act; create. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1114: (Representative Owen) Child support guidelines; add percentage for 6 or more children. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1115: (Representatives Owen, Karriem) Durable legal custody; clarify jurisdiction for. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1116: (Representative Owen) Regulatory Sandbox Agricultural Innovation Pilot Program; establish. Agriculture.

H. B. No. 1117: (Representatives Owen, Felsher, McCarty, McLean, Yates) Father's child support; authorize retroactive payments for mother's prenatal and post-natal expenses. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1118: (Representative Owen) Permanency plan; require the court to notify the Attorney General when the plan changes to adoption or termination of parental rights. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1119: (Representatives Owen, McCarty) State indebtedness; certain amount of surplus general funds revenue shall be used each year to reduce. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1120: (Representatives Bennett, Owen) "Mississippi School Safety Guardian Act"; create to allow governing bodies of schools to designate employees to carry concealed firearms. Education.

H. B. No. 1121: (Representatives Clarke, Summers, Banks, Bailey, Bell (65th), Clark, Crudup, Denton, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, Hulum, Johnson, Mickens, Osborne, Porter, Rosebud, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Yates, Brown (70th)) Administrative office of courts; require to create misdemeanor intervention courts. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1122: (Representative Massengill) Utility-type vehicles and side-by-sides; authorize operation of on public county and municipal roads and streets. Transportation.

H. B. No. 1123: (Representative Aguirre) Delivery of payment services; regulate. Banking and Financial Services.

H. B. No. 1124: (Representative Ford (73rd)) Gender reassignment surgery or services; prohibit performing or paying for. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1125: (Representatives Newman, Gunn, Eubanks, Tullos, Brown (20th), Williamson, Hopkins, Arnold, Kinkade, Ford (73rd), Bain, Patterson) Regulate Experimental Adolescent Procedures (REAP) Act; create to regulate transgender procedures and surgeries. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1126: (Representative Lamar) Transgender procedures; restrict for persons under age 21. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1127: (Representatives Currie, Arnold, Boyd (19th), Calvert, Carpenter, Creekmore IV, Darnell, Ford (54th), Hale, Lancaster, Mangold, Morgan, Pigott, Shanks, Turner, Wallace, Williamson) MS Safe Adolescents from Experimentation (SAFE); create to prohibit providing gender transition procedures to minors. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1128: (Representative Rushing) Violations of local zoning ordinances; authorize governing authorities to pursue administrative or civil penalties for. Municipalities.

H. B. No. 1129: (Representative Horan) Corrections omnibus bill; enact. Corrections.

H. B. No. 1130: (Representative Horan) State Parole Board; bring forward sections pertaining to. Corrections.

H. B. No. 1131: (Representative Horan) MS Prison Industries Act; bring forward certain sections pertaining to. Corrections.

H. B. No. 1132: (Representatives Hines, Anthony) Child Care For Working Families Study Committee; create. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1133: (Representative Robinson) Firearms; prohibit enforcement of certain restrictive laws. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1134: (Representative Zuber) State and School Employees Life and Health Insurance Plan; bring forward code section on. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1135: (Representative Zuber) Prior authorization; bring forward code sections related to. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1136: (Representative Zuber) Distinctive motor vehicle license tags; authorize for 2021 and 2022 National Championship Rebels and supporters of various organizations. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1137: (Representative Zuber) Alcoholic beverage; allow direct sales and shipment of certain wines to residents in this state. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1138: (Representative Zuber) Health insurance; prohibit cost-sharing requirements for certain breast examinations if insurer provided these benefits under. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1139: (Representative Zuber) Simple assault; authorize judicial discretion when assessing fines. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1140: (Representative Zuber) Beer, light wine and light spirit products; revise manufacturers prohibited from having interest in wholesalers or distributors. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1141: (Representative Zuber) State employees life and health insurance plan; revise to include coverage for contract personnel. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1142: (Representative Zuber) DUI; authorize judicial discretion to increase fines for violations of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1143: (Representatives Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, Owen, Rushing) Counties and municipalities; delete requirement for permitting as a condition to construction. County Affairs; Municipalities.

H. B. No. 1144: (Representative Hobgood-Wilkes) Title IX Preservation Act; create. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1145: (Representative Currie) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property and services to 5th squad. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1146: (Representative Currie) The Mississippi Fatherhood Initiative Fund; create. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1147: (Representative Clarke) Highways, roads and bridges; designate segment of I-55 South in Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi in honor of Representative Alyce Griffin Clarke. Transportation; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1148: (Representatives Darnell, Goodin, Hale, Kinkade, Powell, Tubb) Retirement; allow PERS retirees to serve in Legislature and receive only the expense allowance and mileage as compensation. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1149: (Representatives Cockerham, Anthony, Stamps) Path to permanency; provide for children in Child Protection Services. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1150: (Representatives Boyd (19th), Williamson) Charter schools; bring forward various provision relating to powers and duties of authorizer board. Education.

H. B. No. 1151: (Representative Boyd (19th)) Sales tax; exempt certain sales of tangible personal property and services to churches. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1152: (Representative Boyd (19th)) Occupational Licensing Review Commission; revise membership and certain other provisions of. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1153: (Representative Boyd (19th)) State auditor; authorize investigative and audit costs incurred by contracted firms to be paid as percentage of recovery. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1154: (Representatives Boyd (19th), Williamson) Nonpublic school student participation in public school extracurricular activities; prohibit school districts from restricting or denying participation. Education.

H. B. No. 1155: (Representative Lamar) Residential subdivisions; authorize property owners to establish and/or amend covenants, conditions and restrictions. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1156: (Representative Lamar) Mississippi Workforce Training and Education Act; extend repealer in 2004 chapter law conforming code sections. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1157: (Representative Yancey) Vehicle rental; require those engaged in to disclose total charges, including all additional mandatory charges. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1158: (Representatives Yancey, Stamps) Medical Cannabis Act; revise certain provisions of. Drug Policy.

H. B. No. 1159: (Representatives Calvert, Smith, Stamps) Pat Harrison Waterway District; authorize municipalities to join. Municipalities.

H. B. No. 1160: (Representative Weathersby) State-forfeited tax lands; limit state agency, municipality, county, or other political subdivision of the state from intervening to quitclaim land after certain period of publication. Public Property.

H. B. No. 1161: (Representatives Felsher, Hulum, McLean) Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact; enact. Education.

H. B. No. 1162: (Representative Ford (54th)) Reciprocal insurance; revise sworn declaration requirements of and board of directors for. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1163: (Representative Harness) Academic test scores; require testing companies selected as vendors to be civilly and criminally liable for manipulation of. Education.

H. B. No. 1164: (Representative Young) Firearms; require training by state or local governing authority. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1165: (Representatives Smith, Morgan, Rushing) Counties and municipalities; authorize to choose not to be subject to requirement for permitting as a condition to construction. County Affairs; Municipalities.

H. B. No. 1166: (Representative Watson) Sales tax; bring forward certain sections of law authorizing various exemptions. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1167: (Representative Lamar) Residential builders and remodelers; revise license examination for certain license applicants. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1168: (Representative Lamar) Municipal special sales tax; revise use of revenue for certain. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1169: (Representative Lamar) Income tax; revise method of collecting delinquent tax from public officers and employees. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1170: (Representative Lamar) Motor vehicles and manufactured homes; authorize Department of Revenue to issue electronic liens and titles. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1171: (Representative Zuber) Regional mental health commissions; increase number of commissioners appointed by board of supervisors of certain counties. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1172: (Representative Zuber) Federal home loan banks; define term and provide process for handling delinquent insurer's secured claim. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1173: (Representative Bennett) EEF procurement cards; authorize issuance to eligible charter school teachers. Education.

H. B. No. 1174: (Representatives Bennett, McCarty, Reynolds) Public schools; authorize to have a supply of FDA-approved opioid reversal agents on premises to counter opioid overdose. Education.

H. B. No. 1175: (Representative Bennett) MAEP; increase funding percentage for preschool exceptional children in approved programs to 100%. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1176: (Representatives Bennett, Stamps) National board certified education professionals; clarify provisions related to certification component reimbursements. Education.

H. B. No. 1177: (Representative Bennett) Educator misconduct; clarify provisions relating to disciplinary action taken against personnel of public special purpose schools and other educators. Education.

H. B. No. 1178: (Representative Bennett) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to the Mississippi Aquarium. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1179: (Representative Bennett) School attendance officers; transfer responsibility for employment and establishment of duties from MDE to the local school districts. Education.

H. B. No. 1180: (Representatives McCarty, Yates) State and School Employees Life and Health Insurance Plan; revise to require state to provide 50% of the cost of the plan for eligible dependents. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1181: (Representative McCarty) Legislative vacancy; revise procedure to fill. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1182: (Representatives McCarty, Tubb) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to Lamar County Education Foundation, Inc. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1183: (Representatives McCarty, Owen, Felsher) Department of Human Services; require to post names and photographs of parents in arrearage. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1184: (Representatives McCarty, McLean, Owen, Summers, Sanford) Teachers; provide \$2,000 annual salary supplement to those employed in designated geographically critical teacher shortage area. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1185: (Representative Wallace) ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program; clarify that certain entities are eligible to participate in. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1186: (Representative Wallace) School Boards; authorize to enter into long-term contract for sale of timber on 16th section lands. Education.

H. B. No. 1187: (Representative Barnett) Mississippi Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board; separate from Mississippi Real Estate Commission and from Mississippi Real Estate Appraisal Board. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1188: (Representative Guice) Innovate Mississippi; authorize issuance of bonds to provide funds for certain programs and revise provisions regarding certain programs. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1189: (Representative Guice) Innovate Mississippi; revise provisions of certain programs administered by. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1190: (Representative Zuber) Health benefit plan; authorize plan sponsor of to consent, on behalf of covered pensions, to delivery of all communications by electronic means. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1191: (Representatives Zuber, Stamps) Pet insurance; create legal framework by which it may be sold in the state. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1192: (Representative Lamar) Tourism project sales tax incentive program; extend authority of MDA to approve participants for projects. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1193: (Representative Lamar) Litigation funding by third parties; require all parties liable for costs. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1194: (Representatives Lamar, Faulkner, Anderson (110th), Anthony) County boards of supervisors; authorize donations to MS Main Street programs and civil rights memorials. County Affairs.

H. B. No. 1195: (Representatives Lamar, Faulkner, Burnett) Retirement; allow certain members of PERS to purchase up to three years of creditable service. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1196: (Representatives Porter, Mims) City of McComb; extend date of repeal on hotel/motel tourism tax. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1197: (Representative Turner) City of Baldwin; extend date of repeal on tax for hotels, motels, restaurants and convenience stores. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1198: (Representative Steverson) Microgrid and Grid Resiliency Act; create. Energy.

H. B. No. 1199: (Representative Busby) Efficiency standards; extend repealer on statute requiring certain buildings to meet. Energy.

H. B. No. 1200: (Representatives Hobgood-Wilkes, Deweese, McCarty, Owen, Rushing, McLean) Dyslexia Therapy Scholarship for Students with Dyslexia Program; expand to allow certified academic language therapists (CALT); to provide dyslexia therapy services. Education.

H. B. No. 1201: (Representative Scoggin) Secretary of State; authorize receipt of reports of financial abuse of vulnerable persons. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1202: (Representatives Boyd (19th), Carpenter, Morgan, Newman, Owen, Pigott, Wallace) Disabled veterans motor vehicle license tags; revise certain provisions regarding disability rating, provide partial ad valorem tax exemption. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1203: (Representative Boyd (19th)) Organ procurement organizations; include review and quality assurance committees formed by in current laws governing such committees. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1204: (Representative Boyd (19th)) Breach of security; require reporting to the Attorney General. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1205: (Representative Creekmore IV) Mississippi Main Street Revitalization Grant Act; create. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1206: (Representative Creekmore IV) Drug abuse; Health Department implement a statewide fentanyl and drug abuse education, prevention and cessation program. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1207: (Representatives Carpenter, Arnold, Crawford, Stamps, Summers) Paramedics Recruitment and Retention Scholarship Grant Program; create. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1208: (Representative Hood) Judicial operating allowance; increase. Judiciary A; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1209: (Representative Barnett) City of Waynesboro; extend repealer on authority to impose tax on bars, restaurants, hotels/motels, B & Bs. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1210: (Representative Massengill) Commercial Driver's License; require notice to employer when possibility of suspension for unpaid child support. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1211: (Representatives Byrd, Faulkner, Anderson (110th)) Counties and municipalities; authorize to enter into certain agreement when utilizing certain federal funds. County Affairs.

H. B. No. 1212: (Representative Rosebud) Department of Human Services; create a board of directors to assist and oversee the executive director in governing the department. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1213: (Representatives Stamps, Rosebud, Anthony, Carpenter, Reynolds) Water Infrastructure Grant Program; DEQ shall give priority to applicants not receiving funding in first round grants. Conservation and Water Resources.

H. B. No. 1214: (Representative Williamson) Local and private laws that implement a tourism tax; authorize proceeds to be used for certain retirement fund and water/sewer systems. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1215: (Representatives Cockerham, Karriem, Stamps) Child Support; suspend for incarcerated persons under certain conditions. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1216: (Representatives Cockerham, Anthony, Reynolds, Karriem) Circuit judges and chancellors; increase office operating and expense allowances and support staff funding. Judiciary A; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1217: (Representatives Cockerham, Anthony, Reynolds) Court interpreters; revise program under the Administration of the Administrative Office of Courts. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1218: (Representatives Cockerham, Felsher, Anthony, Reynolds) Rivers McGraw Mental Health Treatment Court Act; revise. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1219: (Representative Cockerham) Medical Practice Act; revise and update provisions of. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1220: (Representative Evans (91st)) Aggravated DUI; provide alternative penalty for persons under a certain age. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1221: (Representative Evans (91st)) Wildlife management areas; authorize use of mobility-related devices on trails for certain individuals. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. B. No. 1222: (Representatives Creekmore IV, Lancaster, Miles, Felsher, McCarty) The Mississippi Collaborative Response to Mental Health Act; create. Judiciary B; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1223: (Representative Watson) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. Medicaid; Appropriations; Rules.

H. B. No. 1224: (Representative Porter) Crown Act; authorize to prohibit discrimination in work places and living spaces based on hairstyles. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1225: (Representatives Stamps, Bounds) Mississippi Telephone Solicitation Act; transfer enforcement authority to Attorney General's office. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 1226: (Representative Bounds) Excavations; provide for impending emergencies and extend notification period for. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 1227: (Representatives Cockerham, Summers, Jackson, Anthony, Hulum, Sanders) Mental Awareness Program for School Act; enact to provide for mental health service providers and certain trauma-informed training. Education.

H. B. No. 1228: (Representatives Cockerham, Summers, Jackson, Anthony) Community schools; authorize implementation under the administration of a district innovation. Education.

H. B. No. 1229: (Representative Cockerham) Department of Public Safety; authorize charges for services with other state agencies. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1230: (Representative Summers) Early voting; authorize for 21 days before the election. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1231: (Representative Arnold) Window tint regulation; revise medical exemption. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1232: (Representative Arnold) Law enforcement officers; regulate payment for non exempt employees under the Fair Labor Standards Act. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1233: (Representatives Arnold, Darnell, Ford (73rd), Newman, Crudup, Weathersby, Boyd (19th), McGee, Scoggin, Hulum, Williamson, Mickens, Sanders, Hood, Pigott, Byrd, Turner, Rushing, Patterson, Stamps, Mangold, Porter, Yates, Anthony, Faulkner) Sales tax; increase diversion to municipalities and create diversion to counties. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1234: (Representative Arnold) Mississippi Law Enforcement Interaction Course Act; enact for implementation in public school curriculum. Education.

H. B. No. 1235: (Representatives Arnold, Tullos, Stamps) Civil Air Patrol members; authorize granting of administrative leave and leave of absence to for certain emergency services. Military Affairs.

H. B. No. 1236: (Representatives Arnold, Hopkins, Wallace, Williamson) Aliens and foreign government; prohibit from owning real property in the State of Mississippi. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1237: (Representative Arnold) Public servants; revise the time period in which one may contract with the state or local government. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1238: (Representatives Arnold, Carpenter) Law enforcement officers; entitled to certain follow-up drug testing before loss of certification. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1239: (Representatives Arnold, Hopkins) Court-ordered restitution; require payment to victim first before court costs/fines are disbursed. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1240: (Representatives Arnold, Carpenter) Utility-type vehicles; regulate operation of on public roads and highways. Transportation.

H. B. No. 1241: (Representative Arnold) Appropriation; City of Booneville for repair of and upgrades to the VFW Post 4877 building. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1242: (Representative Arnold) Life insurance policy; require policy loans to have a fixed rate. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1243: (Representative Arnold) Judicial candidates; bring forward code section that provides the qualifying fees for. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1244: (Representatives Arnold, Turner, Stamps) Memorial highway; designate a segment of MS Highway 365 in Prentiss County as the "Howard Tillman Bobo Memorial Highway". Transportation; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1245: (Representatives Arnold, Turner) Memorial highway; designate a segment of MS Highway 364 in Prentiss County as the "James Millard Jourdan Memorial Highway". Transportation; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1246: (Representatives Arnold, Turner, Stamps) Memorial highway; designate a segment of MS Highway 365 in Prentiss County as the "Leland L. Holland Memorial Highway". Transportation; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1247: (Representative Arnold) Voting rights; restore to all felons after satisfying all of the sentencing requirements of the conviction. Judiciary B; Constitution.

H. B. No. 1248: (Representatives Arnold, Carpenter) Mental Health Court eligibility; remove the exemption for the crime of breaking and entering. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1249: (Representatives Banks, Brown (70th), Summers, Clarke, Crudup, Foster) Appropriation; DFA for certain projects. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1250: (Representatives Banks, Bell (65th), Brown (70th), Summers, Crudup, Foster, Clarke) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of building for School of Public Health at Jackson State University. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1251: (Representatives Banks, Bell (65th), Brown (70th), Summers, Clarke, Crudup, Foster) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with removal and demolition of certain dilapidated and blighted properties. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1252: (Representatives Banks, Summers, Brown (70th), Clarke, Crudup, Foster) Bonds; authorize issuance to provide funds to assist JSU with Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Program. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1253: (Representatives Banks, Bell (65th), Summers, Brown (70th), Clarke, Crudup, Foster) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with construction of a park. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1254: (Representatives Banks, Summers, Brown (70th), Clarke, Foster) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with making repairs and improvements to water and sewer systems. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1255: (Representative Bennett) Community hospitals; authorize owners of to remove a trustee upon majority vote of owner's governing board. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1256: (Representative Bennett) Violations of local zoning ordinances, authorize governing authorities to pursue administrative or civil penalties for. Municipalities.

H. B. No. 1257: (Representative Yancey) Parental alienation; reduce by requiring court hearings within a certain amount of time to modify or terminate custody. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1258: (Representative Eubanks) Gender Transition Procedures; prohibit for persons under age twenty-one. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1259: (Representative Blackmon) Rural hospitals; shall be authorized to transfer patients to larger hospitals when determined to be medically necessary. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1260: (Representative Blackmon) Specialty health care providers; create incentive grant program to make available at rural hospitals when larger hospitals are on diversion. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1261: (Representative Blackmon) State Medical Forgivable Loan Program for Minority Physicians; create. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1262: (Representative Blackmon) Telemedicine services; create grant program for rural hospitals to develop or enhance use of in emergency rooms. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1263: (Representative Jackson) Menstrual hygiene products; county health department and public schools shall provide free of charge. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1264: (Representatives Jackson, McLean, Summers, Hulum, Anderson (110th), Karriem, Sanders) School districts; authorize to provide feminine hygiene products for female students in Grades 6-12. Education.

H. B. No. 1265: (Representative Yancey) Screening and approval program for retail sale of products containing certain substances; establish. Drug Policy.

H. B. No. 1266: (Representative Currie) Mississippi USA Semiquincentennial Commission and Mississippi Semiquincentennial Celebration Fund; create. Tourism.

H. B. No. 1267: (Representative Currie) PERS; allow retirees to work as law enforcement officer for another employer and draw retirement allowance and work full-time. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1268: (Representative Cockerham) Income tax; increase tax credit allowed for child adoption expenses. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1269: (Representative Scott) Patent confirmation process; fees and costs associated with shall not be more than amount for which the land was purchased. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1270: (Representative Ford (54th)) Helping Heroes Act; create to provide support to first responders and public EMS personnel diagnosed with PTSD. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1271: (Representative Ford (54th)) Commercial Financing Disclosure Law; create. Banking and Financial Services.

H. B. No. 1272: (Representative Brown (20th)) Building codes; prohibit state, counties, municipalities from limiting use of federally approved refrigerant in. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1273: (Representative Brown (20th)) Building codes; prohibit from limiting use of federally approved refrigerant in. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1274: (Representatives Brown (20th), Hopkins) Criminal offense; prescribe mental culpability for. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1275: (Representative Miles) Sales of land for nonpayment of ad valorem taxes; restrict who may purchase at. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1276: (Representative Powell) State officers; provide for a runoff election for. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1277: (Representatives Barton, Scoggin, Anthony, Hulum, McLean, Summers) Mississippi Dual Credit Scholarship Program; create. Education.

H. B. No. 1278: (Representatives Hulum, Haney) Community hospitals; authorize owners of to remove a trustee upon majority vote of owner's governing board. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1279: (Representative Darnell) Mississippi Occupational Diploma; authorize issuance of for students with disabilities. Education.

H. B. No. 1280: (Representative Darnell) Teachers; require school districts to pay salary supplement for perfect attendance during semester. Education.

H. B. No. 1281: (Representative Ladner) Bottomland leasing for oyster production; clarify authority of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources. Marine Resources.

H. B. No. 1282: (Representative Ladner) Hospital police department; authorize for certain privately owned hospitals. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1283: (Representative Ladner) Property insurance; authorize appraisal panel to determine value of property and amount of loss, including issues of causation. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1284: (Representative Ladner) Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; expand to nine members. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. B. No. 1285: (Representative Anderson (110th)) Unnatural intercourse law; revise to remove "mankind" from. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1286: (Representative Holloway) Alcorn University Extension Annex; rename the "Dr. Jesse Harness, Sr., Extension and Research Center". Public Property.

H. B. No. 1287: (Representatives Hines, Bailey, Harness, Porter) State employees; remove requirement to use one day of personal leave before using major medical leave. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1288: (Representative Reynolds) Rivers McGraw Mental Health Diversion Program; revise to create mental health treatment courts. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1289: (Representative Bell (65th)) School janitorial and cafeteria workers; provide minimum compensation at \$15.00 per hour. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1290: (Representative Powell) Orphaned Well Cryptocurrency Mining Partnership Program; create. Energy.

H. B. No. 1291: (Representative Currie) Urban Flood and Drainage Control Law; authority for assessment on property benefitted by certain projects. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1292: (Representative Carpenter) ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program; clarify that certain entities are eligible to participate in. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 1293: (Representative Lamar) Public purchasing; require state agencies to give a preference to Mississippi-made drones and prohibit purchase of drones made in China. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1294: (Representatives Thompson, Gibbs, Lancaster) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of a new elementary school for the Okolona Municipal Separate School District. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1295: (Representative Yancey) Transfer-on-death deed; exempt from claims of creditor's of deceased transferor. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1296: (Representative Bain) Community hospitals and UMMC; expand powers and authority and provide for immunity from antitrust laws. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1297: (Representative McCarty) Department of Mental Health; establish grant program to assist with crisis stabilization unit expenses. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1298: (Representative Hobgood-Wilkes) Pharmacy benefit managers; require to use national average drug acquisition cost. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1299: (Representative Yancey) Pharmacy benefit managers; require to make available to the public, without redaction, contracts relating to pharmacy benefit management services. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1300: (Representative Crawford) Ivermectin; authorize pharmacists to provide to adults pursuant to collaborative pharmacy practice agreement. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1301: (Representatives Gunn, Anthony) Career coaching program; modify directive of Office of Workforce Development from piloting to implementing long term. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 1302: (Representatives Hopkins, Eubanks) Immunization requirements; authorize religious exemption from requirements of schools and child care facilities. Education.

H. B. No. 1303: (Representative Rosebud) Early voting; authorize. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1304: (Representative Rosebud) Elections; prohibit use of word "re-elect" unless for person who is current incumbent of the office sought. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1305: (Representative Eubanks) Elections; revise provisions related to the integrity of. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1306: (Representatives Eubanks, Williamson) Elections; revise certain provisions about names of candidates appearing on the ballot, judicial candidate's annual report and fraudulent absentee voter applications. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1307: (Representatives Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson) Elections; provide for post-election audit report. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1308: (Representatives Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson) Elections; revise provisions for the distribution of absentee ballots. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1309: (Representative Criswell) Election Integrity Act; create. Apportionment and Elections; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1310: (Representatives Powell, Aguirre, Boyd (19th), Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Kinkade, Newman, Shanks, Brown (20th), Williamson, Wallace) Elections; revise provisions related to the integrity of. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1311: (Representative Hobgood-Wilkes) Elections; provide guidelines for receiving federal funds, guidance and communications regarding. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1312: (Representative Hopkins) Term limits; all elected officials limited to serving only two consecutive terms in office. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1313: (Representative Osborne) Early voting; authorize at the office of the registrar and additional early voting polling places. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1314: (Representative Eubanks) School Immunization; authorize exemption from requirements for religious beliefs. Education.

H. B. No. 1315: (Representatives Yancey, Eubanks) Pornographic online and digital/resources for K-12 students; prohibit. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1316: (Representative Yancey) Health benefit plans; prohibit from providing coverage or related services for clinician-administered drugs. Drug Policy.

H. B. No. 1317: (Representative Yancey) Pharmacists; authorize to test for and administer treatment for minor, nonchronic health conditions. Drug Policy.

H. B. No. 1318: (Representatives Ford (73rd), Felsher, Carpenter, Hopkins, Stamps) Baby drop-off and safe haven; revise provisions that regulate. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1319: (Representative Scott) Motivating Parents and Children (M.P.A.C.) Pilot Program; establish within State Department of Education. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1320: (Representative Scott) Early Voting Act; create. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1321: (Representative Scott) Eleventh Grade students; require to take GED or High School Equivalency Test for senior early release privilege eligibility. Education.

H. B. No. 1322: (Representative Scott) School curriculum; require students to receive additional instruction in healthy living. Education.

H. B. No. 1323: (Representative Scott) Homework; require teachers to incorporate daily and weekly assignments into their curriculum. Education.

H. B. No. 1324: (Representatives Scott, Clark, Faulkner, Gibbs, Harness, Porter, Summers, Thompson, Walker) The Crown Act; create to include property sales. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 1325: (Representatives Yancey, Newman, Powell, Shanks, Wallace, Weathersby) City of Brandon; extend repealer on hotels/motel to fund amphitheater and other ancillary improvements. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1326: (Representatives Scott, Clark, Faulkner, Gibbs, Harness, Summers, Thompson, Walker) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act and under CHIP. Medicaid; Rules; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1327: (Representative Scott) Children's Advocacy Commission; create to coordinate and streamline the state's efforts to provide services to children. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1328: (Representative Scott) Mississippi Development Authority; require to conduct review of infrastructures in counties with high rates of poverty. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1329: (Representative Scott) Volunteer and Parents Incentive Program; create under State Department of Education. Education.

H. B. No. 1330: (Representative Paden) Appropriation; Town of Jonestown for the Jonestown multipurpose building expansion project. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1331: (Representative Paden) Appropriation; Town of Alligator for cost of the 2022 water and sewer improvement project. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1332: (Representative Paden) Appropriation; Coahoma Community College for construction of a new dormitory on the campus. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1333: (Representative Summers) Sales tax; exempt sales of feminine hygiene products. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1334: (Representative Summers) Appropriation; Jackson Resource Center for making infrastructure improvements. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1335: (Representative Summers) Appropriation; Alliance School for Workforce Development for repair and improvements to its facilities. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1336: (Representative Summers) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist the Jackson Resource Center for homeless individuals with infrastructure improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1337: (Representative Summers) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Alliance School for Workforce Development with repair of building. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1338: (Representative Paden) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Alligator with water and sewer project. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1339: (Representative Powell) Anesthesiologist assistants; provide for licensure and regulations by Board of Medical Licensure. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1340: (Representative Paden) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of a dormitory at Coahoma Community College. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1341: (Representatives Gunn, Williamson, Arnold, Eubanks) Digital or online resources or databases; require vendors to verify technology protection for persons under 15. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1342: (Representative Gunn) Adoption procedures; regulate by creating a licensure authority. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1343: (Representative Turner) Appropriation; Pratt Community Center for repair and renovation of the Pratts Old School House building and facilities. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1344: (Representative Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance for repair and renovation of the Pratts Old School House building in Lee County. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1345: (Representative Lamar) Appropriation; community college board for funding repair, renovation or improvement of existing infrastructure of community colleges. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1346: (Representative Lamar) Appropriation; IHL Board for funding repair, renovation or improvement of existing infrastructure of universities. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1347: (Representatives Harness, Holloway, Paden, Foster, Denton, Clark, Gibbs, Mickens, Thompson) Appropriation; IHL for support of certain agriculture research and extension programs at Alcorn State University. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1348: (Representatives Mickens, Harness, Holloway, Paden, Foster, Denton, Clark, Gibbs, Thompson) Appropriation; IHL for enhancing STEM-related facilities and programs at Alcorn State University. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1349: (Representatives Harness, Holloway, Paden, Foster, Denton, Clark, Gibbs, Thompson) Bonds; authorize issuance for various Alcorn State University Agriculture Research and Extension projects. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1350: (Representatives Harness, Holloway, Clarke, Paden, Foster, Denton, Clark, Gibbs, Thompson) Bonds; authorize issuance for various Alcorn State University projects. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1351: (Representative Faulkner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist with repair and renovation of the Rosenwald School in Marshall County. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1352: (Representative Cockerham) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvement of student housing at Jackson State University. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1353: (Representative Cockerham) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of a separate water system for Jackson State University. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1354: (Representatives Harness, Holloway) Appropriations; Jefferson County and town of Fayette for construction of a rodeo arena. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1355: (Representative Harness) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Jefferson County with construction of a rodeo arena. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1356: (Representative Clark) City of Lexington; extend repealer on restaurant tourism tax. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1357: (Representatives Bell (65th), Anthony, Summers) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of a stadium on or near the campus of Jackson State University. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1358: (Representatives Bell (65th), Anthony, Summers) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with construction of a parking lot for the Jackson Convention Center. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1359: (Representative Paden) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to the Dr. Timothy Burrow Multipurpose Building in Jonestown. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1360: (Representative Scott) Mississippi High School Dropout Prevention Act of 2023; create. Education.

H. B. No. 1361: (Representative Bell (65th)) Mississippi Pregnant Workers Fairness Act; create. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1362: (Representative McGee) Medicaid; provide for presumptive eligibility for pregnant women. Medicaid.

H. B. No. 1363: (Representative Johnson) Medicaid; extend coverage for eligible women for 12 months postpartum. Medicaid.

H. B. No. 1364: (Representative Roberson) Medicaid; extend coverage for eligible women for 12 months postpartum. Medicaid.

H. B. No. 1365: (Representatives Bennett, Felsher, Miles, Crawford, Scoggin, Roberson, Karriem, Anderson (110th), Stamps, Mickens, Anthony) Assistant teacher

salaries; prohibit school districts from using any state-funded increase to substitute the local contribution. Education.

H. B. No. 1366: (Representatives Crawford, Aguirre, Arnold, Boyd (19th), Brown (20th), Byrd, Carpenter, Currie, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Ladner, Lancaster, McCarty, McKnight, McLeod, Morgan, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rushing, Scoggin, Shanks, Turner, Williamson, Young) Licensing boards; prohibit from disciplinary or threatening discipline of health care providers for exercising free speech rights. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1367: (Representative Hopkins) The Academic Transparency Act of 2023; enact. Education.

H. B. No. 1368: (Representative Steverson) School districts; authorize certain districts to employ retired teachers while they continue to draw retirement allowance. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1369: (Representatives McCarty, Owen, Felsher, Yates, Miles, Bennett, McGee, McLean, Summers, Karriem, Anderson (110th), Stamps, Mickens, Anthony, Hulum) MAEP; determine cost of using Average Daily Membership (ADM) in lieu of ADA with 90% threshold attendance trigger. Education.

H. B. No. 1370: (Representative Crawford) COVID-19 vaccines; require Attorney General to investigate pharmaceutical companies' promotion and distribution. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1371: (Representative Gunn) Therapists; create a felony for those who have sexual contact with patients. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1372: (Representative Lamar) Child advocacy centers; require to be funded by line item in Health Department appropriation bill. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1373: (Representatives Gunn, Hopkins, Karriem, Williamson, Brown (20th)) "Released-Time Moral Instruction Act of 2023"; enact to permit students to receive religious instruction during the school day. Education.

H. B. No. 1374: (Representative Gunn) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of the Clinton Public School District. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1375: (Representatives Gunn, Bounds, Faulkner) Municipal annexation; require additional services to annexed area to be completed within three years of annexation decree. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1376: (Representative Horne) Municipal annexation; restrict collection of ad valorem taxes until certain services are provided by municipality. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1377: (Representative Horne) Municipal annexation/deannexation; require election be held on the question of in the subject territory to be annexed/deannexed. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1378: (Representative Hale) Municipal annexation; provide temporary moratorium on. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1379: (Representative Hopkins) Municipal annexation; require an election be held in the proposed annexed territory. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1380: (Representative Banks) Legislature; allow retired PERS members to receive a retirement allowance while serving as a member of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1381: (Representatives Banks, Crudup, Hulum) Medicaid expansion; provide for statewide referendum on question of. Medicaid; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1382: (Representatives Banks, Brown (70th), Foster) Social media company community standards; require court to issue injunction when plaintiff demonstrates violation of by a defendant's communications on social media platform. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1383: (Representatives Banks, Brown (70th), Clarke, Crudup, Foster) Fuel tax; authorize certain municipalities to impose after an election to be used for road and bridge repair and maintenance. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1384: (Representatives Banks, Bell (65th), Summers, Clarke, Crudup, Foster) Capitol Complex Improvement District; require 10% of funds be used to compensate City of Jackson for police and fire protection. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1385: (Representatives Banks, Bell (65th), Summers) Abortion; provide for statewide referendum on question of prohibiting abortions in Mississippi. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1386: (Representatives Banks, Summers) Body-worn cameras; prohibit law enforcement from recreating past activities with. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1387: (Representative Banks) Salaries; increase for members of the Mississippi Senate and Mississippi House of Representatives. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1388: (Representatives Gunn, Anderson (122nd)) MDA FY22 appropriations from Gulf Coast Restoration Fund; revise those made to the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1389: (Representatives Cockerham, Anthony) Appropriation; IHL for constructing a separate water system for Jackson State University. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1390: (Representative Yancey) Abstinence education; delete repealer on school board requirement to adopt a policy on abstinence-only or abstinence-plus. Education.

H. B. No. 1391: (Representative Shanks) Minority set-aside contracts; prohibit municipalities from utilizing. Municipalities.

H. B. No. 1392: (Representatives Sanford, Tullos, Stamps) MS Vulnerable Persons Abuse Registry; require Department of Human Services to establish. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1393: (Representative Ford (73rd)) Career coaching program; modify directive of Office of Workforce Development from piloting to implementing long term. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 1394: (Representative Ford (73rd)) Off-duty highway patrol officers; authorize Colonel of Highway Patrol to allow use of uniforms, weapons, vehicles by officers on private duty. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1395: (Representative Robinson) Noneconomic damages; revise. Judiciary A; Rules.

H. B. No. 1396: (Representative Hopkins) Contract lobbyists; prohibit agencies, universities and colleges from hiring with public funds. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1397: (Representatives Gunn, Currie) State Health Plan; provide coverage for prosthetic teeth and dental implants for children with oligodontia. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1398: (Representative Scott) Elementary professional school counselors; allocate funds under Mississippi Adequate Education Program for. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1399: (Representative Scott) School districts; require certain policies and alternative curriculum if accountability rating at three lowest levels. Education.

H. B. No. 1400: (Representative Scott) Voting rights; restore upon satisfaction of all the sentencing requirements of a conviction. Judiciary B; Constitution.

H. B. No. 1401: (Representative Scott) Compulsory school attendance; require youth court petition after third unlawful absence and authorize community service for violations. Education; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1402: (Representative Scott) Eleventh Grade students; require to take GED or High School Equivalency Test for senior early-release privilege eligibility. Education.

H. B. No. 1403: (Representative Scott) First grade enrollment; allow child who turns six on or before December 31 to start at beginning of that school year. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1404: (Representative Scott) Earned-discharge credits; authorize offenders on probation/parole to earn for participation in faith-based activities. Corrections.

H. B. No. 1405: (Representative Scott) Appropriation; Health Department to provide funding to federally qualified health centers. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1406: (Representative Scott) Children's services and programs; require all state agencies to provide information relating to such in a list to the Legislature. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1407: (Representative Scott) Children's Resource Commission; create to coordinate and streamline the state's efforts to provide services to children. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1408: (Representative Scott) College and Career Readiness Planning Program; create. Education.

H. B. No. 1409: (Representative Scott) Pre-kindergarten; require Department of Education to create the "ABC Program" to provide instruction via Internet. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1410: (Representative Scott) Sales tax; exempt certain retail sales of electronic devices/educational software and sales of feminine hygiene products. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1411: (Representative Scott) Medicaid; provide coverage for substance abuse and mental health services for pregnant and postpartum women. Medicaid.

H. B. No. 1412: (Representative Scott) School curriculum; require teaching of certain high school subjects in "C", "D" and "F" rated districts. Education.

H. B. No. 1413: (Representative Scott) Hope Program; establish and develop system to re-enroll high school dropouts in programs leading to a high school diploma. Education.

H. B. No. 1414: (Representative Scott) "Mississippi Save Our Children Act"; create. Education.

H. B. No. 1415: (Representative Scott) Mathematic and science instruction; enhance through new middle school programs. Education; Universities and Colleges.

H. B. No. 1416: (Representative Scott) Engineering Studies Scholarship Program; establish. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1417: (Representative Scott) "Health Careers Academy"; create for students in Grades 9 through 12. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1418: (Representative Scott) Vision 2030: An Education Blueprint for Two Thousand Thirty; create. Education.

H. B. No. 1419: (Representative Scott) Dropout Prevention and Student Re-engagement Act; create. Education.

H. B. No. 1420: (Representative Scott) First Grade; allow any child who turns six during the calendar year to start at the beginning of school year. Education.

H. B. No. 1421: (Representative Scott) Sales tax; exempt on retail sales of certain electronic devices. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1422: (Representative Scott) Delinquency of a minor; include causing a child to violate the Uniform Controlled Substances Law as. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1423: (Representative Scott) Subsequent offense; revise how a first offense is calculated. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1424: (Representative Scott) College and Career Readiness Planning Program; create for administration of pre-ACT assessments in public schools. Education.

H. B. No. 1425: (Representative Scott) Social workers; provide in schools having high incidences of crime and via video conferencing means. Education.

H. B. No. 1426: (Representative Scott) Professional School Counselors Pilot Program; establish in certain school districts with high incidences of teen pregnancy or school violence. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1427: (Representative Scott) Mathematics and science; require public middle schools to provide program to enhance instruction in. Education.

H. B. No. 1428: (Representative Scott) Early Commitment to College Program; establish in schools and districts assigned an "F" accountability rating. Education.

H. B. No. 1429: (Representative Scott) Parolees who participate in faith-based or faith-based sponsored activities; authorize reduction of time spent on probation. Corrections.

H. B. No. 1430: (Representative Scott) DHS; direct to reinstate program of providing meals to older individuals in community setting. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1431: (Representative Scott) Nursing education; unspent TANF funds shall be spent to pay expenses of persons enrolled as part of workforce training. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1432: (Representative Scott) Voting rights; restore upon satisfaction of all of the sentencing requirements of a conviction. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1433: (Representative Scott) "Mississippi Senior Cadets Program"; require State Department of Education to establish. Education.

H. B. No. 1434: (Representative Banks) Life insurance; authorize funeral services provider to obtain certain information within two business days. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1435: (Representative Banks) Funeral director assistants; authorize to perform all activities of funeral directors with certain exceptions. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1436: (Representative Scott) Healthcare Coordinating Council; reconstitute and require to make report on specific health goals for the state. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1437: (Representative Scott) Felony expunction; revise age to obtain to conform to revisions. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1438: (Representative Scott) Online voter registration; authorize for first-time registrants. Apportionment and Elections; Rules.

H. B. No. 1439: (Representative Scott) Mississippi Fair Housing Act; create. Banking and Financial Services; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1440: (Representative Scott) Marijuana possession; provide civil penalty for. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1441: (Representative Scott) "Ban-the-Box Act"; create to prohibit public employers from using criminal history as a bar to employment. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1442: (Representative Scott) Pre-kindergarten program; require Department of Education to create "ABC Program" to provide instruction via Internet. Education.

H. B. No. 1443: (Representative Scott) Comprehensive sex education; require teaching of in Grades K-12. Education.

H. B. No. 1444: (Representative Scott) Department of Corrections; increase per diem rate paid to regionals for housing of state offenders. Corrections; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1445: (Representative Scott) Assistant teachers; provide annual salary supplement in "C," "D" and "F" school districts. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1446: (Representative Scott) Teacher salaries; authorize supplement for teachers in critical shortage subject areas in "D" and "F" districts. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1447: (Representative Scott) MS Teachers' Salaries Task Force; create to recommend how state can pay teachers at southeastern average. Education.

H. B. No. 1448: (Representative Scott) Community and junior colleges; waive all tuition and costs for graduates of Mississippi high schools. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1449: (Representative Scott) Mental health; require DMH to convert unused IDD beds to be used for alcohol and drug use services. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1450: (Representative Scott) Juneteenth National Independence Day; designate as a legal holiday in the State of Mississippi. Rules.

H. B. No. 1451: (Representative Scott) Municipal election commissioners; revise appointments of. Apportionment and Elections; Municipalities.

H. B. No. 1452: (Representative Scott) Appropriation; Department of Health for upgrades and improvements to infrastructure at county health departments. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1453: (Representative Scott) Appropriation; DFA for distribution to counties and municipalities for water/sewer infrastructure projects authorized under ARPA. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1454: (Representative Scott) Appropriation; Department of Mental Health for increasing alcohol and drug rehabilitation beds and crisis intervention teams. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1455: (Representative Scott) State Board of Education; require to develop curriculum and implement programs of conflict resolution. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1456: (Representative Scott) SNAP and TANF recipients; require those unemployed to take Test of Adult Basic Education. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1457: (Representative Scott) School attendance; require for children unable to score a 21 or higher on the ACT until the child reaches 18 years of age. Education.

H. B. No. 1458: (Representative Scott) Assistant Teacher Salary Waiver Grant Program; create to help assistant teachers to become licensed. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1459: (Representative Scott) Same-day voter registration; authorize. Apportionment and Elections; Rules.

H. B. No. 1460: (Representative Scott) Summer Youth Training Employment Program; authorize school districts to establish. Education.

H. B. No. 1461: (Representative Scott) Former collegiate athlete scholarship program; create to attract former athletes back to school for teaching degree. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1462: (Representative Scott) "2023 Mississippi Youthbuild Pilot Program Act"; create with programs at Coahoma and Jones County Community Colleges. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1463: (Representative Scott) Appropriation; employment security for funding summer youth employment programs. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1464: (Representative Scott) Counties and municipalities; authorize establishment of summer youth work programs. County Affairs; Municipalities.

H. B. No. 1465: (Representative Scott) Medicaid; extend coverage for eligible women for 12 months postpartum. Medicaid.

H. B. No. 1466: (Representative Scott) "Dream Makers Program"; create as an after-school program for students in Grades 7 and 8. Education.

H. B. No. 1467: (Representative Scott) Homework; require teachers to incorporate daily and weekly assignments into their curriculum. Education.

H. B. No. 1468: (Representative Scott) Health and human services agencies; require to prepare video with nutrition and healthy eating information for benefit recipients. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1469: (Representative Scott) IHL; continue annual deposits into Ayers Settlement Fund for 10 years and end reductions to Ayers Endowment Trust. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1470: (Representative Scott) State employees; provide for pay raise based on the amount of their annual salaries. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1471: (Representative Scott) DHS; develop process to ensure that subgrantees reflect the demographic makeup of the eligible population for the grants. Public Health and Human Services; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1472: (Representative Busby) Operating motor vehicles with certain gross weight limitation without a permit; bring forward registration and fine provisions. Transportation.

H. B. No. 1473: (Representative Busby) Motor vehicle combined weight total; bring forward provisions related to. Transportation.

H. B. No. 1474: (Representative Busby) Vehicles transporting certain agricultural products or timber; clarify maximum length cannot exceed requirements for day time operation. Transportation.

H. B. No. 1475: (Representative Busby) Harvest permit; increase fee for issuance and extend repealer. Transportation.

H. B. No. 1476: (Representative Hobgood-Wilkes) "Families' Rights and Responsibilities Act of 2023"; enact. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1477: (Representative Roberson) Harvest permits; extend repealer on authority of MDOT to issue. Transportation.

H. B. No. 1478: (Representatives Brown (20th), Hopkins) Parental rights; establish fundamental right of parents to direct the upbringing, education and care of their children. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1479: (Representative Crawford) Parental rights; establish fundamental right of parents to direct the upbringing, education and care of their children. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1480: (Representative Shanks) "Parents' Bill of Rights Act of 2023"; enact. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1481: (Representative Banks) Retirement; county board attorneys and city attorneys shall be members of PERS regardless of hours/week worked. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1482: (Representative Banks) Legislature; allow certain retired PERS members to receive a retirement allowance while serving as a member of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1483: (Representative Banks) Funeral services; require payment for before body may be transferred from one funeral home to another. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1484: (Representative Banks) Perpetual care cemeteries; require certain acreage and trust fund deposit to establish new. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1485: (Representative Banks) Copper materials; prohibit transactions between certain sellers and scrap metal dealers and other purchases. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1486: (Representative Crawford) Immunization and vaccination of preventable disease requirements for school children; exempt based on religious tenets. Education.

H. B. No. 1487: (Representative Crawford) Vaccine exemption; authorize for religious, philosophical or conscientious reasons. Education.

H. B. No. 1488: (Representative Owen) Immunization and vaccination of preventable disease requirements for school children; exempt based on religious tenets. Education.

H. B. No. 1489: (Representative Gunn) "Families' Rights and Responsibilities Act of 2023"; enact. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1490: (Representative Gunn) Licenses issued by Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; require suspension for failure to pay child support. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1491: (Representative Scott) CON; authorize for nursing home in Jones County. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1492: (Representatives Bennett, McCarty, Owen, Felsher) Assistant teachers; increase minimum salary to \$19,000.00. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1493: (Representative Yancey) CON law; remove certain health care facilities from. Drug Policy.

H. B. No. 1494: (Representative Brown (20th)) Health Care Certificate of Need Law; repeal. Drug Policy.

H. B. No. 1495: (Representative Bain) Health Care Certificate of Need; repeal provisions that govern. Drug Policy.

H. C. R. No. 16: (Representative Banks) Constitution; amend to restore voting rights to qualified electors who have committed a felony once sentencing requirements are met. Constitution; Apportionment and Elections.

H. C. R. No. 17: (Representatives Summers, Hulum) Cardiovascular risk reduction; recognize need for thorough screening and treatment of metabolic syndrome. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 18: (Representative Holloway) Salem Missionary Baptist Church; commend upon 157th anniversary of. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 19: (Representative Karriem) Emmett Till murder; issue apology for state's role in killers' acquittals. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 20: (Representative Anderson (110th)) Constitution; amend to restore voting rights to certain qualified electors once sentencing requirements are met. Constitution; Judiciary B.

H. C. R. No. 21: (Representative Evans (91st)) Constitution; amend to provide that member of Legislature for the first time after January 1, 2024, not eligible to serve again in that office after serving three terms. Constitution; Rules.

H. C. R. No. 22: (Representative Eubanks) Article V Convention; provide for selection and authority of commissioners. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 23: (Representatives Arnold, Brown (20th), Hopkins) Constitution; signatures from any congressional district cannot exceed certain fractional portion of total number of signatures required for initiative petition. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 24: (Representatives McCray, Banks, Bell (65th), Brown (70th), Crudup, Foster, Hale, Hines, Hulum, Johnson, Paden, Watson, Anthony) Constitution; amend to require early voting 10 days before every election. Constitution; Apportionment and Elections.

H. C. R. No. 25: (Representative Karriem) Constitution; amend to provide automatic restoration of suffrage for persons convicted of nonviolent crimes. Constitution; Rules.

H. C. R. No. 26: (Representative Rosebud) Constitution; conform initiative signature requirements to be from each congressional district for initiative petition. Constitution.

H. C. R. No. 27: (Representatives Anthony, Ford (73rd)) Patriotic Education Month; designate the month of September 2023 as. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 28: (Representative Arnold) Constitution; amend to restore voting rights after certain time to qualified electors who have committed a felony. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 29: (Representative Arnold) Joint Rules; amend to allow legislators to participate remotely in committee meetings and floor sessions beginning in 2024. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 30: (Representatives Scott, Stamps) JSU Tigers Football Team; commend upon winning 2022 SWAC Championship. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 31: (Representative White) State of the State address of the Governor; call joint session to hear. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 32: (Representatives Banks, Bell (65th), Summers) Constitution; amend to provide for the right to personal reproductive decisions. Constitution.

H. C. R. No. 33: (Representative Currie) Constitution; amend to provide that people have the right to propose new statutes and to amend or repeal existing statutes. Constitution.

H. C. R. No. 34: (Representative McGee) Constitution; amend to provide that people have the right to propose new statutes and to amend or repeal existing statutes. Constitution.

H. R. No. 11: (Representative Anderson (110th)) House Rules; amend to create a new rule that requires each committee's agenda to be published 24 hours before the meeting. Rules.

H. R. No. 12: (Representatives Young, Stamps, Calvert) Mr. Martin "Marty" Davidson; commend upon entrepreneurial legacy and community service as chair of Southern Pipe and Supply. Rules.

H. R. No. 13: (Representative Karriem) Emmett Till murder; issue apology for state's role in killers' acquittals. Rules.

H. R. No. 14: (Representative Karriem) House Rules; amend to require a racial impact statement for all legislation to be attached to each bill. Rules.

H. R. No. 15: (Representative Bennett) Dr. Kim S. Benton; commend upon exceptional service as Interim State Superintendent of Education. Rules.

H. R. No. 16: (Representative Mickens) Louisville High School Football Team; commend upon winning the 2022 MHSAA Class 4A State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 17: (Representative Gunn) Billy Nicholson; commend the life and legacy of as former state representative. Rules.

H. R. No. 18: (Representatives McGee, McCarty) Carlton D. "Corky" Palmer; honor the life and legacy of upon his passing. Rules.

H. R. No. 19: (Representative Barton) Mark McAndrews; commend upon his retirement as port director of Port of Pascagoula. Rules.

H. R. No. 20: (Representative Holloway) Copiah County; commend upon its Bicentennial Celebration. Rules.

H. R. No. 21: (Representative Paden) Christone "Kingfish" Ingram; commend on winning his first Grammy Award during the 64th Annual Grammy Awards. Rules.

H. R. No. 22: (Representative Weathersby) Jones Junior College Bobcats Cheerleading Team; commend on winning Open Coed Division - 2022 UCA College Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 23: (Representative Sanford) Norman Goetzmann Stevens, Jr.; honor life and legacy upon his passing. Rules.

H. R. No. 24: (Representative Summers) Suffrage bills; require factors used by House committees to be listed on the official website. Judiciary B.

H. R. No. 25: (Representatives Williamson, Hopkins) House rules; amend to require a list of bills to be published on official website. Rules.

H. R. No. 26: (Representatives Clarke, Aguirre, Anderson (110th), Anderson (122nd), Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell (21st), Bell (65th), Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd (19th), Boyd (37th), Brown (20th), Brown (70th), Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore IV, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans (45th), Evans (91st), Faulkner, Felsher, Ford (54th), Ford (73rd), Foster, Gibbs, Goodin, Guice, Gunn, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne,

Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber) Dr. Freda McKissic Bush; honor life and legacy upon her passing. Rules.

H. R. No. 27: (Representative Massengill) Faye Graham Dillard; commend upon the occasion of her 90th birthday. Rules.

H. R. No. 28: (Representative Young) Reba Lee Roy; commend life and legacy upon her passing. Rules.

H. R. No. 29: (Representative Young) Attorney Jonathan C. Hamilton; commend for outstanding service and contributions to the practice of law. Rules.

H. R. No. 30: (Representative Young) Dr. John D. Isaacs, Jr.; commend for outstanding service and contributions to the practice of medicine. Rules.

H. R. No. 31: (Representative Holloway) Johnny Johns; commend upon occasion of retirement. Rules.

H. R. No. 32: (Representatives Currie, Mangold) Cecil Rhodes; honor life and legacy upon his passing. Rules.

H. R. No. 33: (Representatives Miles, Rushing) Scott Central High School "Rebels" Football Team; commend upon winning the 2022 MHSAA Class 2A State Championship. Rules.

Representative Bennett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Annie Pearl "Ann" Ladnier Lizana, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Wilson "Wissy" Dillard, Jr., and Charlie Stringer, which motion prevailed.

Representative Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dorothy M. Fortenberry, Mildred Whitman Anthony, and Blaine McRaney Stogner, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Morgan and Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Mona Faye Stringer, and Patsy Ruth Hartzog, which motion prevailed.

Representative Morgan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Harriet Olivia Turnage, Carolyn Carter, Edwin Tippitt, Jerry L. Dement, Bessie Pounds Evans, Dennis Little, Dr. Evan Homer Wood, Sondra Loftin Hartfield, Pamela Bracey Burke, Dwight Stewart, Davis Ritchey, and Edna Lucille Bozeman Graham, which motion prevailed.

Representative Scoggin moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dell Scoper, Nancy Lindstrom, Amanda Buchanan, and Josephine Waites, which motion prevailed.

Representative Rushing moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Billy Nicholson, Former State Representative, which motion prevailed.

Representative Ford (73rd) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Charles "Chuck" Stinson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Aguirre moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Tom Booth, which motion prevailed.

At 4:13 PM, on motion of Rep. Yancey the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

ELEVENTH DAY, TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023

(FIFTEENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Jon Lancaster.

Rep. Lancaster led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Robinson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee, having had under consideration the following, favorably reports same for the reason that the relief sought cannot be obtained by invoking the jurisdiction of the courts and by reason the local nature cannot be reached by a general law:

H. B. No. 37: Standard Dedeaux Water District; delete provision on compensation of commissioners. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

MANLY BARTON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 366: Sam G. Polles State Office Building; designate the MS Dept. of Wildlife Central Office Building as. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 422: Public land in Rankin County; authorize DFA to assign property to various state agencies and institutions and establish new Veterans Nursing Home. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 423: Former Presbyterian Church property within the Capitol Complex; authorize DFA to purchase. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

TOM WEATHERSBY, Chairman

NO INTRODUCTIONS OF BILLS FOR THIS DAY

Representative Stevenson called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 401:** (Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission Law; revise certain provisions relating to a manufacturer's ownership of motor vehicle dealership.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Head Page, Benjamin Adams, introduced the following pages for the week:

Embry Aldridge	Houston, MS
Walker Blakeney	Fairhope, AL
Michael Chalmers	Baldwyn, MS
Margaret Collins	Clinton, MS
Peyton Crump	Shannon, MS
Jack Durr	Pearl, MS
Emma Kilgore	Houston, MS
Pepper May Newman	Brandon, MS
Hayes Odom	Brandon, MS
Zoey Elizabeth Ratliff	Clarksdale, MS
Jackson Roberds	Fairhope, AL
Sadie Stevenson	Louisville, MS
Cooper Stidham	Mathiston, MS
Tyler James Washington	Clarksdale, MS

Rep. Weathersby called up:

H. B. No. 366: Sam G. Polles State Office Building; designate the MS Dept. of Wildlife Central Office Building as.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 366.** On motion of Rep. Weathersby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Ladner, Owen, Robinson. Total-4.

Present--Karriem, McCray, Stamps. Total--3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--56

Representative Kinkade requested that the Entire Membership be added as authors to the following; however, Rep. Owen requested to be removed.

H. B. No. 366: Sam G. Polles State Office Building; designate the MS Dept. of Wildlife Central Office Building as.

Representative Summers and the Hinds County Delegation moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dr. Freda Bush, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Currie, Hobgood-Wilkes and Tubb moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Gregory Lamar (Greg) McQueen, which motion prevailed.

Representative Lancaster moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Effie Mae Brand Smith, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Hood and Oliver moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Tom Brown Bailey, which motion prevailed.

Representative Rushing moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Patsy Ruth Moore, which motion prevailed.

Representative Currie moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dean Crittenden, and Kenneth Dunn, which motion prevailed.

Representative Watson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Wanda Woods, which motion prevailed.

Representative Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Doris Louise Beard, and Adris Selby Brock, which motion prevailed.

Representative Carpenter moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Peggy Burcham, which motion prevailed.

At 2:17 PM, on motion of Rep. Bounds the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Wednesday, January 18, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWELFTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023

(SIXTEENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Chip Stevens, Senior Pastor of First Baptist Jackson.

Rep. Newman led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Huddleston.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. C. R. No. 501: Mourn the loss and commend the life and public service of David R. Huggins.

S. C. R. No. 502: Mourn the loss and commend the life and public service of former MDOT Commissioner and Legislator Dick Hall.

S. C. R. No. 503: Mourn the passing of former Senator Steve Seale of Hattiesburg, and commend his public and charitable service.

S. C. R. No. 504: Mourn the loss and commend the life and public service of former Representative Noal Akins.

S. C. R. No. 505: Commend public service of Southern District Transportation Commissioner and former legislator Tom King.

S. C. R. No. 506: Commend 2022 PRCC "Wildcats" Baseball Team and Coach Michael Avalon for first ever National Championship.

S. C. R. No. 507: Commend JSU "Tigers" Football Team for second consecutive SWAC Championship.

S. C. R. No. 509: Congratulate Scott Central "Rebels" Football Team for winning the back to back MHSAA Class 2A State Championships.

S. C. R. No. 510: Congratulate Raleigh High School "Lions" Football Team for winning 2022 MHSAA Class 3A State Championship.

S. C. R. No. 511: Mourn the loss and commend the public service of Forrest Co. Tax Collector, former Supervisor and State Senator Billy Hudson.

S. C. R. No. 512: Mourn the loss and celebrate the contributions and career of Mississippi music icon and Rock and Roll legend Jerry Lee Lewis.

S. C. R. No. 514: Commend Sumrall High School "Bobcats" Baseball Team for winning Mississippi 4A State Championship.

S. C. R. No. 515: Commend the life of former State Senator, Circuit Judge and Decorated WWII Veteran Thomas Frederick (Fred) Wicker.

S. C. R. No. 516: Commend Myrtis Franke for a lifetime of service.

S. C. R. No. 518: Congratulate Starkville High School "Yellowjackets" football team for winning MHSAA Class 6A State Title.

S. C. R. No. 519: Extending deepest sympathy of Legislature to surviving family of MSU Football Coach Mike Leach and paying tribute to his legacy.

S. C. R. No. 520: Congratulate Ole Miss 2022 Baseball Team for National Championship.

S. C. R. No. 521: Congratulate Bay Springs High School "Bulldogs" Football team for winning back-to-back MHSAA Class 1A State Championships.

S. C. R. No. 524: Mourn the passing of former Representative Billy Nicholson of Union, Mississippi, and commend his public and charitable service.

S. C. R. No. 525: Congratulate Louisville High School "Wildcats" Football Team for winning the MHSAA 4A State Championship.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. C. R. No. 524: Mourn the passing of former Representative Billy Nicholson of Union, Mississippi, and commend his public and charitable service. Rules.

NO INTRODUCTIONS OF BILLS FOR THIS DAY

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DRUG POLICY

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 393: Pseudoephedrine and ephedrine; extend repealer on authority to sell and purchase without a prescription certain products containing. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 722: Controlled substances; exclude fentanyl testing materials from definition of "paraphernalia" under. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

LEE YANCEY, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. R. No. 10: Coach Jan Sojourner; commend extraordinary coaching career. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 12: Mr. Martin "Marty" Davidson; commend upon entrepreneurial legacy and community service as chair of Southern Pipe and Supply. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 15: Dr. Kim S. Benton; commend upon exceptional service as Interim State Superintendent of Education. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 16: Louisville High School Football Team; commend upon winning the 2022 MHSAA Class 4A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 17: Billy Nicholson; commend the life and legacy of as former state representative. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

S. C. R. No. 524: Mourn the passing of former Representative Billy Nicholson of Union, Mississippi, and commend his public and charitable service. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 515: Training facilities; include in categories eligible for license fee increase proceeds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 516: Conservation officer; decrease minimum years of law enforcement experience required to be appointed a. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 517: Guide and outfitter services licenses; revise annual fee for both residents and nonresidents. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

BILL KINKADE, Chairman

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 37: Standard Dedeaux Water District; delete provision on compensation of commissioners.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 37.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Karriem, Owen, Robinson. Total-4.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

At 10:09 AM on motion of Rep. Bell, D the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 11:15 AM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Currie called up:

H. R. No. 17: Billy Nicholson; commend the life and legacy of as former state representative.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Currie unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. R. No. 17: Billy Nicholson; commend the life and legacy of as former state representative.

Rep. Currie called up:

S. C. R. No. 524: Mourn the passing of former Representative Billy Nicholson of Union, Mississippi, and commend his public and charitable service.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Currie unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

S. C. R. No. 524: Mourn the passing of former Representative Billy Nicholson of Union, Mississippi, and commend his public and charitable service.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. R. No. 17: Billy Nicholson; commend the life and legacy of as former state representative.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

S. C. R. No. 524: Mourn the passing of former Representative Billy Nicholson of Union, Mississippi, and commend his public and charitable service.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Mittie Gammage Evans, Estella Hayes, Ruby Lee Kincaid, Estella Fountain, Mose Robinson, Merlene Patrick, Rev. Scott Mangum, Billy Wayne Alexander, Sarah R. McMillan, and Stacey Ray Holmes, which motion prevailed.

Representative Foster moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of William M. "Bill" Davis, which motion prevailed.

Representative Smith moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Kimberly Renea Taylor, Joseph Anderson Kramer, Mildred Smith Herrington, Dora Bonceil McAdams, Sarah V. Williams, Glenda Cheryl Harrison, Robin Walker, Janelle Ann O'Neil, and Helen M. Mazingo, which motion prevailed.

At 11:32 AM, on motion of Rep. Massengill the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Thursday, January 19, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTEENTH DAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023

(SEVENTEENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rev. Jermal Boddie, Grace Baptist Church, Okolona, MS.

Rep. Thompson led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Huddleston.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

NO INTRODUCTIONS OF BILLS FOR THIS DAY

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AFFAIRS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 626: Boards of Supervisors; provide exception on prohibition of expending certain funds in last months of office to meet federal ARPA spending deadline. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 858: Mississippi Regional Pre-Need Disaster Clean Up Act; create. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

LARRY BYRD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 518: Local Provider Innovation Grant Program; revise certain provisions of. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 273: Health Care Impact Grant Program; establish to provide grants to hospitals and nursing facilities. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 584: Qualified Health Center Grant Program; clarify that amount specified for grants under is minimum amount to be issued. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 478: Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact; create. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 854: Marriage and family therapists; revise certain requirements for licensure. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 522: Mississippi Individual On-site Wastewater Disposal System Law; extend repealer on. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 259: Medical radiation technologists; extend repealers on registration statutes. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 557: MS Rural Dentists Scholarship Program; increase number of students who may be admitted into annually. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1125: Regulate Experimental Adolescent Procedures (REAP) Act; create to regulate transgender procedures and surgeries. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

SAM C. MIMS, V, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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H. B. No. 1125: Regulate Experimental Adolescent Procedures (REAP) Act; create to regulate transgender procedures and surgeries. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

SAM C. MIMS, V, Chairman

Rep. Roberson called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

H. R. No. 10: Coach Jan Sojourner; commend extraordinary coaching career.

H. R. No. 12: Mr. Martin "Marty" Davidson; commend upon entrepreneurial legacy and community service as chair of Southern Pipe and Supply.

H. R. No. 15: Dr. Kim S. Benton; commend upon exceptional service as Interim State Superintendent of Education.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

Representative Roberson entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following resolution was adopted.

H. R. No. 12: Mr. Martin "Marty" Davidson; commend upon entrepreneurial legacy and community service as chair of Southern Pipe and Supply.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. R. No. 10: Coach Jan Sojourner; commend extraordinary coaching career.

H. R. No. 15: Dr. Kim S. Benton; commend upon exceptional service as Interim State Superintendent of Education.

Representative Mickens introduced special guests, the Louisville High School Football Team, H. R. No. 16.

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. R. No. 16: Louisville High School Football Team; commend upon winning the 2022 MHSAA Class 4A State Championship.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. R. No. 16: Louisville High School Football Team; commend upon winning the 2022 MHSAA Class 4A State Championship.

Rep. Weathersby called up:

H. B. No. 422: Public land in Rankin County; authorize DFA to assign property to various state agencies and institutions and establish new Veterans Nursing Home.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 422**. On motion of Rep. Weathersby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Scott. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Huddleston, McCray, Stamps. Total-4.

Present--Clark, Faulkner, Summers, Young. Total--4.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Weathersby called up:

H. B. No. 423: Former First Christian Church property within the Capitol Complex; authorize DFA to purchase.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 423**. On motion of Rep. Weathersby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Haney, Hines, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--86.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Clarke, Crawford, Criswell, Currie, Eubanks, Evans, B, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, McLeod, Owen, Rosebud, Sanders, Scoggin, Taylor, Williamson. Total--17.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Boyd, R, Hale, Horne, Huddleston, Ladner, McCray, Oliver, Read, Rushing, Stamps. Total-11.

Present--Denton, Harness, Holloway, Miles, Paden, Porter. Total--6.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--52

Rep. Yancey called up:

H. B. No. 393: Pseudoephedrine and ephedrine; extend repealer on authority to sell and purchase without a prescription certain products containing.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 393. On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, McCray, Stamps. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Yancey called up:

H. B. No. 722: Controlled substances; exclude fentanyl testing materials from definition of "paraphernalia" under.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 722. On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, McCray, Stamps. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Kinkade called up:

H. B. No. 515: Training facilities; include in categories eligible for license fee increase proceeds.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 515. On motion of Rep. Kinkade the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Hopkins. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Huddleston, McCray, Stamps. Total-4.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Kinkade called up:

H. B. No. 516: Conservation officer; decrease minimum years of law enforcement experience required to be appointed a.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 516. On motion of Rep. Kinkade the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Huddleston, McCray, Reynolds, Stamps. Total-5.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Kinkade called up:

H. B. No. 517: Guide and outfitter services licenses; revise annual fee for both residents and nonresidents.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 517.** On motion of Rep. Kinkade the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--93.

Nays--Bomgar, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Crawford, Criswell, Eubanks, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Owen, Scoggin, Williamson. Total--13.

Absent or those not voting--Barton, Creekmore, Currie, Felsher, Huddleston, Ladner, McCray, Patterson, Rushing, Stamps, Summers, Tullos. Total-12.

Present--Evans, B, Young. Total--2.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--52

Rep. Mims called up:

H. B. No. 1125: Regulate Experimental Adolescent Procedures (REAP) Act; create to regulate transgender procedures and surgeries.

Rep. Anthony moved to table, which motion failed by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Young. Total--34.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Zuber. Total--80.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, B, Huddleston, McCray, Reynolds, Stamps, Yates. Total-6.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Rosebud moved to postpone until April 2, 2023, which motion failed.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES CLARK AND SCOTT:

Amend on line 593 after Section 43-13-117, the division shall expand the state's Medicaid program to provide coverage and reimburse for the (28) Individuals who are under sixty five (65) years of age, are not pregnant, are not entitled to or enrolled for benefits under Part A or Part B of Medicare, are not eligible for Medicaid under any other paragraph of this section, and whose income is not more than one hundred thirty three percent (133%) of the federal poverty level applicable to a family of the size involved. Individuals eligible under this paragraph (28) shall receive benchmark coverage described in Section 1937(b)(1) of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, or benchmark equivalent coverage described in Section 1937(b)(2) of the federal Social Security Act, as amended. The eligibility of individuals covered under this paragraph shall be determined by the Division of Medicaid, and renumber.

POINT OF ORDER

A point of order was raised by REPRESENTATIVE Hood that Amendment No. 1 by Scott and Clark's point of order amends code section 43-13-115 by reference.

The Speaker ruled the point of order well taken.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1125**. On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stevenson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--78.

Nays--Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Faulkner, Foster, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--29.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Anthony, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Huddleston, McCray, Reynolds, Stamps. Total-10.

Present--Burnett, Gibbs, K, Hulum. Total--3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--64

Representative Denton moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Lt. Samuel "Sam" Keith Winchester, Sr., Arthur Roy Strong, Sr., Elbert "Kojac" Cox, Jr., Claudette Maxine Vaughn, Arthur Lamark Powell, and Wilbert T. Hayes, Jr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of LaRue Barnes, Victor Soto, Nett Madden, Leon Harrell, Lorena Solomon, London Evans, John Rushing, Jr., Kerry Boykin, Selma Rushing, Dennis Squires, Buddy Vines, Patsy Moore, Deborah "Debby" Park, Alvin "Buck" Seaney, Coach Gary Risher, and Lamar Gatewood, Jr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Horan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of William Sammy Smith, Ruby Melinda Redwine, Faye "MeMe" Nolen, Horace Glen "Sidewinder" Melton, Ouida Joyce Power Thomas, James Truman Weeks, Sr., Alice Fancher Granholm, George G. Harrison, Allan Michael, Barbara Cooper "Bobbie" Vance, Howard Louis "Bud" Ables, Annie Kay Spradling Crigler, Billy Wade McNeer, Jr., Dorothy

Marie Bailey Moore, JoAnn Pender Tollison, Grayson Seth Fly, Danny Lee Turner, Cheryl Warmack Harbin, Sharon May Moorman McNabb, Lee Munstenteiger, Noretta Beard, Mable Ericile Whitfield Hall, SSG. Robert William Newton, Jr., and Ben S. Liles, Jr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Weathersby moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Evelyn Mae Spellings, which motion prevailed.

At 4:05 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, January 20, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FOURTEENTH DAY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2023

(EIGHTEENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Donnie Scoggin.

Rep. Scoggin led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Stamps. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Huddleston and Stamps.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Haney and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 10: Coach Jan Sojourner; commend extraordinary coaching career.

H. R. No. 15: Dr. Kim S. Benton; commend upon exceptional service as Interim State Superintendent of Education.

H. R. No. 16: Louisville High School Football Team; commend upon winning the 2022 MHSAA Class 4A State Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representatives Bennett, Guice and Haney moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Delane Patterson Demoruelle, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Bennett and Felsher moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Christopher Castiglia, which motion prevailed.

Representative Smith moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Billy Nicholson, former State Representative, which motion prevailed.

Representative Brown (70th) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Carol Price, Ineva May-Pittman, and Georgia Anderson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Reynolds moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Joseph Paxton Mullen, which motion prevailed.

At 9:05 AM, on motion of Rep. Massengill the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, January 23, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTEENTH DAY, MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023

(TWENTY-FIRST CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Robinson.

Rep. Robinson led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Huddleston. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Cockerham and Huddleston.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Speaker Gunn appointed Rep. Price Wallace as Chairman of the Apportionment and Elections Committee.

Speaker Gunn appointed Rep. Fred Shanks to the House Apportionment and Elections Committee.

Speaker Gunn appointed Rep. Shanda Yates to the House Public Utilities Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. C. R. No. 5: Carlton D. "Corky" Palmer; honor the life and legacy of upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 10: Former Representative Noal Akins; honor life and legacy upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 15: Bay Springs High School Football Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 1A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 18: Carlton D. "Corky" Palmer; honor the life and legacy of upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 19: Mark McAndrews; commend upon his retirement as port director of Port of Pascagoula. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 20: Covich County; commend upon its Bicentennial Celebration. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 21: Christone "Kingfish" Ingram; commend on winning his first Grammy Award during the 64th Annual Grammy Awards. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 22: Jones Junior College Bobcats Cheerleading Team; commend on winning Open Coed Division - 2022 UCA College Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 23: Norman Goetzmann Stevens, Jr.; honor life and legacy upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

Representative Bounds moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Gean Huntley, and Dotsy Wilson, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Bell C, Haney, Hines, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson and Summers moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Colonieus Charles Williams, which motion prevailed.

Representative Weathersby moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jackie Faye McLendon, which motion prevailed.

Representative Currie moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Karen Powell McIntosh, and Tyrone Powell, which motion prevailed.

Representative Evans M moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Tommy Gully, which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sybil Irene Settlemire, and James Autry, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Morgan and Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sharon Hatfield Whitfield, and Lesbia Stovall, which motion prevailed.

Representative Morgan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Charlotte Ella Stephens, Kevin Smith, Albert Allen "Al" Brooks, Patricia Gail Stephens, Georgia Nell Robbins, Thomas Michael Ginn, Gail Thornhill, William "Bill" Houston, Harold Baughman, Kelly Jeann Edwards, Joyce T. Baughman, Blanche Stringfield, Charles Randolph Gartman, and Linda B. Boone, which motion prevailed.

At 4:08 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, January 24, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTEENTH DAY, TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023

(TWENTY-SECOND CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Pro Tempore White in the chair. Prayer by Reverend Chris Cumbest, Wells Methodist Church, Jackson, MS.

Rep. Zuber led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 232: Dairy show; relocate the show held in Lee County, MS, to Pontotoc County, MS. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 256: Mississippi Boll Weevil Management Corporation; extend repealer on requirement that audits be submitted by November 15. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 363: Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce; technical amendments related to certain powers and duties. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 484: Petroleum Products Inspection Law; delete repealer on definitions and penalties under. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 280: Foreign governments; prohibit sale of agricultural lands to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

BILL PIGOTT, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AFFAIRS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 1194: County boards of supervisors; authorize to make contributions to Main Street programs. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1211: Counties and municipalities; authorize to enter into certain agreement when utilizing certain federal funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

LARRY BYRD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON

COUNTY AFFAIRS AND MUNICIPALITIES

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 857: Local Government Debt Collection Setoff Act; clarify term of "claimant local government" under. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

LARRY BYRD, Chairman
RANDY RUSHING, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DRUG POLICY

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 1158: Medical Cannabis Act; revise certain provisions of. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

LEE YANCEY, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FORESTRY

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 287: Mississippi Forestry Commission; authorize to electronically accept bids for timber sales. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 787: Mississippi Board of Registration for Foresters; bring forward all code sections and authorize to suspend license of licensee for failure to satisfy judgement. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

KEN MORGAN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY B

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 209: Terroristic threats; revise elements of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 400: Election crimes; revise the penalties for certain. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 412: DNA samples; destroy upon request for expungement. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1139: Simple assault; authorize judicial discretion when assessing fines. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 253: DUI suspension; clarify how the 120 days are counted. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 368: State identification for homeless persons; authorize. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 374: Wiretapping; authorize state and local law enforcement to use for human trafficking. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 402: Fleeing law enforcement; increase penalties for the crime of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 405: Bribery of a candidate; revise statute of limitations. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

NICK BAIN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 675: State Veterans Affairs Board; revise provisions regarding processing appeals of claims. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 677: County veteran service officers; revise certain qualifications for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1029: United States Space Force; provide that reference to "Armed Forces" and "Uniformed Services" in Mississippi law shall include members of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1039: Occupational licensing; revise certain provisions relating to members of the military to include veterans. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1235: Civil Air Patrol members; authorize granting of administrative leave and leave of absence to for certain emergency services. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

LESTER CARPENTER, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPALITIES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 556: "Property Clean up Revolving Fund"; establish. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 693: Aldermen and councilmen; increase the maximum amount of surety bond that may be given by. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 894: Violations of local zoning ordinances; authorize governing authorities to pursue administrative or civil penalties for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 920: Radar; clarify how population is calculated. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

RANDY RUSHING, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 769: Harvey Moss Wildlife Management Area at Tuscumbia; designate Tuscumbia Wildlife Management Area as. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 846: Sixteenth Section land; revise zoning authority of local governing entities to prohibit restrictions on school districts' ability to build on said lands. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 874: MS Dept. of Archives and History property; authorize DFA to clarify donation of certain lands in Claiborne County to U.S. Dept. of Interior - National Park Service. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 876: Columbia Training School Property; clarify purposes for which the Marion County Economic Development District may be reimbursed. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 877: USM; clarify authority to enter into insurance agreement for protection of property at the state port at Gulfport. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 904: Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District; authorize to transfer Kemper Lake to Kemper County Board of Supervisors. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 917: Mississippi Worker's Comp commission office building; place under the supervision and care of DFA. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 923: Bob Tyler Fish Hatchery; designate the fish hatchery located in North Mississippi as. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1160: State-forfeited tax lands; limit state agency, municipality, county, or other political subdivision of the state from intervening to quitclaim land after certain period of publication. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1286: Alcorn University Extension Annex; rename the "Dr. Jesse Harness, Sr., Extension and Research Center". Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

TOM WEATHERSBY, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 588: MS Workforce Training and Education Act; extend repealer on the act and in 2004 chapter law for conforming code sections. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 842: Office of Workforce Development; authorize to work with MS Alliance of Nonprofits and Philanthropy to create an accountability system for certain nonprofits. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 843: Mississippi Department of Employment Security; authorize to conduct background investigations on certain employees. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 845: Mississippi New Economic Development Training Assistance Grant Program; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 893: SkillPath 2030 Program; authorize Office of Workforce Development to create pilot program for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 916: General experience rate; provide that noncharges caused by COVID-19 pandemic shall not impact. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 988: Mississippi Youth Career and Workforce Preparation Grant Program; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1301: Career coaching program; modify directive of Office of Workforce Development from piloting to implementing long term. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

DONNIE BELL, Chairman

Head Page, Alexandria Williams, introduced the following pages for the week:

Hannah Beatty	Pulaski, MS
Alex Bierman	Morton, MS
Eason Goss	Hernando, MS
Madison Holmes	Pelahatchie, MS
Connor Johnson	Tupelo, MS
LaBrone Johnson	Tupelo, MS
Addison Lindsey	Pelahatchie, MS
Catia Madison	Terry, MS
Raelyn McHenry	Pearl, MS
Bryce Owens	Bolton, MS
Molly Phillips	Hattiesburg, MS
Madison Stamps	Byram, MS
Caden Stuart	Philadelphia, MS
Natalie Thieling	Hattiesburg, MS
William Wheeler III	Oxford, MS
Walker White	Philadelphia, MS

Rep. Roberson called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

H. C. R. No. 5: Carlton D. "Corky" Palmer; honor the life and legacy of upon his passing.

H. C. R. No. 15: Bay Springs High School Football Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 1A State Championship.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor,

Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Darnell, Ford, J, Guice, Owen, Yancey. Total-5.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Roberson called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

H. R. No. 18: Carlton D. "Corky" Palmer; honor the life and legacy of upon his passing.

H. R. No. 19: Mark McAndrews; commend upon his retirement as port director of Port of Pascagoula.

H. R. No. 20: Covich County; commend upon its Bicentennial Celebration.

H. R. No. 21: Christone "Kingfish" Ingram; commend on winning his first Grammy Award during the 64th Annual Grammy Awards.

H. R. No. 22: Jones Junior College Bobcats Cheerleading Team; commend on winning Open Coed Division - 2022 UCA College Championship.

H. R. No. 23: Norman Goetzmann Stevens, Jr.; honor life and legacy upon his passing.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. C. R. No. 5: Carlton D. "Corky" Palmer; honor the life and legacy of upon his passing.

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H. R. No. 23: Norman Goetzmann Stevens, Jr.; honor life and legacy upon his passing.

Rep. Hopkins called up:

H. B. No. 1029: United States Space Force; provide that reference to "Armed Forces" and "Uniformed Services" in Mississippi law shall include members of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1029. On motion of Rep. Hopkins the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Byrd, Sanders. Total-2.

Present--Anderson, J, Kinkade, Powell. Total--3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Morris Funderburg, which motion prevailed.

Representative Crudup moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of John Daniels, Jr., and James "Jimmy" Turner, which motion prevailed.

Representative Weathersby moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Merrell Dan "Tuffy" Knight, Dora Jean Mangum Whatley, and Ben Edward Mangum, which motion prevailed.

Representative Kinkade moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sandra Joan "Sandy" Tuttle, which motion prevailed.

Representative Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Joe Johnson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James Richards Edwards III, Jack Thomas, Tanner Scott Yarbrough, Winnie Ruth McMullan, James C. Nicholas, Joy Beth Short, Thomas David Reid, Margret Jenkins, Randy Parks, William Glen Stewart, Larry Gibbs, Kimberly Chipley, Lavelle Lee Culpepper, Jr. , R. C. Luke, Bobby Moore, Inez Usry Sims, Cameron Lee Reid, Edd Hershell "Toby" Porter, Peggy Elizabeth Barnes, Judy Elizabeth Wallace, Douglas Edgar Barnes, Erica Foreman Jolley, Bobbie Jean Cumberland Shoemaker, Irvin Lenord "Frog" Harris, Sr. , Frances Parker, David Benson "Benny" Reid, Inga Lynn Cox Braswell, Albert Frazier, Rissa Tagert, Samuel Edward "Sammy" Harrell, and Elijah Matthew Usry, which motion prevailed.

At 2:25 PM, on motion of Rep. Massengill the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Wednesday, January 25, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SEVENTEENTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2023

(TWENTY-THIRD CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Dr. John R. Ford, Pastor of Porters Chapel United Methodist Church, Vicksburg, MS.

Rep. Ford, K led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. C. R. No. 501: Mourn the loss and commend the life and public service of David R. Huggins. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 502: Mourn the loss and commend the life and public service of former MDOT Commissioner and Legislator Dick Hall. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 503: Mourn the passing of former Senator Steve Seale of Hattiesburg, and commend his public and charitable service. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 504: Mourn the loss and commend the life and public service of former Representative Noal Akins. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 505: Commend public service of Southern District Transportation Commissioner and former legislator Tom King. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 506: Commend 2022 PRCC "Wildcats" Baseball Team and Coach Michael Avalon for first ever National Championship. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 507: Commend JSU "Tigers" Football Team for second consecutive SWAC Championship. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 509: Congratulate Scott Central "Rebels" Football Team for winning the back to back MHSAA Class 2A State Championships. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 510: Congratulate Raleigh High School "Lions" Football Team for winning 2022 MHSAA Class 3A State Championship. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 511: Mourn the loss and commend the public service of Forrest Co. Tax Collector, former Supervisor and State Senator Billy Hudson. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 512: Mourn the loss and celebrate the contributions and career of Mississippi music icon and Rock and Roll legend Jerry Lee Lewis. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 514: Commend Sumrall High School "Bobcats" Baseball Team for winning Mississippi 4A State Championship. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 515: Commend the life of former State Senator, Circuit Judge and Decorated WWII Veteran Thomas Frederick (Fred) Wicker. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 516: Commend Myrtis Franke for a lifetime of service. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 518: Congratulate Starkville High School "Yellowjackets" football team for winning MHSAA Class 6A State Title. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 519: Extending deepest sympathy of Legislature to surviving family of MSU Football Coach Mike Leach and paying tribute to his legacy. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 520: Congratulate Ole Miss 2022 Baseball Team for National Championship. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 521: Congratulate Bay Springs High School "Bulldogs" Football team for winning back-to-back MHSAA Class 1A State Championships. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 525: Congratulate Louisville High School "Wildcats" Football Team for winning the MHSAA 4A State Championship. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 799: Inmate Welfare Fund; increase portion of the fund that is utilized to fund Inmate Incentive to Work Program. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

KEVIN HORAN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DRUG POLICY

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 4: Tianeptine; include in Schedule I controlled substance list. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 231: Tobacco education, prevention and cessation program; add fentanyl and drug abuse prevention education. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

H. B. No. 249: MS Medical Cannabis Act; extend repealers to certain state laws for Departments of Health and Revenue in connection with. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1071: Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

LEE YANCEY, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 208: Computer science curriculum; clarify terminology to specify who may provide instruction in. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 729: "Mississippi Successful Techniques Resulting in Delivering Excellence in Education and Employability (STRIDE) Scholarship Program"; establish. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 730: "William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program"; revise to expand eligibility. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 817: Early Learning Collaborative; increase minimum funding levels for full-day and half-day programs. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1161: Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact; enact. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1177: Educator misconduct; clarify provisions relating to disciplinary action taken against personnel of public special purpose schools and other educators. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1200: Dyslexia Therapy Scholarship for Students with Dyslexia Program; expand to allow certified academic language therapists (CALT); to provide dyslexia therapy services. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1277: Mississippi Dual Credit Scholarship Program; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

RICHARD BENNETT, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 254: Petroleum Products Inspection Law; extend repealers on definitions and penalties under. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 264: Energy Efficiency standards on buildings; extend repealer on statute requiring certain buildings to meet. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

BRENT POWELL, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY A

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 860: "MS Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act" and "Uniform Athlete Agents Act"; bring forward. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 726: Supreme court, court of appeals, chancery courts and circuit courts; bring forward code sections related to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 685: Deeds to married couples; create a rebuttable presumption of joint tenancy with rights of survivorship. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1101: Corporations and LLCs; authorize determination notices and certificates of administrative dissolution to be served by email to registered agent. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1218: Rivers McGraw Mental Health Treatment Court Act; revise. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1217: Court interpreters; revise program under the Administration of the Administrative Office of Courts. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1215: Child Support; suspend for incarcerated persons under certain conditions. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

ANGELA COCKERHAM, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
MUNICIPALITIES AND JUDICIARY A

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 133: "Mississippi Joint Municipal Law Enforcement Act"; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

RANDY RUSHING, Chairman
ANGELA COCKERHAM, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY A

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 860: "MS Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act" and "Uniform Athlete Agents Act"; bring forward. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 726: Supreme court, court of appeals, chancery courts and circuit courts; bring forward code sections related to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

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H. B. No. 1215: Child Support; suspend for incarcerated persons under certain conditions. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

ANGELA COCKERHAM, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 566: Headlights; require to be used whenever windshield wipers necessitated. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 824: MDOT; authorize to assist publicly owned gas and water districts with certain removal and relocation projects. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1002: Petroleum Products Inspection Law; extend repealer on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1032: "Mississippi Security Drone Act of 2023"; enact to prohibit the purchase of unmanned aircraft systems from non-U.S. manufacturers. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

CHARLES BUSBY, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 772: Mississippi Opal; designate as official state gemstone. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1027: State Fruit; designate the blueberry as. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1266: Mississippi USA Semiquincentennial Commission and Mississippi Semiquincentennial Celebration Fund; create. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

BECKY CURRIE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 443: MS Commission on College Accreditation; authorize IHL Board to provide staff, facilities and other means of support to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 536: MSU; amend authority to enter into a long-term lease for nursing and retail purpose to extend the original lease term to 65 years. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 922: Alcorn State University; update references to in code to reflect current name designation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

MAC HUDDLESTON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 246: Real property; right of first refusal expires on grantee's death unless specifically stated otherwise. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 252: Festival wine permits; extend repealers on authority to issue and certain provisions relating to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 261: Income tax; extend credit for qualified contributions to an endowed fund at qualified community foundations. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 392: Income tax; extend tax years for employer taxpayer to claim credit for employees' blood donations during blood drive. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 395: MS Major Economic Impact Act; extend deadline for issuance of bonds for certain automotive parts manufacturing plant projects. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 850: School ad valorem tax levy; authorize levying authority for certain districts to approve/disapprove request for certain increases. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 396: Tourism Project Sales Tax Incentive Program; extend authority of MDA to approve participants for projects. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

H. B. No. 384: Alcoholic beverages; authorize local authorities of wet jurisdiction to permit package retail sales on Sunday. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 388: Income tax; revise local governmental entities that may collect debt by a setoff against a debtor's refund. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 535: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 702: Reverse auction; revise method of receiving bids through for agencies and governing authorities. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 815: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 999: Sales tax; deposit portion of revenue into the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1167: Residential builders and remodelers; revise license examination for certain license applicants. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1168: Municipal special sales tax; revise use of revenue for certain. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1169: Income tax; revise method of collecting delinquent tax from public officers and employees. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1170: Motor vehicles and manufactured homes; authorize Department of Revenue to issue electronic liens and titles. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1195: Retirement; allow certain members of PERS to purchase up to three years of creditable service. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1293: Public purchasing; require state agencies to give a preference to Mississippi-made drones and prohibit purchase of drones made in China. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 848: Mississippi Digital Asset Mining Act; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1136: Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of the Mississippi Road Builders Association. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1140: Beer, light wine and light spirit products; revise manufacturers prohibited from having interest in wholesalers or distributors. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1020: Capitol Complex Improvement District courts; authorize. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 49: Resident lifetime hunting and fishing license; authorize Department of Wildlife to issue if parent was born in the state and was on active military service at the time of applicant's birth. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 976: Boats; require validation decal certifying the awarded number to be displayed on each side of vessel. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 998: Wildlife; provide that the state has a duty to protect and sustain for the public's benefit. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

BILL KINKADE, Chairman

Rep. Byrd called up:

H. B. No. 626: Boards of Supervisors; provide exception on prohibition of expending certain funds in last months of office to meet federal ARPA spending deadline.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 626.** On motion of Rep. Byrd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Bailey, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, B, Crudup, Currie, Eubanks, Summers. Total-5.

Present--Holloway, Jackson, Karriem. Total--3.
Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Byrd called up:

H. B. No. 858: Mississippi Regional Pre-Need Disaster Clean Up Act; create.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 858. On motion of Rep. Byrd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.
Absent or those not voting--Eubanks. Total-1.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Morgan called up:

H. B. No. 787: Mississippi Board of Registration for Foresters; bring forward all code sections and authorize to suspend license of licensee for failure to satisfy judgement.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 787. On motion of Rep. Morgan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.
Absent or those not voting--Currie, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Scott. Total-4.

Present--Clark, Owen, Young. Total--3.
Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. C. R. No. 31: State of the State address of the Governor; call joint session to hear.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Osborne. Total--1.
Absent or those not voting--Banks. Total-1.

Present--Anderson, J, Evans, B. Total--2.
Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. C. R. No. 10: Former Representative Noal Akins; honor life and legacy upon his passing.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.
Absent or those not voting--None.
Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--61

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. C. R. No. 31: State of the State address of the Governor; call joint session to hear.

H. C. R. No. 10: Former Representative Noal Akins; honor life and legacy upon his passing.

Representative Powell entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 787: Mississippi Board of Registration for Foresters; bring forward all code sections and authorize to suspend license of licensee for failure to satisfy judgement.

Representative Arnold entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 626: Boards of Supervisors; provide exception on prohibition of expending certain funds in last months of office to meet federal ARPA spending deadline.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 18: Carlton D. "Corky" Palmer; honor the life and legacy of upon his passing.

H. R. No. 19: Mark McAndrews; commend upon his retirement as port director of Port of Pascagoula.

H. R. No. 20: Copiah County; commend upon its Bicentennial Celebration.

H. R. No. 21: Christone "Kingfish" Ingram; commend on winning his first Grammy Award during the 64th Annual Grammy Awards.

H. R. No. 22: Jones Junior College Bobcats Cheerleading Team; commend on winning Open Coed Division - 2022 UCA College Championship.

H. R. No. 23: Norman Goetzmann Stevens, Jr.; honor life and legacy upon his passing.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Mangold moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of John Harold Sanders, which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Wanda Howell, Nolan Stroud, Dakota Myers, James D. Mitchell, Virginia Kirkpatrick, Douglas Wayne Merchant, Lee S. Brown, Margaret Stewart, Bennie Lee Philips Vanderford, Audrey Nell Carr, Jimmy B. Stokes, William Jerry "Bill" Porter, Van M. "Pete" Fortenberry, David Lee Weems, Flossie M. Measells, and The Honorable Vernard Morrell, which motion prevailed.

At 2:28 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Thursday, January 26, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

EIGHTEENTH DAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023

(TWENTY-FOURTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Pro Tempore White in the chair. Prayer by Ms. Isabella Gadberry, President of the Hillel Society at the University of Mississippi, and Ms. Malachy Bartkus, Treasurer.

Rep. Reynolds led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Huddleston.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. C. R. No. 513: Commend Newton County High School "Cougars" Cheer Team for winning Class 4A State Championship.

S. C. R. No. 526: Recognize leadership of William Carey University President Dr. Tommy King on the occasion of his retirement.

S. C. R. No. 535: Designate March 2023 as "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in Mississippi".

S. C. R. No. 536: Congratulate Clarksdale Guitar Star Christone "Kingfish" Ingram for winning the 2022 Grammy Award for Contemporary Blues.

S. C. R. No. 537: Mourn the loss of Ineva May-Pittman of Jackson, Mississippi.

S. C. R. No. 538: Commend Parklane Academy "Lady Pioneers" Fast-Pitch Softball Team for fourth State Championship in last six years.

S. C. R. No. 539: Mourn the passing of legendary physician Dr. Freda M. Bush.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY, EFFICIENCY,
TRANSPARENCY

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 768: State Personnel Board; require agencies seeking an exemption from the oversight of to submit written plan of justification to Legislature and SPB. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 519: Landscape architects; authorize to participate with multi-disciplinary architecture firms. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 875: Public purchases; revise bidding requirements for certain projects and other related to Mississippi Landmarks. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 985: EMS Advisory Council; revise membership of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

RANDY P. BOYD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
ACCOUNTABILITY, EFFICIENCY, TRANSPARENCY AND CONSERVATION
AND WATER RESOURCES

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 538: Pat Harrison Waterway District; provide county withdrawal from district not effective until close of FY in which county obligations met. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

RANDY P. BOYD, Chairman
CHRIS BROWN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT AND ELECTIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 16: Election commissioner; revise office of to be nonpartisan. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1276: State officers; provide for a runoff election for. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

PRICE WALLACE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 603: State budget; bring forward sections relating to. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 604: New programs funded with ARPA funds; bring forward sections for possible amendment. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 763: MDA FY23 appropriations from Gulf Coast Restoration Fund; revise those made to the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1088: State budget; provide for various transfers and create new special funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1187: Mississippi Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board; separate from Mississippi Real Estate Commission and from Mississippi Real Estate Appraisal Board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1229: Department of Public Safety; authorize charges for services with other state agencies. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 1030: Motor Vehicle Sales Finance Law; clarify employees of state licensee may work remotely. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1041: State depositories; revise certain definitions relating to align with federal regulatory standards. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1123: Delivery of payment services; regulate. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

JERRY R. TURNER, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION AND WATER RESOURCES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 88: Natural Resource Camp Pilot Program Act of 2023; establish for students in Lee and Monroe Counties. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1108: Rural water associations; authorize those providing sewer services to participate in the ARPAA Rural Water Association Infrastructure Grant Program. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1213: Water Infrastructure Grant Program; DEQ shall give priority to applicants not receiving sufficient funding in first round grants. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

CHRIS BROWN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
COUNTY AFFAIRS AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 856: County boards of supervisors; authorize to make contributions to community participants of the MS Main Street program. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

LARRY BYRD, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
ENERGY AND WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 383: Oil and gas severance taxes; extend repealer on lower rate for production from horizontally drilled wells. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

BRENT POWELL, Chairman
JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 544: Valued policy law; exempt builder's risk insurance policies from. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1084: Insurance agents; revise the continuing education requirements of those who are 65 and have been licensed for 20 years. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1141: State employees life and health insurance plan; revise to include coverage for contract personnel. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1162: Reciprocal insurance; revise sworn declaration requirements of and board of directors for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1172: Federal home loan banks; define term and provide process for handling delinquent insurer's secured claim. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1190: Health benefit plan; authorize plan sponsor of to consent, on behalf of covered pensions, to delivery of all communications by electronic means. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1191: Pet insurance; create legal framework by which it may be sold in the state. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1299: Pharmacy benefit managers; require to make available to the public, without redaction, contracts relating to pharmacy benefit management services. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

HENRY ZUBER III, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY A

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 64: Licensed child care facilities; require to purchase and maintain a certain minimum amount of liability insurance. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 485: Sexual assault evidence kit; regulate the processing of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 995: Rape; revise elements for the crime of and remove spousal exception. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 996: Intestate succession; child conceived by assisted reproduction after decedent's death is deemed to be living at time of death. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

ANGELA COCKERHAM, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY B

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 279: TikTok application; prohibit use of on state-issued devices. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

H. B. No. 449: National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS); require all law enforcement agencies to be compliant with or lose state funding. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 451: Bail; revise how the amount is determined and authorize certain options for the defendant. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 483: Sentencing judge; authorize to set date to revisit sentencing of nonviolent offenders. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 531: Youth court; revise the age that a child may be held criminally responsible or criminally prosecuted for a misdemeanor or felony. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 912: Firearm suppressors; authorizing manufacture and possession in Mississippi and prohibit enforcement of federal laws governing. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 816: Fentanyl; increase penalties for possession of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 444: Offense of failing to execute parental responsibility of a child; establish. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 696: Capitol Complex Improvement District; revise boundary lines of. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 838: Mississippi Tianeptine Consumer Protection Act; create. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 870: Justice Court appeals; revise number of days to circuit court. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1110: Second Amendment Financial Privacy Act; create. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 534: Drug Intervention Courts; standardize references. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 839: The "Uncrewed Aircraft Systems Rights and Authorities Act"; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 33: Department of Public Safety; authorize to investigate death of public officials. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

NICK BAIN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
JUDICIARY B AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 170: Domestic abuse court program; establish. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

NICK BAIN, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
JUDICIARY B AND WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 1222: The Mississippi Collaborative Response to Mental Health Act; create. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

NICK BAIN, Chairman
JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PORTS, HARBORS AND AIRPORTS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 1025: Airport authority; authorize to dispose of property with a fair market value of zero if certain conditions are met. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

JEFFREY S. GUICE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 989: Child Protection Services; remove from DHS and make it a separate agency. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 793: EMS Memorial; Health Dept. shall design and construct to honor EMS personnel who died in line of duty. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1392: MS Vulnerable Persons Abuse Registry; require Department of Human Services to establish. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

SAM C. MIMS, V, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UTILITIES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 698: Municipal water, wastewater and sewer services; require equity based billing based on use of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 697: Homeowner associations that provide water to its residents, certain; prohibit PSC from providing certain regulation of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 397: MS Gulf Coast Region Utility Board; extend repealers on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 809: Executive Director of Public Utilities Staff; remove Public Service Commission from the process of appointing. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 288: Public Utilities Staff; authorize certain personnel to be filled by consulting contract. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1060: Electric vehicles; authorize charging by nonutilities. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1061: Electric transmission infrastructure; prescribe requirements for issuance of certificate of public convenience and necessity. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1067: Mississippi Broadband Accessibility Act; create. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1225: Telephone solicitation; bring forward provisions of law relating to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1226: Excavations; provide for impending emergencies and extend notification period for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

C. SCOTT BOUNDS, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 559: The Phillip Cameron Hendry Mississippi Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness Week; designate the second week in April annually as. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. C. R. No. 501: Mourn the loss and commend the life and public service of David R. Huggins. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 502: Mourn the loss and commend the life and public service of former MDOT Commissioner and Legislator Dick Hall. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 503: Mourn the passing of former Senator Steve Seale of Hattiesburg, and commend his public and charitable service. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 504: Mourn the loss and commend the life and public service of former Representative Noal Akins. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 505: Commend public service of Southern District Transportation Commissioner and former legislator Tom King. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 506: Commend 2022 PRCC "Wildcats" Baseball Team and Coach Michael Avalon for first ever National Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 507: Commend JSU "Tigers" Football Team for second consecutive SWAC Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 509: Congratulate Scott Central "Rebels" Football Team for winning the back to back MHSAA Class 2A State Championships. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 510: Congratulate Raleigh High School "Lions" Football Team for winning 2022 MHSAA Class 3A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 511: Mourn the loss and commend the public service of Forrest Co. Tax Collector, former Supervisor and State Senator Billy Hudson. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 512: Mourn the loss and celebrate the contributions and career of Mississippi music icon and Rock and Roll legend Jerry Lee Lewis. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 514: Commend Sumrall High School "Bobcats" Baseball Team for winning Mississippi 4A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 515: Commend the life of former State Senator, Circuit Judge and Decorated WWII Veteran Thomas Frederick (Fred) Wicker. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 516: Commend Myrtis Franke for a lifetime of service. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 518: Congratulate Starkville High School "Yellowjackets" football team for winning MHSAA Class 6A State Title. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 519: Extending deepest sympathy of Legislature to surviving family of MSU Football Coach Mike Leach and paying tribute to his legacy. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 520: Congratulate Ole Miss 2022 Baseball Team for National Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 521: Congratulate Bay Springs High School "Bulldogs" Football team for winning back-to-back MHSAA Class 1A State Championships. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 525: Congratulate Louisville High School "Wildcats" Football Team for winning the MHSAA 4A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 723: Mississippi Transit Corporation; establish and create study committee. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

H. B. No. 1003: Mississippi Fully Autonomous Vehicle Enabling (MS FAVE) Act of 2023; establish to regulate operation of autonomous vehicle on public roads. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

CHARLES BUSBY, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 618: Transportation funding; authorize public-private partnerships to include naming rights. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

CHARLES BUSBY, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON TRANSPORTATION AND WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 986: "Mississippi Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Act of 2023"; enact to authorize MTC to enter into public-private partnerships. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

CHARLES BUSBY, Chairman
JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS AND WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 1026: Sale of game animals; prohibit unless permitted by an act of the Legislature. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

BILL KINKADE, Chairman
JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 844: Office of Workforce Development; revise funding mechanism for and create Mississippi K-12 Workforce Development Grant Program. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

DONNIE BELL, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

Representative Bennett introduced special guest, Dr. Kim Benton, outgoing interim State Superintendent of Education.

On request of Rep. Roberson, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in **H. C. R. No. 31**:

Change the 2022 year to 2023.
Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 603: State budget; bring forward sections relating to.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 603.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Home, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, B, Huddleston, Scott, Summers. Total-4.

Present--Anderson, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 604: New programs funded with ARPA funds; bring forward sections for possible amendment.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 604.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Home, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Huddleston. Total-2.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 763: MDA FY23 appropriations from Gulf Coast Restoration Fund; revise those made to the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 763. On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Busby, Horne, Huddleston, Scott. Total-4.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 1088: State budget; provide for various transfers and create new special funds.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1088. On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 1187: Mississippi Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board; separate from Mississippi Real Estate Commission and from Mississippi Real Estate Appraisal Board.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1187. On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.
Absent or those not voting--Currie, Eubanks, Huddleston. Total-3.

Present--Barnett. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 1229: Department of Public Safety; authorize charges for services with other state agencies.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1229. On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Huddleston. Total-2.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 696: Capitol Complex Improvement District; revise boundary lines of.

On motion of Rep. Bain **H. B. No. 696:** (Capitol Complex Improvement District; revise boundary lines of.) was recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary B, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Roberson called up:

S. C. R. No. 518: Congratulate Starkville High School "Yellowjackets" football team for winning MHSAA Class 6A State Title.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Paden. Total-2.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Roberson called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

H. R. No. 27: Faye Graham Dillard; commend upon the occasion of her 90th birthday.

H. R. No. 28: Reba Lee Roy; commend life and legacy upon her passing.

H. R. No. 29: Attorney Jonathan C. Hamilton; commend for outstanding service and contributions to the practice of law.

H. R. No. 30: Dr. John D. Isaacs, Jr.; commend for outstanding service and contributions to the practice of medicine.

H. R. No. 31: Johnny Johns; commend upon occasion of retirement.

H. R. No. 32: Cecil Rhodes; honor life and legacy upon his passing.

H. R. No. 33: Scott Central High School "Rebels" Football Team; commend upon winning the 2022 MHSAA Class 2A State Championship.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. R. No. 26: Dr. Freda McKissic Bush; honor life and legacy upon her passing.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. R. No. 26: Dr. Freda McKissic Bush; honor life and legacy upon her passing.

H. R. No. 27: Faye Graham Dillard; commend upon the occasion of her 90th birthday.

H. R. No. 28: Reba Lee Roy; commend life and legacy upon her passing.

H. R. No. 29: Attorney Jonathan C. Hamilton; commend for outstanding service and contributions to the practice of law.

H. R. No. 30: Dr. John D. Isaacs, Jr.; commend for outstanding service and contributions to the practice of medicine.

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H. R. No. 33: Scott Central High School "Rebels" Football Team; commend upon winning the 2022 MHSAA Class 2A State Championship.

S. C. R. No. 518: Congratulate Starkville High School "Yellowjackets" football team for winning MHSAA Class 6A State Title.

Representative Powell by unanimous consent withdrew the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 787:** (Mississippi Board of Registration for Foresters; bring forward all code sections and authorize to suspend license of licensee for failure to satisfy judgement.) was adopted.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jimmy Dale Gibbs, John Lamar Moore, Ronald "Tim" Vance, Patricia Kelly, Billy G. Hines, Bobby Joe Phillips, Paul K. Rhinewalt, James Michael "Mule" Williamson, Joyce Ann Smith, Byron U. Lowery, Roscoe William Simons, Linda D. Wilkerson, Robert Ray Runnels, Kendall Haralson, Cynthia Ann Fendley, David Wayne Everett, Louise Gilmer, Van Edwards, Mary Carney Farris, Ruby Jewel Power, Dina Martin, Ted Harrison, Michael Bryan Prestage, and Raymond Johnson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Wallace moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Terri Leigh Loftin, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bounds moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Patsy Moore, which motion prevailed.

At 2:56 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, January 27, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

NINETEENTH DAY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2023

(TWENTY-FIFTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Representative Bennett in the chair.
Prayer by Rep. Tom Miles.

Junior page, Catia Madison of Terry, MS, led the House in the National Anthem.

Rep. Miles led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Huddleston and Robinson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Haney and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 26: Dr. Freda McKissic Bush; honor life and legacy upon her passing.

H. R. No. 27: Faye Graham Dillard; commend upon the occasion of her 90th birthday.

H. R. No. 28: Reba Lee Roy; commend life and legacy upon her passing.

H. R. No. 29: Attorney Jonathan C. Hamilton; commend for outstanding service and contributions to the practice of law.

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STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representatives Bain, Barnett, Barton, Evans M, Hood, Massengill, McGee and Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Betty Jean Gattis Windham, which motion prevailed.

Representative Weathersby moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Nancy Hollingsworth Odom, which motion prevailed.

Representative Watson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Rosie Mae Lee, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hobgood-Wilkes moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Tyler Isaac "TIE" Ellis, which motion prevailed.

At 9:20 AM, on motion of Rep. Haney the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, January 30, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWENTIETH DAY, MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2023

(TWENTY-EIGHTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Bishop Duncan M. Gray, II, Nativity Episcopal Church, Water Valley, MS.

Rep. Reynolds led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Huddleston and Robinson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Haney and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. C. R. No. 31: State of the State address of the Governor; call joint session to hear.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY, EFFICIENCY,
TRANSPARENCY

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 821: Notaries; revise residency requirements of. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

RANDY P. BOYD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT AND ELECTIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 1310: Elections; revise provisions related to the integrity of. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 241: Campaign finance reports; revise the time for filing electronically. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1306: Elections; revise certain provisions about names of candidates appearing on the ballot, judicial candidate's annual report and fraudulent absentee voter applications. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

PRICE WALLACE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DRUG POLICY

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 1316: Health benefit plans; prohibit from providing coverage or related services for clinician-administered drugs. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1317: Pharmacists; authorize to test for and administer treatment for minor, nonchronic health conditions. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

LEE YANCEY, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY B

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 529: Department of Public Safety; revise various provisions. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 281: Law enforcement officers killed in line of duty; clarify that beneficiaries may receive sidearm of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 696: Capitol Complex Improvement District; revise boundary lines of. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 454: Radar; authorize use by municipal law enforcement officers in certain municipalities. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 795: Shoplifting; require to calculate total price of all shoplifting items for fine. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 657: Youth courts; require to file all legal documents using MEC. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 903: Counties and municipalities; revise fine amount that may be paid by those convicted of violating anti-littering ordinance. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 840: State Public Defender; revise certain powers and duties of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 533: Adoption procedures; revise home study and residency requirements. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1045: Libraries; regulate the material that is curated for children and younger teens. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

NICK BAIN, Chairman

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. B. No. 559: The Phillip Cameron Hendry Mississippi Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness Week; designate the second week in April annually as.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 559. On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Jackson, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Roberson called up:

S. C. R. No. 501: Mourn the loss and commend the life and public service of David R. Huggins.

S. C. R. No. 502: Mourn the loss and commend the life and public service of former MDOT Commissioner and Legislator Dick Hall.

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S. C. R. No. 507: Commend JSU "Tigers" Football Team for second consecutive SWAC Championship.

S. C. R. No. 509: Congratulate Scott Central "Rebels" Football Team for winning the back to back MHSAA Class 2A State Championships.

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S. C. R. No. 525: Congratulate Louisville High School "Wildcats" Football Team for winning the MHSAA 4A State Championship.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

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Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson. Total-2.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

S. C. R. No. 518: Congratulate Starkville High School "Yellowjackets" football team for winning MHSAA Class 6A State Title.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. C. R. No. 31: State of the State address of the Governor; call joint session to hear.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Morgan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Lizzie Greer, Tyler Lee Harris, Rhua Dale Williams, Charles Shelton Ball, Jr. , Sammy Stewart Graham, Walter Harrell, Jr. , Cheryl Buckley, and Charles Edward Stephens, which motion prevailed.

Representative Rushing moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James Don Gomillion, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bennett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Judy Anne Hertz, and Carolyn Ann Ladner Adam, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Anthony, Rosebud and Sanders and the Entire Membership moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Betty Barnes, which motion prevailed.

Representative Horan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Charlotte Brower Grass, Tina Tatum Frierson, Wanda Gordon Burns, Louise Taylor Marion, Regina Redwine, Jonathan Eugene McCammon, Lonnie Carlton Hughes, James Lynn McMinn, Sammie Lee Rucker, Marva Lynn Paul Harmon, James Terry "Jimmy" McMinn, Robert James Mackey, James David Kisner, Sr., Billie Gail Collins, Becki Sue Griffin, John David Avant, Sr., Tillie Shelly Taylor, Camille Juree Rockette, Patrick Jonathan "John" Dunn, Carolyn Logan Adams, Janet Marie Bratton, Ernest D'Elmer Keel, Margie Hughes, Yvonne Bursi Woods, David Brad Henson, Rosa Gail Newcomb Havens, Mary Nell Griffin Dabney, Anona Yvonne Harvey Stewart, Nancy Lynn Cresswell, Roy Glen Dale, Candace Blaylock Shaw, Betty Jane Whitten Smith, Sue Ann Gatlin Jara, Lamar Carl Clark II, Vonda Welch Clanton, Charles Eugene Boyette, Jr., Miss Jessie Alexandra Watson, Sonny Glynn McCullough, Susan Leigh Smith, William Reed Barfield, Sr., Katherine Winebrenner, Carolyn Cox Rutledge, Catherine Louise Clanton Walton, "Geri" Geraldine Ann Brignac Hammons, Jimmy Dale Melton, Bill Loyd Shaw, and Lou Sargent, which motion prevailed.

Representative Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Marilyn Rose Faunteroy Bruhl, and Dorothy Ellen Bilbo, which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ruth Louise Ogletree, which motion prevailed.

Representative Newman moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Robert E. "Bobby" Stribling, which motion prevailed.

At 4:21 PM, Rep. Roberson moved that the House stand in recess for the Joint Assembly at 5:00 PM, and also moved that the House would stand adjourned upon dissolution of the Joint Assembly until 2:00 PM on Tuesday, January 31, 2023.

JOINT SESSION

The hour of 5:00 PM having arrived, which was set by **H. C. R. No. 31** for a Joint Session of the Legislature to hear a message from Governor Tate Reeves, the Joint Assembly convened on the South Steps of the Capitol and was called to order by Philip Gunn, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Speaker Gunn introduced Bishop Sharma D. Lewis, Mississippi Area of the United Methodist Church, who led the Invocation.

Speaker Gunn yielded the gavel to Lt. Governor Delbert Hosemann, who presided over the Joint Assembly.

The National Anthem was performed by Chapel Hart.

A committee composed of Representatives Boyd A, Hulum and Weathersby and Senators Kirby, Moran and Turner-Ford escorted Governor Tate Reeves and First Lady Elee Reeves to the Speaker's stand.

Lt. Governor Hosemann acknowledged the State of Mississippi dignitaries and many guests.

2023 State of the State Address

Thank you, Lieutenant Governor Hosemann and Speaker Gunn.

To the members of the legislature and other elected officials here tonight, thank you. Thank you for your continued partnership and thank you for the tireless work you do on behalf of our great state and her people.

I also have to take a moment to thank my beautiful wife and Mississippi's outstanding First Lady, Elee. She's an incredible wife, an awesome mom, and a wonderful representative for our state. I'm amazed daily by your grace and your kindness, and I'm so thankful to have you in my life every single day.

Finally and most importantly, I have to thank the three million Mississippians who have helped our state usher in an unprecedented period of economic growth, educational achievement, and freedom.

2022 was perhaps the best year in Mississippi's history. Because, here in Mississippi and unlike in Washington, D.C., we still have the incredible capacity to work together and accomplish great things for our constituents.

The sense that our state is one big, small town binds us and it furthers a sense of optimism that we can still work together here and deliver results on behalf of our people.

The people of Mississippi are our state's strength. It is because of your hard work that our state is primed and ready to face the challenges of tomorrow.

It is because of your work ethic and your commitment to excellence that more and more companies are choosing to do business in Mississippi and that our state's brightest days lie in front of us.

It has been the privilege of a lifetime to serve as your governor over the last three years. I haven't taken it for granted for one second, and I promise you that I never will. It is truly an honor to wake up each and every day and get to work on your behalf, and I look forward to making even bigger things happen in this great state.

Now, over these years some days have been more challenging than others. But no matter what's thrown at Mississippi, I thank God each night that I have the chance to live, work, and serve alongside of you. There is no place I would have rather weathered tornadoes, floods, hurricanes, or a global pandemic than right here in Mississippi.

But Mississippi – and I think you'll agree too – means more than simply a place to batten down the hatches during natural disasters.

Mississippi is all of our home. Our state is filled with natural beauty and friendly people. I, like so many of y'all today, am grateful to be raised in this loving community.

I'm proud to be a Mississippian, and I'm proud of the life lessons I've learned from the people I've met along the way.

One of those people, is my hero – my dad. Now, I don't remember the first time I met him because I was only a few minutes old. But I do remember some of the lessons he taught me, especially when it comes to the value of hard work.

My father grew up in a two-room home with five brothers and five sisters in Bogue Chitto. He started a small business in the early 70's and spent many, many nights sweeping the dirt floors and praying for his next clients.

Like entrepreneurs across Mississippi, he spent his life growing that business. Only in America could the son of that man stand here today as the governor of this great state. It is the American Dream, and the lessons I learned from him have inspired everything that I've done.

I've tried my best to take those lessons with me over the years and incorporate them into everything that I do. I've leaned on them when times were good, and I've leaned on them when times were bad.

They've helped to keep me grounded and to remember what's really important in life. They've helped me govern, and they've helped me keep perspective.

Today, it's a cold-hard-fact that really, really good things are happening in Mississippi. And it's my honor to stand before you today and announce that the state of our state is stronger than ever.

Our state is strong because our people and my administration are laser focused on the issues that matter to Mississippians.

As you've heard me say before, the way we measure success is in the wages of our workers, the success of our students, and winning the war on our values.

Mississippi is hitting the target on all three of these fronts.

First, wages. Since 2019, we've raised per capita personal income in Mississippi by approximately \$7,000 or almost 18%. We are boosting the money that Mississippi families are bringing home – especially right now, as we combat rising inflation from wasteful spending in Washington, D.C.

This wasn't by accident. We were able to accomplish this momentous feat because we never wavered from the tried and true economic and fiscally conservative principles that have set up states for growth for generations. And we were able to accomplish this despite the left's best attempts to grow government.

Our conservative reforms and sound budget management have laid the foundation for this economic boom. It's the policies of yesterday that have paved the pathway to today's prosperity.

It's led us to a \$4 billion budget surplus. \$4 billion!

It's led to investing a historic amount in jobs training, and because of that we have the lowest unemployment rate in our state's history.

It resulted in a record \$6 billion in new capital investment in 2022, which is more than seven times the previous average of approximately \$900 million a year before I became governor.

And it helped us finalize the largest economic development project in Mississippi history – a \$2.5 billion capital investment that will create 1,000 new jobs with an average salary of almost \$100,000 a year.

But we had more than just one major economic deal. That grand slam was great, but there were dozens and dozens of projects impacting every corner of our state over the last year. The fact is that thanks to our singles and our doubles, Mississippi is starting to run up the scoreboard.

Last year we announced a \$2 million investment that will create 117 new upholstery jobs in New Albany.

We announced a \$79 million investment that will create 21 new operations jobs in Pelahatchie.

We announced a \$51 million investment that will create 41 new manufacturing jobs in Winona.

Canton, Philadelphia, Bay Springs, Columbus, Starkville, Southaven, Meridian, Calhoun, Waynesboro, Vicksburg, Olive Branch, and Corinth – just to name a few of the places that we announced investments this last year.

My friends, when it comes to setting up our people and state for more economic prosperity, we are, by every objective standard, getting the job done.

We are boosting salaries and we are expanding the tax base. And we are investing in the areas that will provide our state with the highest return – our people.

I want our state to go even further in supporting Mississippians. Our state is in the best fiscal shape we've ever been in, and our state is in the best financial shape in history and our residents deserve to get a bigger piece of the pie.

We can and should do more to put additional dollars into the pockets of Mississippians. We will do this, by eliminating our state's income tax once and for all.

We can do this and we can do this without raising other taxes. You've heard me say this before, but I'm going to keep saying it because it's that important: government doesn't have anything that it doesn't first take from somebody else.

I believe that Mississippians not politicians or the government know best how to spend their dollars. I also believe that those who have competitive advantages win.

We have a competitive advantage in our people. We need to add another competitive advantage with our tax code.

To build the best possible environment for entrepreneurs, to combat President Biden's runaway inflation, to compete with the likes of Florida, Tennessee and Texas, to continue making it easier for Mississippians to support their families, we must eliminate Mississippi's income tax.

That's why last year I was so proud to sign into law the largest tax cut in Mississippi history, which returned over half a billion dollars to Mississippians.

That's more dollars in your pocket, more dollars in your kids' college funds, more dollars put toward buying a home or retirement, and more dollars for you to spend on your priorities. Not politicians' pet projects.

I'm proud of what we accomplished. But I'm even more fired up to keep the tax cuts coming. You have my word that as long as I'm governor, I'm going to continue relentlessly fighting for permanent, long-term tax relief that lets you keep more of your own hard-earned money.

But Mississippi isn't just witnessing historic achievements in our state's economy. We're also seeing it in classrooms across our state.

A little over a week ago we announced – for the third time since I've been governor – that Mississippi's high school graduation rate hit an all-time high and continues to be better than the national average.

And like our state's economic growth, our education improvements didn't happen by accident. Our state's stellar report card didn't just appear out of thin air.

Mississippi insisted on getting kids back into school when other blue states stayed closed, and now we have the best education numbers in our state's history!

The year Philip Gunn and I first presided over a State of the State in 2012, Mississippi was dead last in fourth grade math. Now, we're above the national average at Number 23.

That means that over the last ten years since we passed education reform, Mississippi surpassed half the states in the nation.

We've gone from needs improvement to most improved.

We've led the nation in fourth grade reading and fourth grade math gains.

And students from all walks of life are finding more success in Mississippi. In 2003, Mississippi was among the worst performers when it came to test scores for African American students. Today we're fifth in the entire nation when it comes to fourth grade reading test scores for African American students. Fifth in the entire nation!

So, when some people say, "Mississippi is last in education," folks, they're just not telling you the truth.

I want to personally thank all the legislators that played a role in helping to pass those education reforms. I also want to thank all the involved parents and dedicated teachers across Mississippi. We couldn't have accomplished these goals without you.

Our state – unlike some others that have been in the news – recognizes that we have a duty to both. We should ensure that parents continue to play an active role in their kids' education, and we should ensure that teachers are paid what they deserve.

It is my firm belief that Mississippi has some of the best teachers in the nation, and their salaries should reflect that.

That's why I was proud to sign legislation giving Mississippi teachers the largest pay raise in state history. We elevated teacher salaries above not only the Southeastern average, but even above the national average!

Mississippi's teachers earned those raises, and I was proud to sign them into law.

But regardless of the technology or textbooks we put in front of our kids, nothing is more influential to a child's educational development than parents.

And when it comes to education, Mississippi should protect parents' voices and their right to be involved in the classroom. Because at the end of the day, the state doesn't run a child's life – parents do. We need more transparency in schools in this country. We need more choice. We need more freedom. That will be the best way to protect our children.

I've been shocked to see how some states have embraced the misguided practice of pushing parents out of the classroom, pushing parents out of their children's lives, and pushing parents out of the school board decision-making process.

Nobody, and I mean nobody, is more invested in the life and the future of a child than a parent. They shouldn't be labeled as domestic terrorists for simply asking questions or for attending a school board meeting. They should be celebrated for being invested in their child's education.

As a father myself, I want schools across Mississippi to complement the lessons parents are trying to teach at home, not reject them. That's exactly why I am calling on the legislature to pass a Parents' Bill of Rights this session.

Through the Parents' Bill of Rights, we will reaffirm that in Mississippi, it is the state who answers to parents and not vice versa.

This Parents' Bill of Rights would further cement that when it comes to the usage of names, pronouns, or health matters, schools will adhere to the will of parents. There is no room in our schools for policies that attempt to undercut parents and require the usage of pronouns or names that fail to correspond with reality.

I am proud to be governor, but the greatest pride in my life is being the dad of three wonderful girls. There are few things I love more than having the chance to cheer them on from the sidelines at their soccer or basketball games.

That's why I'm especially proud to have signed legislation that ensured, that in Mississippi, we're going to let boys play boys sports, and girls play girls sports. I didn't do this just for my daughters, I did this for all of Mississippi's daughters.

But we need to do even more to protect Mississippi's children. We have a duty to keep pushing back against those that are taking advantage of children and using them to advance their sick and twisted ideologies.

There was a time in America when saying to kids 'you can be whatever you want when you grow up' meant that one day they could become a teacher, police officer, or fire fighter. A professional athlete, a doctor, or even a lawyer. That if you push yourself, there is nothing you can't accomplish.

But today, there is a dangerous and radical movement that is now being pushed upon America's kids. It threatens the very nature of truth. Across the country, activists are advancing untested experiments and persuading kids that they can live as a girl if they're a boy, and that they can live as a boy if they're a girl. And they're telling them to pursue expensive, radical medical procedures to advance that lie.

These radical liberals are attempting to undermine objective, scientific truths. They're trying to undermine how we view gender and even manipulate English words and grammar rules. From their illogical pronouns to their attempts at pushing the word Latinx onto the Hispanic community – they don't care about the destruction they're causing or

whether they have the support of those they're trying to group or label. Rather, they're tyrannical in their approach to these issues and their unceasing attempts to have them adopted by society.

And let's be honest, America stands essentially alone in the truly outrageous position that we've staked out on this issue. While some in our country push surgical mutilation onto 11 year olds even here in Mississippi, even liberal darlings like Finland, Denmark, and Sweden don't allow these surgeries to be performed on kids who are under 18.

The fact is that we set age restrictions on driving a car and on getting a tattoo. We don't let 11 year olds enter an R-rated movie alone, yet some would have us believe that we should push permanent body-altering surgeries on them at such a young age.

Mississippi must continue to do everything in our power to counter those who want to push their experiments on our kids. Time is of the essence, and we don't have a second to waste. We must take every step to preserve the innocence of our children, especially against the cruel forces of modern progressivism which seek to use them as guinea pigs in their sick social experiments.

Let me be clear to those radical activists around the nation who want to do our kids harm.

Mississippi will not be trading compassion for compliance.

Our voices will not be silenced when it comes to science.

We will not be pressured into not asking questions.

And we will not give in to liberal intimidation when it comes to protecting our kids.

This is my promise to every Mississippian across our state.

There is also another way we are going to keep our kids safe, and it includes keeping their parents safe as well.

One of the most fundamental responsibilities of government is to ensure public safety and to uphold law and order.

I ran for governor to fix Mississippi's problems, not to hide them. That's why I've become increasingly concerned that, for three consecutive years now, homicides have numbered in the triple digits here in our capital city. We can and must do better.

The fact is, no matter how hard we try, there will always be evil in the world. There are those who lurk in the shadows seeking to hurt those around them. There are those who seek to inject drugs and crime into their communities, all so they can make a buck.

These actions undermine social cohesion and safety in our neighborhoods. They threaten the lives of our kids and the safety of our families.

To put it mildly, the crime situation in Jackson is unacceptable. Kids are getting killed in our streets and it's time we put a stop to it.

Now, some have suggested that the response should be to undercut, defund, and dismantle the police. I couldn't disagree more.

Many of us have family and friends who wear the badge. It's worth constantly reminding ourselves that these individuals are the thin blue line which helps hold communities together.

In Mississippi we choose to fund the police. We choose to back the blue. We choose to celebrate the brave men and women who put on the badge every day and run towards danger. That's exactly what Mississippi has done, and that's exactly what Mississippi will continue to do.

Last year, the Mississippi Department of Public Safety conducted two major surges of law enforcement personnel – one in Jackson and one along our Gulf Coast. We flexed law enforcement in the areas and helped to shut down criminal elements in the regions. And while those surges proved to be successful, we still have more work to do.

That's why this session, I'm calling on the legislature to make further investment into our Capitol Police by giving them the 150 officers and equipment they need to continue fulfilling their mission and continue pushing back on lawlessness in Jackson.

And let me say this as well, my administration will go after all crime within our jurisdiction. Regardless of the crime committed, regardless of who did it, regardless if it happened on the street or in an office building, my administration is and will continue to hold criminals accountable.

That's why my administration remains committed to delivering justice and recouping every dollar possible from those who stole from Mississippians through the theft of TANF dollars.

Again, I ran for governor to fix Mississippi's problems, not to hide them. Which brings me to my next area of focus – our state's healthcare system.

Mississippi is not immune to the struggles facing healthcare systems across the country. Together, we should keep working to improve Mississippians' access to quality healthcare, and together, we should keep working to ensure Mississippi's healthcare system meets the needs of our people.

It starts with leveling the playing field. Most people do not know that it is illegal to open a new health care facility that competes with other institutions. We are all frustrated and worried by the threats that some hospitals may close. The first step should be allowing new ones to open! By reforming Mississippi's Certificate of Need laws, we can root out anti-competitive behavior that blocks the formation of medical facilities and prevents the delivery of lifesaving healthcare to Mississippians.

We should continue to strengthen the pipeline of medical professionals by doubling and tripling down on our improved workforce development strategy, and we should pass legislation that levels the playing field for hospitals with expanded residency programs.

Because, at the end of the day, the real answers to our problems are not contained in the same old proposals that only serve to delay the inevitable at the expense of taxpayers. The real answer to our problems lies in innovation.

Technology is changing, and the way healthcare is delivered is changing. Our policies must adapt with the times and facilitate care that focuses not on institutions but on the patients we seek to support.

Throughout modern history we've witnessed innovation disrupt industries such as manufacturing, transportation, food, and entertainment. There was a time when people had to go to the theater to watch a movie. Today, they can watch them at home and on an airplane. On cable TV, Netflix, and every streaming service in between.

The fact of the matter is that technology and innovation lead to new opportunities. The same can be said of our healthcare system.

There was a time when if you needed medical services, you had to go to a large brick and mortar hospital – that was your only choice. But today, people are increasingly choosing

new healthcare distribution channels over your traditional hospital. Today, people are accessing healthcare through telemedicine providers, micro-hospitals, urgent care facilities, and expanded care opportunities with nurse practitioners, pharmacists, and others.

This legislative session, I urge the legislature to think outside the box when it comes to improving Mississippi's healthcare system. Don't simply cave under the pressure of Democrats and their allies in the media who are pushing for the expansion of Obamacare, welfare, and socialized medicine.

Instead, seek innovative free market solutions that disrupt traditional healthcare delivery models, increase competition, and lead to better health outcomes for Mississippians.

Do not settle for something that won't solve the problem because it could potentially and only temporarily remove the liberal media's target on your back.

You have my word that if you stand up to the left's push for endless government-run healthcare, I will stand with you.

For as dire as national politics sometimes seem, there's still a tremendous amount of hope in Mississippi.

There really are incredible things happening here. And I'm talking about far more than our state winning its second college baseball national championship in a row, as incredible as that was.

Last year, Mississippi led the nation to overturn *Roe v. Wade* – the greatest accomplishment in the conservative movement in my lifetime.

Long story short, more innocent children will now have the chance to be born.

There are future doctors who now have the chance to be born. There are future teachers that now have the chance to be born. There are future nurses, future linemen, and future truckers. There are future fathers and future mothers, friends and family, brothers and sisters. They all now have the chance at life.

And there may very well even be a life that was saved who, a few years from now, will stand up here and give his or her update on the State of our State. What a wonderful blessing that would be.

But the fact is that being pro-life is about more than just being anti-abortion. We don't just want to eliminate the taking of unborn children's lives, we want to make it easier for parents to raise children and for mothers to give birth to happy and healthy kids.

Now some have said that too many children will be added to Mississippi's population. I say what a wonderful problem to have. On this point I agree with Mother Teresa when she said, 'How can there be too many children? That is like saying there are too many flowers.'

But I also recognize we are called to do more and to support these new moms and new babies. And I want every element of our laws to reflect and facilitate this critical mission.

That's why I'm also calling on the legislature to establish a New Pro-Life Agenda that helps make Mississippi the easiest place in the nation to raise a family.

Together, we can prove the country wrong just like we did in education. Just like we led the nation in overturning *Roe*, we can lead the nation in supporting mothers and babies.

This session, Mississippi should establish a childcare tax credit and allow Mississippi families to write off childcare supplies on state tax returns.

We should increase our support for pregnancy resource centers and thus help to care for expectant and new mothers, especially those who are struggling with poverty or isolation.

We should expand childcare opportunities by cutting red tape. There's no reason that we should let government get in the way of parents accessing care for their children.

We should expand safe haven laws, so parents have every available opportunity to choose life.

We should reduce the existing adoption backlogs and make it easier and less expensive for parents to adopt kids into a loving forever home.

And we should update our child support laws so that fathers must support their children from the moment their life begins – at conception.

This is our New Pro-Life Agenda. As I've said before, it will not be easy, and it will not be free. But I know that together, we are going to get the job done and deliver the support Mississippi mothers and babies deserve.

My fellow Mississippians, it's been quite the year for our state. We've had moments of triumph and moments of anguish. But through it all, we've emerged stronger, together.

We know where Mississippi has been, and we know where Mississippi is going. Regardless of the unfair stereotypes placed upon our state and her people, we know good things are happening here.

Is our state perfect? Of course not. But besides heaven, no place is.

We know what's happening on the ground here. We know it because we are seeing it. Whether it's the record investment or all-time low unemployment, the all-time high graduation rate or standing up to the radical left's war on our values – Mississippi is winning, and our state is on the rise.

That's why I urge all of you here today to stand with me and call out the lies when they are thrown at all of us.

We can never give into the cynics who seek to tear down our great state.

We can never give into Joe Biden and the national Democrats who seek to force feed us an unhealthy dose of progressivism because they view Mississippians as Neanderthals.

And we can never give into those who want us to live in a perpetual state of self-condemnation.

My friends, I am proud to serve as Mississippi's 65th governor but I'm even prouder to call myself a Mississippian.

The eyes of our state are turned to the future, and that's why I will continue to reject those who would seek to divide and separate us. Instead, on behalf of all Mississippi, I am proud to pronounce once more that we are all Mississippians, committed to improving this home that we love.

We are blessed to live in a wonderful state. We are blessed to have wonderful neighbors. We are blessed by one common God who smiles down upon Mississippi.

I have no doubt that our future is brighter than ever before and that, together, we will continue to build this great state upwards.

God bless all of you. And may God continue to bless this great state that we all love, Mississippi.

At 5:41 PM on motion of Representative Roberson, the Joint Session was dissolved.

TWENTY-FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2023

(TWENTY-NINTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Reverend Tommy Wheeler, Member of the Covich County Ministerial Alliance, Crystal Springs.

Rep. Holloway led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Huddleston and Robinson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Haney and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
ACCOUNTABILITY, EFFICIENCY, TRANSPARENCY AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 1033: MS Management and Reporting System Revolving Fund; require administration to submit report of purchasing needs to legislative committees. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

RANDY P. BOYD, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
APPORTIONMENT AND ELECTIONS AND COUNTY AFFAIRS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 552: Poll managers; increase the compensation of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

PRICE WALLACE, Chairman
LARRY BYRD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 540: Personal and professional services; require the Department of Finance and Administration to conduct solicitations of for certain agencies. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 602: District Attorneys; increase the operating allowance of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 605: PERS; retired schoolteachers may be employed as teachers in public school districts and receive retirement allowance and salary. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 834: Assistant District Attorneys and criminal investigators; increase authorized number of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1056: School employees; revise rate for payment for unused leave to unlicensed employees upon retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1089: State budget; revise provisions of several FY 23 bills and create special funds. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 880: Mississippi Consumer Privacy Act for State Agencies; create. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

JERRY R. TURNER, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 882: Renaissance Assistance Program to Initiate Development; create to assist small businesses. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

JERRY R. TURNER, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION AND WATER RESOURCES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 1068: Water Quality Accountability Act; create. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1094: Wastewater and sewage; authorize MDEQ to fine the City of Jackson for improper disposal of into the Pearl River. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

CHRIS BROWN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 124: Joint state-county work program; require DOC to utilize under certain circumstances. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1131: MS Prison Industries Act; bring forward certain sections pertaining to. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

KEVIN HORAN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 63: School bus drivers; require to be trained and certified in first aid and CPR. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 260: Failing school districts; extend repealer on alternative method of appointing new local school board after impairments are corrected. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 365: Patriotic societies; authorize principal to allow to speak to student body on importance of civic duty. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 823: Commission on Education and Economic Competitiveness; establish to develop vision for the state's future economic and educational success. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 859: Public special purpose schools; exempt from certain audit requirements. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1000: Education Scholarship Account; expand to include children in foster care. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1070: Patriotic Education Grant Program; establish. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1087: MS School for Math and Science; increase licensed employees' salaries by amount corresponding to increases to amount and years in teacher salary scale. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1150: Charter schools; authorize state universities and community colleges to charter and revise various other provisions. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1173: EEF procurement cards; authorize issuance to eligible charter school teachers. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1174: Public schools; authorize to have a supply of naloxone on premises to counter opioid overdose. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1176: National board certified education professionals; clarify provisions related to certification component reimbursements. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1186: School Boards; authorize to enter into long-term contract for sale of timber on 16th section lands. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1227: Mental Awareness Program for School Act; enact to provide for mental health service providers and certain trauma-informed training. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1228: Community schools; authorize implementation under the administration of a district innovation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1264: School districts; authorize to provide feminine hygiene products for female students in Grades 6-12. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1365: Assistant teacher salaries; prohibit school districts from using any state-funded increase to substitute the local contribution. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1369: MAEP; determine cost of using Average Daily Membership (ADM) in lieu of ADA with 90% threshold attendance trigger. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1373: "Released-Time Moral Instruction Act of 2023"; enact to permit students to receive religious instruction during the school day. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1390: Abstinence education; delete repealer on school board requirement to adopt a policy on abstinence-only or abstinence-plus. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

RICHARD BENNETT, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measures and report same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 258: Educational Facilities Revolving Loan Fund; extend repealers on statutes relating to sales tax distribution and state public school building fund. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 752: MS Dyslexia Therapy Scholarship for Students with Dyslexia; revise eligibility beginning with kindergarten. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1175: MAEP; increase funding percentage for preschool exceptional children in approved programs to 100%. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

RICHARD BENNETT, Chairman

JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
EDUCATION AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 555: Charter schools; reconstitute authorizer board and require formula to ensure equitable distribution of local funds. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

RICHARD BENNETT, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
ENERGY AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 690: Chickasawhay Natural Gas District; increase compensation of board of directors and chairperson of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

BRENT POWELL, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
GAMING AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 606: Online betting, gaming and wagering; legalize under certain conditions. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

CASEY EURE, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
INSURANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 521: Length of Service Award Program; authorize for the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

HENRY ZUBER III, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY A

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 773: Real estate brokers and agents; revise liability regarding disclosure statements. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

H. B. No. 1342: Adoption procedures; regulate by creating a licensure authority. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 65: Landlord-tenant; authorize tenant who is survivor of domestic abuse to break lease without penalty. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

ANGELA COCKERHAM, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY A

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 1111: County court jurisdiction for termination of parental rights; authorize for both involuntary and voluntary termination. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1115: Durable legal custody; clarify jurisdiction for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 276: State Board of Physical Therapy, authorize to issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 510: Foster Parents' Bill of Rights; and Responsibilities; create and require to be provided to foster parents. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1155: Residential subdivisions; authorize property owners to establish and/or amend covenants, conditions and restrictions. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1318: Baby drop-off and safe haven; revise provisions that regulate. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1149: Path to permanency; provide for children in Child Protection Services. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1157: Vehicle rental; require those engaged in to disclose total charges, including all additional mandatory charges. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 3: Third party delivery service; prohibit from using name, likeness, trademark or intellectual property of merchant without agreement. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1490: Licenses issued by Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; require suspension for failure to pay child support. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 888: Child support; authorize for disabled child past the age of majority. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

ANGELA COCKERHAM, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
JUDICIARY A AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 1216: Circuit judges and chancellors; increase office operating and expense allowances and support staff funding. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

ANGELA COCKERHAM, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY B

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 532: Mississippi School Safety Guardian Act; create. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 408: Reckless endangerment; create the crime of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

H. B. No. 1315: Pornographic media materials; regulate access to minors and require age verification. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1341: Digital or online resources or databases; require vendors to verify technology protection measures for persons under 18. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1371: Therapists; create a felony for those who have sexual contact with patients. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 244: Baby Drop off immunity; revise age of baby and who may drop off. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1105: Secretary of State employees; authorize certain employees to carry a firearm. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

NICK BAIN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 1034: State Veterans Affairs Board; bring forward section of law that creates. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

LESTER CARPENTER, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPALITIES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 498: Municipalities allowed to establish overdue water/sewer payment programs, certain; extend program repeal date. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 537: Municipalities; authorize waiver of liens, under certain circumstances, for costs associated with cleaning menaced property. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1072: Hazardous trees on tax forfeited land; authorize counties/municipalities to remove and Secretary of State to reimburse for the removal of. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1159: Pat Harrison Waterway District; authorize municipalities to join. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 700: Flood and drainage control districts; revise the number of directors for certain municipalities. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

RANDY RUSHING, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
PUBLIC PROPERTY AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 1048: Public buildings; require availability of adult changing stations for persons with disabilities. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

TOM WEATHERSBY, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 1477: Harvest permits; extend repealer on authority of MDOT to issue. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

CHARLES BUSBY, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
TRANSPORTATION AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measures and report same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 691: Memorial highway; designate a portion of U.S. Highway 45 in Wayne County, MS, as the "Army Sergeant Eric C. Newman Memorial Highway." Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 703: "Medal of Honor Trail"; designate portion of Interstate 22 and U.S. Highway 78 within the State of Mississippi as. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1016: Memorial highway; designate segment of MS Hwy 8 in Chickasaw County as the "Deputy Jeremy Allen Voyles Memorial Highway". Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1017: Memorial intersection; designate intersection of U.S. 45 and CR 110 in Clarke County as the "Army Spc. Terry Kishaun Dantez Gordon Memorial Intersection". Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1244: Memorial highway; designate a segment of MS Highway 365 in Prentiss County as the "Howard Tillman Bobo Memorial Highway". Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1245: Memorial highway; designate a segment of MS Highway 364 in Prentiss County as the "James Millard Jourdan Memorial Highway". Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1246: Memorial highway; designate a segment of MS Highway 365 in Prentiss County as the "Leland L. Holland Memorial Highway". Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

CHARLES BUSBY, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
TOURISM AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 419: Tourism; provide assistance to destination marketing organization. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

BECKY CURRIE, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
TOURISM AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 617: Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund; use portion of monies in to advertise for state parks. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

BECKY CURRIE, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
TOURISM AND WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 704: Television series production; provide incentives for certain. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

BECKY CURRIE, Chairman
JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 770: Mississippi Office of Space and Technology; create to be administered by MDA, which shall staff. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

MAC HUDDLESTON, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 771: HELP Grant and MTAG Programs; revise level of funding provided to eligible students. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

MAC HUDDLESTON, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 1207: Paramedics Recruitment and Retention Scholarship Grant Program; create. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

MAC HUDDLESTON, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 735: Retailer Tax Fairness Act; create. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 217: Taxes levied by commissioners of master water management districts; remove requirement that boards of supervisors must implement. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 334: Motor vehicle; revise requirements for scrapping, dismantling or destroying when owner does not have title in his or her name. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 631: Disabled veterans motor vehicle license tags; revise certain provisions regarding disability rating. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1375: Municipal annexation; require additional services to annexed area to be completed within three years of annexation decree. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 979: Hunting; provide exception for recovering mortally wounded animals at night with use of light. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

BILL KINKADE, Chairman

Head Page, Hunter Lofton, introduced the following pages for the week:

Ava Abernathy
Malcolm Butler
Abigail DanielsPearl, MS
Jackson, MS
Pass Christian, MS

Mary Bogan Dean	Madison, MS
Trinity Golden	Byram, MS
Addison Brooke Grantham	Florence, MS
Cameron Hathorne	Louisville, MS
Brunson Hillsabeck	Brandon, MS
Quill Johnson	Brandon, MS
Anna Grace Mangum	Florence, MS
Eryn McDaniels	Madison, MS
Carleia Mickens	Macon, MS
Van Ross	Flora, MS
Kaitlee Smith	Morton, MS
Corey Wiggins	Madison, MS
Julian Shells Wilson	Canton, MS

Representative Evans (91st) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jeffery Keith Smith, Frankie Eugenia Evans Wilson, Amanda "Mandy" Mullins Clark, and Adrell Stringer, which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James Vernon Lackey, Jr., Penny Davis, William McCoy, Catherine Ann Crapps, Alan Jones, Bennie D. Henderson, Sr., Dennis Black, Darla Shoemaker, James Creel, Edna Gibson, and Sybil Settlemire, which motion prevailed.

Representative Tubb moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Charles Wayne Nobles, which motion prevailed.

Representatives McCarty and Sanford moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dr. William O. "Trey" Thomas, III, which motion prevailed.

Representative Smith moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Earl Brent Robinson, Sidney Wayne Starks, Hulon "Muscles" Edward Harper, William Elburn "Billy" Rolison, Alice Jeanne Jones Jefcoat, John M. "Woody" Blanchard, Sheila Ann Walker, Charles Edward Helms, Charles Donniss Brewer, W. Roper Covington, Cora Alice Gable, Mary Frances Anderson, Cheryl Ann Johnson, Kennieth Darrell Wedgeworth, and Robert Earl Adams, which motion prevailed.

At 2:19 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Wednesday, February 1, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWENTY-SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2023

(THIRTIETH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Jerry Turner.

Rep. Turner led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott,

Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Huddleston and Robinson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Boyd (19th), the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. R. No. 34: (Representative Creekmore IV) Dr. Sam Creekmore III; commend stellar medical service and his commitment to New Albany residents. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. C. R. No. 18: Salem Missionary Baptist Church; commend upon 157th anniversary of. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 34: Dr. Sam Creekmore III; commend stellar medical service and his commitment to New Albany residents. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

Representative Byrd called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 626:** (Boards of Supervisors; provide exception on prohibition of expending certain funds in last months of office to meet federal ARPA spending deadline.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Roberson called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

H. B. No. 252: Festival wine permits; extend repealers on authority to issue and certain provisions relating to.

H. B. No. 392: Income tax; extend tax years for employer taxpayer to claim credit for employees' blood donations during blood drive.

H. B. No. 395: MS Major Economic Impact Act; extend deadline for issuance of bonds for certain automotive parts manufacturing plant projects.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates. Total--104.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Evans, B, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett, Eubanks, Eure, Horne, Huddleston, Owen, Robinson, Zuber. Total--8.

Present--Anderson, J, Young. Total--2.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 371: Bonds; revise purposes for which proceeds of bonds authorized for City of Union.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 371.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Criswell, Hopkins. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 246: Real property; right of first refusal expires on grantee's death unless specifically stated otherwise.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 246.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson. Total-2.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 384: Alcoholic beverages; authorize local authorities of wet jurisdiction to permit package retail sales on Sunday.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 384.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Guice, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hopkins, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mr. Speaker, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Sanders, Shanks, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--72.

Nays--Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Bell, D, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Byrd, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Evans, B, Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horne, Ladner, Mangold, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Newman, Oliver, Pigott, Porter, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Stamps, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Weathersby, Williamson. Total--39.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Goodin, Hale, Huddleston, Lancaster, Robinson, Smith. Total-7.

Present--Foster, Young. Total--2.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--55

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 388: Income tax; revise local governmental entities that may collect debt by a setoff against a debtor's refund.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 388. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--106.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Walker, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Burnett, Currie, Huddleston, Robinson, Scott. Total-5.

Present--Summers. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Representative Lamar called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 246:** (Real property; right of first refusal expires on grantee's death unless specifically stated otherwise.) passed, and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 246. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson. Total-2.

Present--Young. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 535: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 535. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Sanders, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--104.

Nays--Arnold, Boyd, R, Darnell, Evans, B, Hobgood-Wilkes, Newman, Scott. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Bounds, Huddleston, Ladner, Oliver, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford. Total--7.

Present--Anthony, Crudup. Total--2.
Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 702: Reverse auction; revise method of receiving bids through for agencies and governing authorities.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 702. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Evans, B, Hopkins. Total--2.
Absent or those not voting--Boyd, R, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-3.

Present--Bailey. Total--1.
Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 999: Sales tax; deposit portion of revenue into the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 999.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--106.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Scott, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Faulkner, Gibbs, K, Huddleston, Karriem, Robinson, Steverson, Summers. Total-7.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1167: Residential builders and remodelers; revise license examination for certain license applicants.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1167.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks,

Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Clark, Goodin, Huddleston, Robinson, Straughter, Summers, Young. Total-9.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1169: Income tax; revise method of collecting delinquent tax from public officers and employees.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1169.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Karriem, Robinson. Total-3.

Present--Brown, B, Evans, B, Young. Total--3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1170: Motor vehicles and manufactured homes; authorize Department of Revenue to issue electronic liens and titles.

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1195: Retirement; allow certain members of PERS to purchase up to three years of creditable service.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1195.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown,

B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--105.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, McCarty, Mr. Speaker, Robinson, Summers, Watson. Total-6.

Present--Evans, B, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--2.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. B. No. 1293: Public purchasing; require state agencies to give a preference to Mississippi-made drones and prohibit purchase of drones made in China.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES LAMAR AND ROBERSON:

AMEND by inserting the following after line 24:

"(3) This section shall not apply to an institution of higher learning with a federally designated research center on uncrewed systems and related matters."

AMEND title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1293.** On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson, Rosebud, Summers. Total-4.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. B. No. 261: Income tax; extend credit for qualified contributions to an endowed fund at qualified community foundations.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Roberson:

AMEND on line 10 by deleting "2026" and replacing in lieu thereof, the following: "2028".
AMEND FURTHER on lines 18 and 21 by deleting "Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00)" and replacing in lieu thereof, the following: "Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00)".
AMEND FURTHER on line 25 by deleting "Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00)" and replacing in lieu thereof, the following: "One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00)".
AMEND FURTHER on lines 36 and 38 by deleting "2027" and replacing in lieu thereof, the following: "2029".
AMEND FURTHER on line 40 by deleting "2026" and inserting in lieu thereof, the following: "2028".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 261.** On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Brown, B, Karriem, Summers. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson. Total-2.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. B. No. 850: School ad valorem tax levy; authorize levying authority for certain districts to approve/disapprove request for certain increases.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Wallace:

AMEND by striking Sections 1 and 2 of the bill and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
" SECTION 1. Section 37-57-104, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-57-104. (1) Each school board shall submit to the levying authority for the school district a certified copy of an order adopted by the school board requesting an ad

valorem tax effort in dollars for the support of the school district. The copy of the order shall be submitted by the school board when the copies of the school district's budget are filed with the levying authority pursuant to Section 37-61-9. Upon receipt of the school board's order requesting the ad valorem tax effort in dollars, the levying authority may, in its discretion, approve, in full or in part, the dollar amount requested and shall determine the millage rate necessary to generate funds equal to the dollar amount requested by the school board as approved by the levying authority. For the purpose of calculating this millage rate, any additional amount that is levied pursuant to Section 37-57-105(1) to cover anticipated delinquencies and costs of collection or any amount that may be levied for the payment of the principal and interest on school bonds or notes shall be excluded from the limitation of fifty-five (55) mills provided for in subsection (2) of this section.

(2) (a) Except as otherwise provided under paragraph (b) or (c) of this subsection, if the millage rate necessary to generate funds equal to the dollar amount requested by the school board and approved by the levying authority is greater than fifty-five (55) mills, and if this millage rate is higher than the millage then being levied pursuant to the school board's order requesting the ad valorem tax effort for the currently existing fiscal year, then the levying authority shall call a referendum on the question of exceeding, during the next fiscal year, the then existing millage rate being levied for school district purposes. The referendum shall be scheduled for not more than six (6) weeks after the date on which the levying authority receives the school board's order requesting the ad valorem tax effort.

When a referendum has been called, notice of the referendum shall be published at least five (5) days per week, unless the only newspaper published in the school district is published less than five (5) days per week, for at least three (3) consecutive weeks, in at least one (1) newspaper published in the school district. The notice shall be no less than one-fourth (1/4) page in size, and the type used shall be no smaller than eighteen (18) point and surrounded by a one-fourth-inch solid black border. The notice may not be placed in that portion of the newspaper where legal notices and classified advertisements appear. The first publication of the notice shall be made not less than twenty-one (21) days before the date fixed for the referendum, and the last publication shall be made not more than seven (7) days before that date. If no newspaper is published in the school district, then the notice shall be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the school district. The referendum shall be held, as far as is practicable, in the same manner as other referendums and elections are held in the county or municipality. At the referendum, all registered, qualified electors of the school district may vote. The ballots used at the referendum shall have printed thereon a brief statement of the amount and purpose of the increased tax levy and the words "FOR INCREASING THE MILLAGE LEVIED FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT PURPOSES FROM (MILLAGE RATE CURRENTLY LEVIED) MILLS TO (MILLAGE RATE REQUIRED UNDER SCHOOL BOARD'S ORDER) MILLS," and "AGAINST INCREASING THE MILLAGE LEVIED FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT PURPOSES FROM (MILLAGE RATE CURRENTLY LEVIED) MILLS TO (MILLAGE RATE REQUIRED UNDER SCHOOL BOARD'S ORDER) MILLS." The voter shall vote by placing a cross (X) or checkmark (✓) opposite his choice on the proposition.

If a majority of the registered, qualified electors of the school district who vote in the referendum vote in favor of the question, then the ad valorem tax effort in dollars requested by the school board and approved by the levying authority shall be approved. However, if a majority of the registered, qualified electors who vote in the referendum vote against the question, the millage rate levied by the levying authority shall not exceed the millage then being levied pursuant to the school board's order requesting the ad valorem tax effort for the then currently existing fiscal year.

Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require any school district that is levying more than fifty-five (55) mills pursuant to Sections 37-57-1 and 37-57-105 to decrease its millage rate to fifty-five (55) mills or less. Further, nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require a referendum in a school district where the requested ad valorem tax effort in dollars requires a millage rate of greater than fifty-five (55) mills but the requested dollar amount does not require any increase in the then existing millage rate. Further, nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require a referendum in a school district where, because of a decrease in the assessed valuation of the district, a

millage rate of greater than fifty-five (55) mills is necessary to generate funds equal to the dollar amount generated by the ad valorem tax effort for the currently existing fiscal year.

(b) Provided, however, that if a levying authority is levying in excess of fifty-five (55) mills on July 1, 1997, the levying authority may levy an additional amount not exceeding three (3) mills in the aggregate for the period beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 2003, subject to the limitation on increased receipts from ad valorem taxes prescribed in Sections 37-57-105 and 37-57-107.

(c) If the levying authority for any school district lawfully has decreased the millage levied for school district purposes, but subsequently determines that there is a need to increase the millage rate due to a disaster in which the Governor has declared a disaster emergency or the President of the United States has declared an emergency or major disaster, then the levying authority may increase the millage levied for school district purposes up to an amount that does not exceed the millage rate in any one (1) of the immediately preceding ten (10) fiscal years without any referendum that otherwise would be required under this subsection.

(3) (a) If the millage rate necessary to generate funds equal to the dollar amount requested by the school board and approved by the levying authority is equal to fifty-five (55) mills or less, but the dollar amount requested by the school board and approved by the levying authority exceeds the next preceding fiscal year's ad valorem tax effort in dollars by more than four percent (4%), but not more than seven percent (7%) (as provided for under subsection (4) of this section), then the school board shall publish notice thereof at least five (5) days per week, unless the only newspaper published in the school district is published less than five (5) days per week, for at least three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in the school district. The notice shall be no less than one-fourth (1/4) page in size, and the type used shall be no smaller than eighteen (18) point and surrounded by a one-fourth-inch solid black border. The notice may not be placed in that portion of the newspaper where legal notices and classified advertisements appear. The first publication shall be made not less than fifteen (15) days before the final adoption of the budget by the school board. If no newspaper is published in the school district, then the notice shall be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the school district. If at any time before the adoption of the budget a petition signed by not less than twenty percent (20%) or fifteen hundred (1500), whichever is less, of the registered, qualified electors of the school district is filed with the school board requesting that a referendum be called on the question of exceeding the next preceding fiscal year's ad valorem tax effort in dollars by more than four percent (4%), then the school board shall adopt, not later than the next regular meeting, a resolution calling a referendum to be held within the school district upon the question. The referendum shall be called and held, and notice thereof shall be given, in the same manner provided for in subsection (2) of this section. The ballot shall contain the language "FOR THE SCHOOL TAX INCREASE OVER FOUR PERCENT (4%)" and "AGAINST THE SCHOOL TAX INCREASE OVER FOUR PERCENT (4%)." If a majority of the registered, qualified electors of the school district who vote in the referendum vote in favor of the question, then the increase requested by the school board and approved by the levying authority shall be approved. For the purposes of this subsection, the revenue sources excluded from the increase limitation under Section 37-57-107 also shall be excluded from the limitation described in this subsection in the same manner as they are excluded under Section 37-57-107. Provided, however, that any increases requested by the school board as a result of the required local contribution to the Mississippi Adequate Education Program, as certified to the local school district by the State Board of Education under Section 37-151-7(2), Mississippi Code of 1972, shall not be subject to the four percent (4%) and/or seven percent (7%) tax increase limitations provided in this section and shall not be subject to approval by the levying authority.

(b) In addition to the provisions of paragraph (a) of this subsection (3), in the case of a school district in conservatorship, if the millage rate necessary to generate funds equal to the dollar amount requested by the school board is equal to fifty-five (55) mills or less, but the dollar amount requested by the school board exceeds the next preceding fiscal year's ad valorem tax effort in dollars by not more than four percent (4%), the levying authority may approve or disapprove, in full or in part, the dollar amount requested by the school board. If any member of the levying authority is an

employee of the school district, such person shall recuse himself or herself from voting on the question of the dollar amount requested by the school board.

(4) If the millage rate necessary to generate funds equal to the dollar amount requested by the school board and approved by the levying authority is equal to fifty-five (55) mills or less, but the dollar amount requested by the school board and approved by the levying authority exceeds the seven percent (7%) increase limitation provided for in Section 37-57-107, the school board may exceed the seven percent (7%) increase limitation only after the school board * * * and the levying authority have determined the need for additional revenues and three-fifths (3/5) of the registered, qualified electors voting in a referendum called by the levying authority have voted in favor of the increase. The notice and manner of holding the referendum shall be as prescribed in subsection (2) of this section for a referendum on the question of increasing the millage rate in school districts levying more than fifty-five (55) mills for school district purposes.

(5) The aggregate receipts from ad valorem taxes levied for school district purposes pursuant to Sections 37-57-1 and 37-57-105, excluding collection fees, additional revenue from the ad valorem tax on any newly constructed properties or any existing properties added to the tax rolls or any properties previously exempt which were not assessed in the next preceding year, and amounts received by school districts from the School Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund pursuant to Section 37-61-35, shall be subject to the increase limitation under this section and Section 37-57-107.

(6) The school board shall pay to the levying authority all costs that are incurred by the levying authority in the calling and holding of any election under this section.

(7) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to affect in any manner the authority of school boards to levy millage for the following purposes:

(a) The issuance of bonds, notes and certificates of indebtedness, as authorized in Sections 37-59-1 through 37-59-45 and Sections 37-59-101 through 37-59-115;

(b) The lease of property for school purposes, as authorized under the Emergency School Leasing Authority Act of 1986 (Sections 37-7-351 through 37-7-359);

(c) The lease or lease-purchase of school buildings, as authorized under Section 37-7-301;

(d) The issuance of promissory notes in the event of a shortfall of ad valorem taxes and/or revenue from local sources, as authorized under Section 27-39-333; and

(e) The construction of school buildings outside the school district, as authorized under Section 37-7-401.

Any millage levied for the purposes specified in this subsection shall be excluded from the millage limitations established under this section.

SECTION 2. Section 37-57-105, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-57-105. (1) In addition to the taxes levied under Section 37-57-1, the levying authority for the school district, as defined in Section 37-57-1, upon receipt of a certified copy of an order adopted by the school board of the school district requesting an ad valorem tax effort in dollars for the support of the school district, * * * may, in its discretion, at the same time and in the same manner as other ad valorem taxes are levied, levy an annual ad valorem tax in the amount fixed in such order upon all of the taxable property of such school district, which shall not be less than the millage rate certified by the State Board of Education as the uniform minimum school district ad valorem tax levy for the support of the adequate education program in such school district under Section 37-57-1. Provided, however, that any school district levying less than the uniform minimum school district ad valorem tax levy on July 1, 1997, shall only be required to increase its local district maintenance levy in four (4) mill annual increments in order to attain such millage requirements. In making such levy, the levying authority shall levy an additional amount sufficient to cover anticipated delinquencies and costs of collection so that the net amount of money to be produced by such levy shall be equal to the amount which is requested by said school board and approved by the levying authority. The proceeds of such tax levy, excluding levies for the payment of the principal of and interest on school bonds or notes and excluding levies for costs of collection, shall be placed in

the school depository to the credit of the school district and shall be expended in the manner provided by law for the purpose of supplementing teachers' salaries, extending school terms, purchasing furniture, supplies and materials, and for all other lawful operating and incidental expenses of such school district, funds for which are not provided by adequate education program fund allotments.

The monies authorized to be received by school districts from the School Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund pursuant to Section 37-61-35 shall be included as ad valorem tax receipts. The levying authority for the school district, as defined in Section 37-57-1, shall reduce the ad valorem tax levy for such school district in an amount equal to the amount distributed to such school district from the School Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund each calendar year pursuant to said Section 37-61-35. Such reduction shall not be less than the millage rate necessary to generate a reduction in ad valorem tax receipts equal to the funds distributed to such school district from the School Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund pursuant to Section 37-61-35. Such reduction shall not be deemed to be a reduction in the aggregate amount of support from ad valorem taxation for purposes of Section 37-19-11. The millage levy certified by the State Board of Education as the uniform minimum ad valorem tax levy or the millage levy that would generate funds in an amount equal to a school district's district entitlement, as defined in Section 37-22-1(2)(e), shall be subject to the provisions of this paragraph.

In any county where there is located a nuclear generating power plant on which a tax is assessed under Section 27-35-309(3), such required levy and revenue produced thereby may be reduced by the levying authority in an amount in proportion to a reduction in the base revenue of any such county from the previous year. Such reduction shall be allowed only if the reduction in base revenue equals or exceeds five percent (5%). "Base revenue" shall mean the revenue received by the county from the ad valorem tax levy plus the revenue received by the county from the tax assessed under Section 27-35-309(3) and authorized to be used for any purposes for which a county is authorized by law to levy an ad valorem tax. For purposes of determining if the reduction equals or exceeds five percent (5%), a levy of millage equal to the prior year's millage shall be hypothetically applied to the current year's ad valorem tax base to determine the amount of revenue to be generated from the ad valorem tax levy. For the purposes of this section and Section 37-57-107, the portion of the base revenue used for the support of any school district shall be deemed to be the aggregate receipts from ad valorem taxes for the support of any school district. This paragraph shall apply to taxes levied for the 1987 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter. If the Mississippi Supreme Court or another court finally adjudicates that the tax levied under Section 27-35-309(3) is unconstitutional, then this paragraph shall stand repealed.

(2) When the tax is levied upon the territory of any school district located in two (2) or more counties, the order of the school board, as approved by the levying authority of each of the counties involved, requesting the levying of such tax shall be certified to the levying authority of each of the counties involved, and each of the levying authorities shall levy the tax in the manner specified herein. The taxes so levied shall be collected by the tax collector of the levying authority involved and remitted by the tax collector to the school depository of the home county to the credit of the school district involved as provided above, except that taxes for collection fees may be retained by the levying authority for deposit into its general fund.

(3) The aggregate receipts from ad valorem taxes levied for school district purposes, excluding collection fees, pursuant to this section and Section 37-57-1 shall be subject to the increased limitation under Section 37-57-107; however, if the ad valorem tax effort in dollars requested by the school district for the fiscal year exceeds the next preceding fiscal year's ad valorem tax effort in dollars by more than four percent (4%) but not more than seven percent (7%), then the school board shall publish notice thereof once each week for at least three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper having general circulation in the school district involved, with the first publication thereof to be made not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the final adoption of the budget by the school board. If at any time prior to said adoption a petition signed by not less than twenty percent (20%) or fifteen hundred (1500), whichever is less, of the qualified electors of the school district involved shall be filed with the school board requesting that an election be called on the question of exceeding the next preceding fiscal year's ad valorem tax effort in dollars by

more than four percent (4%) but not more than seven percent (7%), then the school board shall, not later than the next regular meeting, adopt a resolution calling an election to be held within such school district upon such question. The election shall be called and held, and notice thereof shall be given, in the same manner for elections upon the questions of the issuance of the bonds of school districts, and the results thereof shall be certified to the school board. The ballot shall contain the language "For the School Tax Increase Over Four Percent (4%)" and "Against the School Tax Increase Over Four Percent (4%)." If a majority of the qualified electors of the school district who voted in such election shall vote in favor of the question, then the stated increase requested by the school board shall be approved. In addition, in the case of a school district in conservatorship, if the ad valorem tax effort in dollars requested by the school district for the fiscal year exceeds the next preceding fiscal year's ad valorem tax effort in dollars by not more than four percent (4%), the levying authority may approve or disapprove, in full or in part, the request for the ad valorem tax effort. If any member of such levying authority is an employee of the school district, that person shall recuse himself or herself from voting on the question of the request for ad valorem tax effort. For the purposes of this paragraph, the revenue sources excluded from the increased limitation under Section 37-57-107 shall also be excluded from the limitation described herein in the same manner as they are excluded under Section 37-57-107. For the purposes of this paragraph, the revenue sources excluded from the increased limitation under Section 37-57-107 shall also be excluded from the limitation described herein in the same manner as they are excluded under Section 37-57-107."

AMEND title to conform.

No Action

On motion of Rep. Wallace the foregoing bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. B. No. 396: Tourism Project Sales Tax Incentive Program; extend authority of MDA to approve participants for projects.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 51 by inserting ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023" before the period.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 396.** On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Scott, Williamson.
Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson, Wallace. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1136: Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of the Mississippi Road Builders Association.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1136.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.
Total--114.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Johnson, Ladner, Robinson, Smith, Turner. Total-6.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1140: Beer, light wine and light spirit products; revise manufacturers prohibited from having interest in wholesalers or distributors.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1140.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Sanders, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--81.

Nays--Aguirre, Arnold, Bomgar, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Criswell, Darnell, Eubanks, Evans, B, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horne, McCarty, Miles, Newman, Owen, Scott, Turner, Williamson. Total--19.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Barnett, Calvert, Crawford, Currie, Felsher, Huddleston, Hulum, Ladner, McLean, Morgan, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Summers, Yates. Total-17.

Present--Anthony, Crudup, Stamps. Total--3.
Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--51

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 217: Taxes levied by commissioners of master water management districts; remove requirement that boards of supervisors must implement.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 217. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Scott, Summers, Walker. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Crudup, Huddleston, Newman, Robinson. Total-5.

Present--Evans, B, Rushing. Total--2.
Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 631: Disabled veterans motor vehicle license tags; revise certain provisions regarding disability rating.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 631. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb,

Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson, Summers. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1375: Municipal annexation; require additional services to annexed area to be completed within three years of annexation decree.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1375.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill failed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Criswell, Currie, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Guice, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McKnight, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Roberson, Rushing, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey. Total--62.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Byrd, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Goodin, Hale, Harness, Hines, Hulum, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McLean, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Read, Sanders, Sanford, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Walker, Watson, Zuber. Total--45.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Barnett, Creekmore, Huddleston, Ladner, Newman, Reynolds, Robinson, Rosebud, Yates, Young. Total-11.

Present--Evans, B, Holloway. Total--2.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--64

Representative Lamar entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the foregoing bill failed to pass.

Rep. Mims called up:

H. B. No. 518: Local Provider Innovation Grant Program; revise certain provisions of.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 518.** On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee,

McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Huddleston, Mims, Roberson, Scott. Total-5.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Mims called up:

H. B. No. 273: Health Care Impact Grant Program; establish to provide grants to hospitals and nursing facilities.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 273.** On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Huddleston, Mims, Roberson. Total-4.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Mims called up:

H. B. No. 584: Qualified Health Center Grant Program; clarify that amount specified for grants under is minimum amount to be issued.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 584.** On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan,

Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.
Absent or those not voting--Bain. Total-1.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--61

At 11:47 AM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed until 2:00 PM.

At 2:02 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Mims called up:

H. B. No. 478: Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact; create.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 478.** On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.
Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--71

Rep. McGee called up:

H. B. No. 854: Marriage and family therapists; revise certain requirements for licensure.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 854.** On motion of Rep. McGee the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham,

Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson. Total-2.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Mims called up:

H. B. No. 522: Mississippi Individual On-site Wastewater Disposal System Law; extend repealer on.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 522.** On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Goodin, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Mims called up:

H. B. No. 259: Medical radiation technologists; delete repealers on registration statutes.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 259.** On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson, Smith. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Mims called up:

H. B. No. 557: MS Rural Dentists Scholarship Program; increase number of students who may be admitted into annually.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 557.** On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson. Total-2.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Mims called up:

H. B. No. 989: Child Protection Services; remove from DHS and make it a separate agency.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 989.** On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--102.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horne, Ladner, Owen, Williamson. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson. Total-2.

Present--Anthony, Bailey, Hines, Karriem, Stamps, Summers, Young. Total--7.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Mims called up:

H. B. No. 793: EMS Memorial; Health Dept. shall design and construct to honor EMS personnel who died in line of duty.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 793.** On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Holloway, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Mims called up:

H. B. No. 1392: MS Vulnerable Persons Abuse Registry; require Department of Human Services to establish.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1392**. On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--101.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, McCarty, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Bounds, Clark, Evans, B, Huddleston, Paden, Robinson, Sanford, Scott, Tullos, Yates. Total-10.

Present--Hulum. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--55

Rep. Pigott called up:

H. B. No. 232: Dairy show; relocate the show held in Lee County, MS, to Pontotoc County, MS.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 232**. On motion of Rep. Pigott the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Boyd, R, Clark, Felsher, Huddleston, Robinson, Scott. Total-7.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Pigott called up:

H. B. No. 256: Mississippi Boll Weevil Management Corporation; extend repealer on requirement that audits be submitted by November 15.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 256**. On motion of Rep. Pigott the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Clark, Read, Robinson, Scott, Walker. Total-6.

Present--Huddleston. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Pigott called up:

H. B. No. 363: Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce; technical amendments related to certain powers and duties.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 363**. On motion of Rep. Pigott the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Steverson, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--94.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Blackmon, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Hines, Karriem, Rosebud, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Watson. Total--17.

Absent or those not voting--Holloway, Huddleston, Robinson, Scott, Smith, Young. Total-6.

Present--Brown, B, Paden, Porter. Total--3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Pigott called up:

H. B. No. 484: Petroleum Products Inspection Law; delete repealer on definitions and penalties under.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 484. On motion of Rep. Pigott the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Anderson, J. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Karriem, Robinson, Smith, Summers. Total-5.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Carpenter called up:

H. B. No. 675: State Veterans Affairs Board; revise provisions regarding processing appeals of claims.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 675. On motion of Rep. Carpenter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Huddleston, Robinson, Rushing. Total-4.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Carpenter called up:

H. B. No. 677: County veteran service officers; revise certain qualifications for.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 677**. On motion of Rep. Carpenter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Eure, Huddleston, Massengill, Robinson. Total-4.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Carpenter called up:

H. B. No. 1039: Occupational licensing; revise certain provisions relating to members of the military to include veterans.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1039**. On motion of Rep. Carpenter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Carpenter called up:

H. B. No. 1235: Civil Air Patrol members; authorize granting of administrative leave and leave of absence to for certain emergency services.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1235.** On motion of Rep. Carpenter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Huddleston, Read, Robinson. Total-4.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bell, D called up:

H. B. No. 588: MS Workforce Training and Education Act; extend repealer on the act and in 2004 chapter law for conforming code sections.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 588.** On motion of Rep. Bell, D the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Bell, D called up:

H. B. No. 842: Office of Workforce Development; authorize to work with MS Alliance of Nonprofits and Philanthropy to create an accountability system for certain nonprofits.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 842. On motion of Rep. Bell, D the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson. Total-2.

Present--Rosebud. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bell, D called up:

H. B. No. 843: Mississippi Department of Employment Security; authorize to conduct background investigations on certain employees.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 843. On motion of Rep. Bell, D the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Lancaster, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bell, D called up:

H. B. No. 845: Mississippi New Economic Development Training Assistance Grant Program; create.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES BELL D AND WALKER:

AMEND on line 19 after the word "Mississippi" to include the following language: "and providing support to existing industries who may lose employees as a result of the new business locating in the area".

AMEND further on line 25 after the word "college" to include the following: "or existing industry".

AMEND further on line 29 after the word "business" to include the following: "and how the funds will be used by the existing industry to support its training needs or other needs that may have a risen as a result of the new business locating in the area".

AMEND further on line 44 after the comma to include the following language: "how those grants were used by the existing industry."

AMEND further on line 45 by inserting the following after the word "college" to include the following: "or existing industry".

AMEND further the title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 845**. On motion of Rep. Bell, D the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Horne. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Horan, Huddleston, Roberson, Robinson, White. Total-5.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Bell, D called up:

H. B. No. 916: General experience rate; provide that noncharges caused by COVID-19 pandemic shall not impact.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 916**. On motion of Rep. Bell, D the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson, Steverson. Total-3.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Bell, D called up:

H. B. No. 1301: Career coaching program; modify directive of Office of Workforce Development from piloting to implementing long term.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bell D:

AMEND by inserting the following after line 27:

" (3) Subject to appropriation, the Office of Workforce Development may provide all career coaches access to a secure end-to-end platform that enables career coaches to use advance analytics for the purpose of assisting students to develop customized career pathways and directly connecting students with post-secondary and employment opportunities that match their skills and interests. The platform used may include a mentorship program connecting students with industry professionals, direct access to a wide range of professional jobs and internships, a college and scholarship search tool and the ability for each student to create a comprehensive student profile that can be viewed by potential employers and college admission officers. "

AMEND title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1301.** On motion of Rep. Bell, D the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Horne, Owen, Williamson. Total--7.
Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson, Scoggin. Total-3.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.
Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Yancey called up:

H. B. No. 1158: Medical Cannabis Act; revise certain provisions of.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Yancey:

AMEND on lines 202 through 205 by deleting subsection (4) in its entirety, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

"(4) (a) The MDOH shall require criminal background checks in order to carry out this section.

(b) The MDOH shall require that the prospective designated caregiver or caregivers applicant apply for or authorize the division to obtain state and national criminal background checks to be conducted by the Mississippi Justice Information Center of the Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(c) Such criminal background checks shall conform to the applicable federal standards, and shall include the taking of fingerprints.

(d) The applicant shall authorize the release of such criminal background checks to the MDOH, and shall be responsible for the payment of any fee associated with the criminal background checks.

(e) Upon completion of such criminal background checks, the Mississippi Justice Information Center of the Department of Public Safety shall forward to the MDOH all information obtained concerning the applicant."

AMEND on lines 587 through 608 by deleting subsection (1) in its entirety, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

"(1) (a) Medical cannabis establishments shall conduct a background check into the criminal history of every person seeking to become a principal officer, board member, agent, volunteer, or employee before the person begins working at or for the medical cannabis establishment.

(b) Every person seeking to become a principal officer, board member, agent, volunteer, or employee shall apply for or authorize the division to obtain state and national criminal background checks to be conducted by the Mississippi Justice Information Center of the Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(c) Such criminal background checks shall conform to the applicable federal standards, and shall include the taking of fingerprints.

(d) The applicant shall authorize the release of such criminal background checks to the MDOH, and shall be responsible for the payment of any fee associated with the criminal background checks.

(e) Upon completion of such criminal background checks, the Mississippi Justice Information Center of the Department of Public Safety shall forward to the MDOH all information obtained concerning the applicant."

Further, amend the title to conform.

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Scott:

AMEND on line 334 after the (.) by inserting the following language: Tier seven (7) cannabis cultivation may be grown outside and grown in the ground.

LOST

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1158. On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--105.

Nays--Boyd, R, Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, Newman, Oliver, Scott. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, A, Brown, B, Huddleston, Pigott, Robinson, Smith, Summers. Total-7.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.
Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Weathersby called up:

H. B. No. 769: Harvey Moss Wildlife Management Area at Tuscumbia; designate Tuscumbia Wildlife Management Area as.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 769. On motion of Rep. Weathersby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Criswell, Huddleston, Read, Robinson. Total-5.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Weathersby called up:

H. B. No. 846: Sixteenth Section land; revise zoning authority of local governing entities to prohibit restrictions on school districts' ability to build on said lands.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 846.** On motion of Rep. Weathersby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--103.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Crudup, Currie, Huddleston, Ladner, Newman, Robinson, Rushing, Smith. Total-8.

Present--Stamps. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Weathersby called up:

H. B. No. 874: MS Dept. of Archives and History property; authorize DFA to clarify donation of certain lands in Claiborne County to U.S. Dept. of Interior - National Park Service.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 874.** On motion of Rep. Weathersby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Creekmore, Currie, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-5.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Weathersby called up:

H. B. No. 876: Columbia Training School Property; clarify purposes for which the Marion County Economic Development District may be reimbursed.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 876.** On motion of Rep. Weathersby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson, Sanders. Total-3.

Present--Anderson, J. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Weathersby called up:

H. B. No. 877: USM; clarify authority to enter into insurance agreement for protection of property at the state port at Gulfport.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 877.** On motion of Rep. Weathersby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson. Total-2.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Weathersby called up:

H. B. No. 904: Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District; authorize to transfer Kemper Lake to Kemper County Board of Supervisors.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 904.** On motion of Rep. Weathersby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Weathersby called up:

H. B. No. 923: Bob Tyler Fish Hatchery; designate the fish hatchery located in North Mississippi as.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 923.** On motion of Rep. Weathersby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson. Total-2.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Weathersby called up:

H. B. No. 1286: Alcorn University Extension Annex; rename the "Dr. Jesse Harness, Sr., Extension and Research Center".

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1286. On motion of Rep. Weathersby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Lamar, Robinson. Total-3.

Present--Harness. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Rushing called up:

H. B. No. 556: "Property Clean up Revolving Fund"; establish.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 556. On motion of Rep. Rushing the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--106.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Guice, Huddleston, Ladner, Robinson, Rushing. Total-6.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--67

Rep. Rushing called up:

H. B. No. 693: Aldermen and councilmen; increase the maximum amount of surety bond that may be given by.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 693.** On motion of Rep. Rushing the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, B, Clarke, Criswell, Rosebud. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Rushing called up:

H. B. No. 920: Radar; clarify how population is calculated.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 31 by striking "July 1, 2023" and inserting in lieu thereof: "its passage"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 920.** On motion of Rep. Rushing the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Busby, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--86.

Nays--Anthony, Bailey, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, C, Burnett, Clark, Criswell, Denton, Evans, B, Gibbs, K, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horne, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Osborne, Owen, Powell, Straughter, Walker, Williamson. Total--24.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Byrd, Felsher, Huddleston, Robinson, Scott, Summers. Total-7.

Present--Brown, B, Crudup, Porter. Total--3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Morgan called up:

H. B. No. 287: Mississippi Forestry Commission; authorize to electronically accept bids for timber sales.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 287.** On motion of Rep. Morgan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Huddleston, Kinkade, Robinson. Total-4.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Byrd called up:

H. B. No. 1194: County boards of supervisors; authorize donations to MS Main Street programs and civil rights memorials.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES ARNOLD, BAIN, BARNETT, BELL D, BYRD, CALVERT, CARPENTER, CREEKMORE, EVANS M, FELSHER, GOODIN, HALE, HOLLOWAY, HOOD, HORAN, KINKADE, LADNER, LANCASTER, MCCARTY, MILES, OWEN, PIGOTT, POWELL, ROBERSON, RUSHING, SANFORD, STEVERSON, STRAUGHTER, TUBB, TULLOS AND WATSON:

AMEND by inserting the following language after line 281:

SECTION 2. (1) There is established the 2023 Supplementary Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program to be administered by the Department of Insurance for the purpose of assisting counties and municipalities in the acquisition of fire trucks. The 2023 Supplementary Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program is in addition to the rural fire truck acquisition assistance program established in Section 17-23-1 or any other program by which counties and municipalities acquire fire trucks.

(2) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "2023 Supplementary Rural Fire Truck Fund" which shall consist of funds appropriated or otherwise made available by the Legislature in any manner, and funds from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. Monies in the fund shall be used for the purpose of assisting counties and municipalities in the acquisition of fire trucks. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall lapse into the State General Fund.

(3) (a) A county that meets the requirements provided herein may receive an amount of not more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) per fire truck for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending July 1, 2024. Monies distributed under this section shall be expended only for the purchase of new fire trucks and such trucks must meet the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards in the 1900 series.

(b) The board of supervisors of the county shall submit its request for the receipt of monies to the Department of Insurance. A committee composed of the Commissioner of Insurance, the State Fire Coordinator, the Director of the Rating Bureau and the Director of the State Fire Academy shall review the requests by the boards of supervisors and shall determine whether the county or municipality for which the board of supervisors has requested a truck meets the requirements of eligibility under this section.

(c) To be eligible to receive monies under this section:

(i) A county or municipality must pledge to set aside or dedicate each year as matching funds, for a period not to extend over ten (10) years, local funds in an amount equal to or not less than one-tenth (1/10) of the amount of monies for which it is requesting distribution from the 2023 Supplementary Rural Fire Truck Fund, which pledged monies may be derived from local ad valorem tax authorized by law or from any other funds available to the county or municipality, except for those funds received by municipalities or counties from the Municipal Fire Protection Fund or the County Volunteer Fire Department Fund, as defined in Sections 83-1-37 and 83-1-39.

(ii) A municipality must provide adequate documentation of its contract with the county that requires the municipality to provide fire protection in rural areas. The term "rural areas" means any area within the county located outside the boundaries of an incorporated municipality or any incorporated municipality with a population of two thousand five hundred (2,500) or less.

(iii) A county or a municipality, designated by the county, must have exhausted all rounds of applications for fire trucks available to it under Section 17-23-1.

(d) The Department of Insurance shall maintain an accurate record of all monies distributed to counties and municipalities and the number of fire trucks purchased and the cost for each fire truck, such records to be kept separate from other records of the Department of Insurance; notify counties and municipalities of the 2023 Supplementary Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program and the requirements for them to become eligible to participate; adopt and promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary and desirable to implement the provisions of this section; and file with the Legislature a report detailing how monies made available under this section were distributed and spent in each county and municipality, the number of fire trucks purchased, the counties and municipalities making such purchases and the cost of each fire truck purchased.

AMEND further on line 282 by striking the figure "2" and inserting in lieu thereof: 3

AMEND further on line 283 by striking the word "October" and by inserting in lieu thereof: July

AMEND title to conform

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1194**. On motion of Rep. Byrd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young. Total--106.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Denton, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Horne, Huddleston, Karriem, Robinson, Zuber. Total-6.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--75

Rep. Byrd called up:

H. B. No. 1211: Counties and municipalities; authorize to enter into certain agreement when utilizing certain federal funds.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Brown C:

AMEND after line 71 the following language: "Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 19-5-22, if the tax collector determines that the delinquency notice attached to the person attempting to be issued or renew a motor vehicle road and bridge privilege license is a result of the previous owner of the property who allowed the garbage fees to accrue and become delinquent, then such tax collector may issue or renew the person's motor vehicle road and bridge privilege license."
AMEND title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1211.** On motion of Rep. Byrd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Morgan, Robinson, Watson. Total-4.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Byrd called up:

H. B. No. 857: Local Government Debt Collection Setoff Act; clarify term of "claimant local government" under.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 857.** On motion of Rep. Byrd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Mangold, Owen, Robinson. Total-4.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--59

Representative Mims entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1392: MS Vulnerable Persons Abuse Registry; require Department of Human Services to establish.

Representative Summers entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 363: Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce; technical amendments related to certain powers and duties.

Representative Karriem entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1194: County boards of supervisors; authorize donations to MS Main Street programs and civil rights memorials.

Representative Evans (91st) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Devin Wayne Mullins, which motion prevailed.

Representative Zuber moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Robert J. "Big Rob" Simmons, Sr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Currie moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Judy Martin, which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of William "Mike" Evans, Miriam White, Annie Bell Hall, Hugh Haralson, III, Roy McCrory, Mozell Massey, Lawrence Aubrey Rigby, Ruthie Clarice Wicker, Authula Crout, Robert Kilcrease, Alonzo Neal, Bobby B. Wilkerson, Jeanette Bates, Doris Bishop, Loretta Palmer, Lora Crapps, Roger L. Renfrow, Bonnie Harmon, Janie Hall, Peggy Risher, Willie Bradley Wolverton, Barbara Forsythe, Johnnie Sue Sims, The Honorable Vernon White, Rheba Jo Howell, Mary Jo Miller, Charles William "Billy" Coward, Roy Stewart, Linda Diane Hornback, The Honorable Jerry Bustin, and Paul David Grogan, which motion prevailed.

Representative Evans (91st) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Devin Wayne Mullins, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bounds moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Peggy W. Dees, which motion prevailed.

Representative Sanders moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Joseph Grafton Barnes, which motion prevailed.

Representative Karriem moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jessie James Petty, which motion prevailed.

At 3:47 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Thursday, February 2, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWENTY-THIRD DAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023

(THIRTY-FIRST CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Reverend David Long, Mantachie First Baptist Church.

Rep. Boyd (19th) led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Representative Clark introduced special guests, the Holmes County Central High School Singers and Director Pierrdro Gallion.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Huddleston and Robinson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2338: Municipal waterworks; ensure just, reasonable and transparent billing in.

S. B. No. 2390: Executive Director of the State Veterans Affairs Board; appointed by Governor with advice and consent of Senate.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2120: Firearms; authorize law enforcement officers to purchase at fair market value upon retirement.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2011: Sales tax; exempt motor vehicle transfers to and from trusts, corporations, partnerships and limited liability companies.

S. B. No. 2102: Impending emergency excavation; define, establish advance notice requirements and require premarking for.

S. B. No. 2103: Definitions and penalties regarding regulation of gasoline and petroleum products; extend repealer on.

S. B. No. 2104: Mississippi Gulf Coast Region Utility Act; extend repealer on.

S. B. No. 2122: Bribery of a public official; increase statute of limitations to 5 years.

S. B. No. 2127: Terroristic threats; revise elements of.

S. B. No. 2139: Mississippi USA Semiquincentennial Commission and Mississippi Semiquincentennial Celebration Fund; create.

S. B. No. 2199: County prosecuting attorney; clarify authorization to defend persons in criminal prosecutions in any other county.

S. B. No. 2227: Federal Home Loan Banks; provide certain rights and procedures regarding collateral.

S. B. No. 2228: Pet insurance; establish provisions for the sale and renewal of policies.

S. B. No. 2245: Sale of seized weapons; authorize use of proceeds to purchase equipment.

S. B. No. 2282: Pseudoephedrine; delete the automatic repealer on the provision that authorizes the distribution of.

S. B. No. 2337: Conspiracy; revise statute of limitations.

S. B. No. 2353: Elections; increase wage range for poll workers.

S. B. No. 2382: Out-of-state lawyers; required to disclose whether licensed to practice law in Mississippi in television ads.

S. B. No. 2444: ARPA programs; bring forward provisions related to for possible amendment.

S. B. No. 2448: Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize for supporters of the Magnolia Speech School.

S. B. No. 2454: Budget; bring forward code sections related to and provide for transfers.

S. B. No. 2492: Electric vehicle charging; allow by non-utilities while maintaining consumer protections.

S. B. No. 2511: Destination marketing organizations; bring forward provision related to.

S. B. No. 2524: Sixteenth Section land; authorize long-term contracts for sale of certain forest products.

S. B. No. 2526: Pat Harrison Waterway District; authorize municipalities to join.

S. B. No. 2543: Chronic wasting disease; bring forward code sections for the purpose of possible amendment.

S. B. No. 2556: Qualifications for appointment as a conservation officer; clarify.

S. B. No. 2595: ARPA Workforce Development and Retention Act; provide expiration date of grant funds.

S. B. No. 2597: Mississippi Comprehensive Workforce Training and Education Consolidation Act of 2004; extend repealer on.

S. B. No. 2608: United States Space Force; references to "Armed Forces" in Mississippi law shall include members of.

S. B. No. 2613: Nonemergency transportation providers; extend date by which providers may provide service without a permit.

S. B. No. 2616: Real Estate Commission; decrease fees charged by.

S. B. No. 2617: Fire insurance policies; exclude provisions related thereto from applying to builders' risk policies.

S. B. No. 2622: Mississippi Prior Authorization Reform Act; enact.

S. B. No. 2623: Mississippi State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan Task Force; establish.

S. B. No. 2663: Mississippi Historic Site Preservation Fund; revise grant eligibility and require annual report.

S. B. No. 2703: Driver's license fees; waive for applicants in MDCPS custody.

S. B. No. 2734: County boards of supervisors; permit to expend federal funds during the last term of office of such board.

S. B. No. 2736: Endow Mississippi Program tax credits; extend time period for authorization.

S. B. No. 2810: Office of Workforce Development; amend certain provisions relating to.

S. B. No. 2841: Law enforcement officers & fire fighters death benefits black tag; authorize black version of regular tag.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

Rep. Mims called up:

H. B. No. 1392: MS Vulnerable Persons Abuse Registry; require Department of Human Services to establish.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES MIMS AND SANFORD:

AMEND by deleting Section 1 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
"SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section 43-47-41, Mississippi Code of 1972:

43-47-41. (1) The Department of Human Services shall, in addition to any other duties required by law, establish and maintain a registry, to be known as the Mississippi Vulnerable Persons Abuse Registry, which shall contain the names of any individual who has been convicted of the crime of abuse, neglect or exploitation of a vulnerable person under this chapter.

(2) The Department of Human Services shall establish and enforce reasonable rules governing the custody, use, and preservation of the records of abuse, neglect or exploitation of a vulnerable person used in maintaining the registry.

(3) The crime for which an individual was convicted under this chapter shall be confidential and shall not be used or disclosed for any purpose other than the following:

(a) A care facility as required by subsection (6) of this section; and

(b) A member of the public as allowed by subsection (7) of this section.

(4) (a) A court of competent jurisdiction shall notify the Department of Human Services of any criminal conviction that arises out of a violation of this chapter.

(b) The Department of Human Services shall adopt rules and regulations that prescribe the process for notifying the department as required by this subsection (4). The rules shall include a requirement that documentation verifying the conviction be submitted to the department.

(5) (a) Upon receiving the notification described in subsection (4) of this section, the Department of Human Services, in addition to entering the individual's name and address on the Mississippi Vulnerable Persons Abuse Registry, shall also enter any information relating to the offense or offenses for which the individual was convicted.

(b) The individual's information, once entered on the registry, shall remain on the registry even if the individual fulfills the obligations of any criminal sentencing against that individual, except as provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection (5).

(c) The Department of Human Services shall adopt rules providing a process by which an individual's name and information may be removed from the Mississippi Vulnerable Persons Abuse Registry.

(6) A care facility shall query the Mississippi Vulnerable Persons Abuse Registry with regard to an individual who is an employee or prospective employee of the facility to confirm whether the individual has been convicted of a crime of abuse, neglect or exploitation under this chapter.

(7) (a) Any member of the public may request permission from the Department of Human Services to query the Mississippi Vulnerable Persons Abuse Registry regarding hiring a caretaker or a person who will be in a position of trust or authority to a vulnerable person.

(b) The Department of Human Services shall promulgate rules and regulations governing the method of request and access to the Mississippi Vulnerable Persons Abuse Registry by a member of the public regarding hiring a caretaker or a person who will be in a position of trust or authority to a vulnerable person. The rules shall require a member of the public who is requesting access to the registry to declare in writing the purpose for which they are requesting access, and to provide their own name and address and the name and address of the vulnerable person.

(c) A member of the public requesting access to query the registry shall only be given access for a limited time as determined by the Department of Human Services."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1392**. On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.
Total--113.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Clark, Huddleston, Hulum, Read, Robinson, Scott. Total-7.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--57

Representative Pigott called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 363**: (Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce; technical amendments related to certain powers and duties.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Byrd called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1194**: (County boards of supervisors; authorize donations to MS Main Street programs and civil rights memorials.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. C. R. No. 18: Salem Missionary Baptist Church; commend upon 157th anniversary of.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Huddleston, Hulum, Robinson, Scott. Total-5.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Creekmore IV called up:

H. R. No. 34: Dr. Sam Creekmore III; commend stellar medical service and his commitment to New Albany residents.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 540: Personal and professional services; require the Department of Finance and Administration to conduct solicitations of for certain agencies.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 540. On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford,

Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Hulum, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 602: District Attorneys; increase the operating allowance of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 602.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, McLeod, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Eubanks, Huddleston, Hulum, Paden, Robinson. Total-6.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 834: Assistant District Attorneys and criminal investigators; increase authorized number of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 834.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker,

Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Currie, Huddleston, Hulm, Robinson. Total-5.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 1056: School employees; revise rate for payment for unused leave to unlicensed employees upon retirement.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1056.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett, Eure, Huddleston, Hulm, Robinson, Zuber. Total-6.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 1089: State budget; revise provisions of several FY 23 bills and create special funds.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1089.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps,

Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Huddleston, Hulum, Owen, Robinson. Total-5.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1168: Municipal special sales tax; revise use of revenue for certain.

Rep. Summers moved to lay on table, which motion lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Miles, Paden, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--35.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Zuber. Total--75.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Denton, Harness, Huddleston, Hulum, Osborne, Porter, Robinson, Yates. Total-9.

Present--Burnett. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--56

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Summers:

AMEND on line 125 by inserting the following: Once the federal money is received by the City of Jackson, the revenue will be redirected back and used.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Eubanks, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCarty, McCray, Mickens, Miles, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Yates, Young. Total--45.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rushing, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Zuber. Total--70.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, R, Huddleston, Hulum, Robinson, Sanford. Total-5.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Johnson:

AMEND on line 119 by striking the language after the period, through the period on line 125.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Miles, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--40.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Zuber. Total--74.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Hulum, Ladner, Reynolds, Robinson, Yates. Total-6.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1168**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--76.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Miles, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--41.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Hulum, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Representative Summers entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the foregoing bill passed.

At 12:03 PM on motion of Rep. Massengill the House recessed until 2:00 PM.

At 2:06 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been laid on the table subject to call:

H. B. No. 1170: Motor vehicles and manufactured homes; authorize Department of Revenue to issue electronic liens and titles.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1170.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Huddleston, Hulum, Kinkade, Robinson, Summers, Young. Total-7.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been laid on the table subject to call:

H. B. No. 850: School ad valorem tax levy; authorize levying authority for certain districts to approve/disapprove request for certain increases.

Rep. Wallace moved to withdraw amendment No. 1. which motion prevailed.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 850.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Evans, M, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rushing, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--73.

Nays--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Banks, Bell, C, Bennett, Blackmon, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Eure, Evans, B, Faulkner, Felsher, Goodin, Harness, Hines, Johnson, Karriem, McCarty, Miles, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--39.

Absent or those not voting--Hood, Huddleston, Hulum, Reynolds, Robinson. Total-5.

Present--Bailey, Foster, Holloway. Total--3.
Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 735: Retailer Tax Fairness Act; create.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 735. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Scott, Straughter. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Faulkner, Hines, Huddleston, Hulm, Johnson, Robinson, Summers. Total--7.

Present--Evans, B, Paden. Total--2.
Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--67

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 334: Motor vehicle; revise requirements for scrapping, dismantling or destroying when owner does not have title in his or her name.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Johnson:

AMEND on line 251 by inserting ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023" before the period.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 334. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill,

McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--103.

Nays--Arnold, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, B, Calvert, Felsher, Huddleston, Hulum, Paden, Robinson. Total-7.

Present--Rosebud. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Lamar called up for consideration the following bill and was read for the third time:

H. B. No. 1020: Capitol Complex Improvement District courts; authorize.

Rep. Weathersby called up:

H. B. No. 917: Mississippi Worker's Comp commission office building; place under the supervision and care of DFA.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Weathersby:

AMEND on line 110 by inserting before the period, the following:
", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 917.** On motion of Rep. Weathersby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Hulum, Paden, Robinson, Summers.
Total-5.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Rushing called up:

H. B. No. 894: Violations of local zoning ordinances; authorize governing authorities to pursue administrative or civil penalties for.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 894.** On motion of Rep. Rushing the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--104.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Ladner, Owen, Williamson. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Goodin, Guice, Huddleston, Hulum, Robinson, Summers. Total-6.

Present--Karriem. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Cockerham called up:

H. B. No. 485: Sexual assault evidence kit; regulate the processing of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 485.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Hulum, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Cockerham called up:

H. B. No. 1111: County court jurisdiction for termination of parental rights; authorize for both involuntary and voluntary termination.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1111. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B. Anderson, J. Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C. Bell, D. Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A. Boyd, R. Brown, B. Brown, C. Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M. Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J. Ford, K. Foster, Gibbs, K. Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Ladner. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Hulum, Robinson, Summers. Total-4.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Cockerham called up:

H. B. No. 1318: Baby drop-off and safe haven; revise provisions that regulate.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1318. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B. Anderson, J. Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C. Bell, D. Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A. Boyd, R. Brown, C. Burnett, Busby, Calvert, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B. Evans, M. Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J. Ford, K. Foster, Gibbs, K. Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Byrd, Carpenter, Huddleston, Hulum, Kinkade, Powell, Robinson, Summers. Total-8.

Present--Brown, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--55

Rep. Cockerham called up:

H. B. No. 1149: Path to permanency; provide for children in Child Protection Services.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1149.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Hulum, Robinson, Zuber. Total-4.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 1315: Pornographic media materials; regulate access to minors and require age verification.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1315.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Barton, Felsher, Huddleston, Hulum, McCarty, Morgan, Robinson. Total-7.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 1341: Digital or online resources or databases; require vendors to verify technology protection for persons under 15.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bain:

AMEND on lines 33 and 130 by deleting "for use by a person under fifteen (15) years of age".

AMEND FURTHER on lines 35, 36, 124 and 133 by deleting "under fifteen (15) years of age".

AMEND FURTHER the title on line 7 by deleting "UNDER FIFTEEN YEARS OF AGE".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1341.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Hulum, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 1371: Therapists; create a felony for those who have sexual contact with patients.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1371.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Patterson,

Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Yates. Total--62.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Clark, Clarke, Criswell, Crudup, Denton, Eubanks, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCarty, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williamson, Yancey, Young. Total--47.

Absent or those not voting--Barton, Felsher, Huddleston, Hulum, Ladner, Miles, Robinson, Rushing, Zuber. Total-9.

Present--Evans, B, Horne. Total--2.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--55

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 1139: Simple assault; authorize judicial discretion when assessing fines.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1139.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Hulum, Robinson, Summers. Total-4.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bennett called up:

H. B. No. 1365: Assistant teacher salaries; prohibit school districts from using any state-funded increase to substitute the local contribution.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES BENNETT, FELSHER, MCCARTY, MILES, OWEN AND READ:

AMEND on line 120 by striking "2022-2023" and inserting in lieu thereof: "2023-2024".
AMEND further on line 120 by striking "\$17,000.00" and inserting in lieu thereof: "\$20,000.00".
Further, amend the title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1365. On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Hulum, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bennett called up:

H. B. No. 1369: MAEP; determine cost of using Average Daily Membership (ADM) in lieu of ADA with 90% threshold attendance trigger.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1369. On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Hulum, Newman, Robinson. Total-4.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bennett called up:

H. B. No. 1373: "Released-Time Moral Instruction Act of 2023"; enact to permit students to receive religious instruction during the school day.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Yates:

AMEND by striking lines 52 through 64 and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "(6) Any pupil who does not participate in the released-time moral instruction shall remain in school during the time when the instruction is being given, and shall continue in the regular course of study by taking any academic or elective course as decided upon by the student, his or her parent and the professional school counselor for the instruction of that pupil for the duration of each academic year."

AMEND further on line 33 by inserting after the word "education" the following: "which adopt such released-time moral instruction policy".

AMEND title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1373. On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B. Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--105.

Nays--Anderson, J, Banks, McCray, Summers. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Hulum, Kinkade, Powell, Robinson, Young. Total-6.

Present--Brown, B, Faulkner, Hines, Porter, Stamps. Total--5.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--55

Rep. Bennett called up:

H. B. No. 1390: Abstinence education; delete repealer on school board requirement to adopt a policy on abstinence-only or abstinence-plus.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1390. On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford,

Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Hulum, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bennett called up:

H. B. No. 1173: EEF procurement cards; authorize issuance to eligible charter school teachers.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1173. On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--97.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Clarke, Hines, Johnson, Karriem, Summers, Thompson, Watson. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Bell, C, Calvert, Clark, Faulkner, Huddleston, Hulum, Miles, Paden, Robinson, Scott, Young. Total-11.

Present--Crudup, Porter, Stamps. Total--3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--53

Rep. Cockerham called up:

H. B. No. 1155: Residential subdivisions; authorize property owners to establish and/or amend covenants, conditions and restrictions.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Lamar:

AMEND on line 21 by inserting after "owners," the following:

"provided that each plat of real property shall only be entitled to one (1) vote without regard to the number of individuals who possess an ownership interest in such property,".

AMEND further on line 75 by inserting before the period the following:

", and further provided that each plat of real property shall only be entitled to one (1) vote in any such election to establish or amend covenants, conditions and restrictions of the subdivision without regard to the number of individuals who possess an ownership interest in such property."

Further, amend the title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1155. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Huddleston, Hulum, Robinson, Summers. Total-5.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Rushing called up:

H. B. No. 1159: Pat Harrison Waterway District; authorize municipalities to join.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1159. On motion of Rep. Rushing the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--McCarty, Morgan, Owen, Pigott. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Busby, Hobgood-Wilkes, Huddleston, Hulum, Robinson, Williamson. Total-7.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 903: Counties and municipalities; revise fine amount that may be paid by those convicted of violating anti-littering ordinance.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 903. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--103.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Ladner, Owen, Williamson, Yancey. Total--10.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Huddleston, Hulum, McLeod, Robinson, Tubb. Total-7.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 840: State Public Defender; revise certain powers and duties of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 840.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Hulum, Lamar, Morgan, Robinson. Total-5.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Busby called up:

H. B. No. 566: Headlights; require to be used whenever windshield wipers necessitated.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 566.** On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yates, Young. Total--85.

Nays--Banks, Barnett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Currie, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Johnson, Karriem, McLean, McLeod, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Taylor, Williamson, Yancey. Total--21.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, B, Calvert, Crawford, Felsher, Ford, K, Hines, Huddleston, Hulum, McKnight, Oliver, Robinson, Summers, Zuber. Total-13.

Present--Stamps. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--53

Rep. Busby called up:

H. B. No. 824: MDOT; authorize to assist publicly owned gas and water districts with certain removal and relocation projects.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 824.** On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young. Total--111.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Barton, Bennett, Eure, Felsher, Hines, Huddleston, Hulum, Robinson, Zuber. Total-9.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Busby called up:

H. B. No. 1002: Petroleum Products Inspection Law; delete repealer on.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Massengill:

AMEND by striking lines 301 and 415 in their entirety.
AMEND title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1002**. On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Currie, Holloway, Huddleston, Hulum, Robinson, Summers. Total-7.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Busby called up:

H. B. No. 986: Transportation; allow public and private partnerships to establish electric vehicle charging stations.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 986**. On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--103.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, McLeod, Newman, Owen, Williamson. Total--10.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Currie, Huddleston, Hulum, Ladner, McCray, Robinson. Total-7.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Arnold called up:

H. B. No. 691: Memorial highway; designate a portion of U.S. Highway 45 in Wayne County, MS, as the "Army Sergeant Eric C. Newman Memorial Highway."

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 691.** On motion of Rep. Arnold the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Hulum, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Arnold called up:

H. B. No. 703: "Medal of Honor Trail"; designate portion of Interstate 22 and U.S. Highway 78 within the State of Mississippi as.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 703.** On motion of Rep. Arnold the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hines, Huddleston, Hulum, Johnson, Robinson. Total-5.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Arnold called up:

H. B. No. 1016: Memorial highway; designate segment of MS Hwy 8 in Chickasaw County as the "Deputy Jeremy Allen Voyles Memorial Highway".

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1016.** On motion of Rep. Arnold the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Hulum, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Arnold called up:

H. B. No. 1017: Memorial intersection; designate intersection of U.S. 45 and CR 110 in Clarke County as the "Army Specialist Terry Kishaun Dantez Gordon Memorial Intersection".

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1017.** On motion of Rep. Arnold the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Hulum, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Arnold called up:

H. B. No. 1244: Memorial highway; designate a segment of MS Highway 365 in Prentiss County as the "Howard Tillman Bobo Memorial Highway".

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1244.** On motion of Rep. Arnold the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Hulum, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Arnold called up:

H. B. No. 1245: Memorial highway; designate a segment of MS Highway 364 in Prentiss County as the "James Millard Jourdan Memorial Highway".

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1245.** On motion of Rep. Arnold the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Hulum, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Busby called up:

H. B. No. 1246: Memorial highway; designate a segment of MS Highway 365 in Prentiss County as the "Leland L. Holland Memorial Highway".

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1246. On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Hulum, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. C. R. No. 18: Salem Missionary Baptist Church; commend upon 157th anniversary of.

H. R. No. 34: Dr. Sam Creekmore III; commend stellar medical service and his commitment to New Albany residents.

Representative Eubanks entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1371: Therapists; create a felony for those who have sexual contact with patients.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Tommy Bates, Betty Wade, Paul David Crawford, David "Puncho" Wilkerson, Patsy Jones, Jessie Axel Russell, Margaret Upton, Shelia Warren, Billy Hood, Travis Haralson, Kenneth Tucker, Tina Harrell, Ricky Fuller, Jr. , Jerry Turner, Mavis Nowell, Wanda Ray, and Von Dell Norton, which motion prevailed.

Representative Oliver moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Barbara Jean Miller, which motion prevailed.

At 3:56 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, February 3, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWENTY-FOURTH DAY, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2023

(THIRTY-SECOND CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Gene Newman.

Rep. Newman led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Huddleston and Robinson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. C. R. No. 5: Carlton D. "Corky" Palmer; honor the life and legacy of upon his passing.

H. C. R. No. 10: Former Representative Noal Akins; honor life and legacy upon his passing.

H. C. R. No. 15: Bay Springs High School Football Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 1A State Championship.

S. C. R. No. 540: Expressing support for the Town of Mantee to unofficially designate itself as "The Epicenter of the Natchez Trace."

S. C. R. No. 542: Commend Dr. Roy J. Duhe for colon cancer initiatives at UMMC.

S. C. R. No. 543: Mourn the passing of Dr. Chester D. Gaston, Jr., of Gulfport, respected member of the MS Board of Psychology.

S. C. R. No. 544: Designate "Delta Gamma Fraternity Day" in Mississippi in Commemoration of Sesquicentennial celebration.

S. C. R. No. 545: Designate April 23-29, 2023, as "National Crime Victims' Week in Mississippi" and April 28, 2023, as a "Day of Prayer".

S. C. R. No. 546: Commend Brookhaven Academy "Lady Cougars" Softball Team for back-to-back MAIS 5A State Championships.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2018: Sales tax; remove tax on wholesale sales of beer.

S. B. No. 2075: Birth certificate; adoptee may obtain certified copy of original after age 21.

S. B. No. 2164: Real property owned by school districts; allow to be sold for development.

S. B. No. 2202: Child support; create presumption that support continues past the age of majority for a disabled child.

S. B. No. 2203: Public land in Rankin County; authorize DFA to assign property to state agencies and establish new Veterans Nursing Home.

S. B. No. 2297: Forensics laboratory; require approval of model of intoxilyzer equipment that is readily available to law enforcement agencies.

S. B. No. 2306: Flood and drainage control districts; revise number of directors for certain municipalities.

S. B. No. 2309: MS Department of Archives and History property; add parcel known as "The Old Magnolia Church" for transfer to U.S. Park Service.

S. B. No. 2360: Agricultural high schools; revise board membership.

S. B. No. 2446: Appropriations; revise certain transfers, fund authority, and FY2023 appropriations.

S. B. No. 2482: Motor vehicles; allow Department of Revenue to transmit liens and receive lien satisfactions electronically.

S. B. No. 2486: Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Act and the Mississippi Uniform Agents Act; bring forward sections.

S. B. No. 2538: Mississippi Regional Pre-Need Disaster Clean Up Act; create.

S. B. No. 2548: Motor vehicles; clarify that vehicle length restrictions are the same for day and night operation.

S. B. No. 2581: Commission on College Accreditation; revise technical provision related thereto.

S. B. No. 2590: Mississippi State University authority to lease property for public-private partnership student housing; increase term.

S. B. No. 2615: Contract personnel; authorize to purchase base plan of the State and School Employees' Health Insurance Plan.

S. B. No. 2678: Department of Child Protection Services; separate agency from the Department of Human Services.

S. B. No. 2696: Income tax credit for qualified adoption expenses; increase amount for Mississippi children and remove CPS requirement.

S. B. No. 2697: Oil and gas severance taxes; extend repealers on lower rate for production from horizontally drilled wells.

S. B. No. 2749: School board members; increase pay.

S. B. No. 2839: Public Improvement District Act; amend to allow municipality to perform duties and exercise powers in certain circumstances.

S. B. No. 2844: Bureau of Fleet Management; revise duties thereof.

S. B. No. 2851: Technology-based capital assistance programs; revise certain terms and amounts of assistance.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1496: (Representative Lamar) Appropriation; MDA for Mississippi Main Street Association to increase training opportunities and statewide marketing. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1497: (Representative Lamar) Appropriation; MEMA to update its current drone fleet by replacing them with US-made drones. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1498: (Representative Harness) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Jefferson County with replacement of a bridge on Block Foster Road. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1499: (Representative Harness) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Jefferson County with replacement of a bridge on January Road. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1500: (Representative Harness) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Jefferson County with reconstruction of a segment of McBride Road/State Route 552. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1501: (Representative Harness) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Claiborne County with road improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1502: (Representative Harness) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Claiborne County with improvement to recreational facilities. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1503: (Representative Harness) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Claiborne County with security improvements to county law enforcement and detention facilities. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1504: (Representative Harness) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Claiborne County with improvements to county library building. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1505: (Representative Harness) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Claiborne County with implementation of a county stormwater management program. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1506: (Representative Harness) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Jefferson County with drainage improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1507: (Representative Harness) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Jefferson County Hospital with operation and maintenance expenses. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1508: (Representative Evans (91st)) Income tax; exclude forgiven, cancelled or discharged federal student loan debt from definition of "gross income". Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1509: (Representatives Horan, Reynolds) City of Grenada; extend repealer on tourism tax. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1510: (Representative Lamar) Appropriation; MDA for funding WISPR Systems in Batesville for R&D to expand its drone manufacturing capabilities. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1511: (Representative Thompson) Appropriation; City of Tupelo to develop a Class II rubbish site. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1512: (Representative Thompson) Appropriation; City of Tupelo to make upgrades to Mitchell Road to bring it up to city standards. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1513: (Representative Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Lee County with rail spur cross drain replacement at Turner Industrial Park. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1514: (Representative Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Guntown with widening of and other improvements to Sides Street and Long Street. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1515: (Representative Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Tupelo with repair and renovation of a building for the city's police department. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1516: (Representative Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Tupelo with construction of a new fire station. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1517: (Representative Tullos) Appropriation; Administrative Office of Courts for increasing compensation of staff attorneys employed by. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1518: (Representative Faulkner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Holly Springs with construction of a wellness and aquatics center. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1519: (Representatives Clark, Bell (65th), Brown (70th), Clarke, Banks, Summers, Foster, Crudup) Appropriation; Hinds County for repair of the Jackson Detention Center. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1520: (Representatives Bell (65th), Clarke, Banks, Foster, Summers, Brown (70th), Crudup) Appropriation; City of Jackson to construct a parking lot for the Jackson Convention Center. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1521: (Representatives Yancey, Stamps) City of Brandon; extend repealer on tax on sales of prepared food and drink at restaurants and bars. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1522: (Representative Paden) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Coahoma County with restriping and overlay of a portion of Friars Point Road. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1523: (Representatives Huddleston, Creekmore IV, Lancaster, Massengill) Appropriation; City of Pontotoc for relocating fire station. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1524: (Representative Summers) Income tax; provide a credit for taxpayers who claim a federal child income tax credit. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1525: (Representative Summers) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Refill Jackson Initiative with updating facilities and offering additional training opportunities. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1526: (Representative Summers) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Amiable Arts Foundation with increasing access to performing arts instruction for students. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1527: (Representatives Huddleston, Creekmore IV, Lancaster, Massengill) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Pontotoc with relocating fire station. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1528: (Representatives Massengill, Faulkner) Benton County; authorize to contract with and/or contribute to the Institute of Community Services, Inc. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1529: (Representative Deweese) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Lafayette County with certain road and bridge projects. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1530: (Representative Deweese) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Oxford with repair and renovation of building for city's police department. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1531: (Representative Sanders) Bonds; authorize issuance for various projects in Bolivar County. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1532: (Representative Sanders) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Towns of Pace and Benoit with park improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1533: (Representatives Sanders, Hines) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Rosedale with downtown improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1534: (Representative Creekmore IV) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to the Union County Courthouse. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1535: (Representative Creekmore IV) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of New Albany with signage project. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1536: (Representative Creekmore IV) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of New Albany with central business district improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1537: (Representative Byrd) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of a new Career Technology Education building at Forrest County Agricultural High School. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1538: (Representative Byrd) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to Petal School District Central Office building. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1539: (Representatives Boyd (37th), McLean) Lowndes County; authorize to lease certain county property to Palmer Home for Children. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1540: (Representative Reynolds) Town of Coffeerville; authorize a tax on restaurants to provide funds for tourism, parks and recreation. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1541: (Representatives Reynolds, Stamps) Tallahatchie County; authorize conveyance of public library to the Town of Webb. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1542: (Representatives Reynolds, Stamps) Tallahatchie County; authorize conveyance of public library to the Town of Tutwiler. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1543: (Representative Hobgood-Wilkes) Appropriation; Health Department for design and construction of Emergency Medical Services Memorial. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1544: (Representatives Kinkade, Barnett, Goodin, Hale, Mangold, Morgan, Pigott) Appropriation; Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1545: (Representatives Holloway, Foster, Kinkade, McLean, Sanford, Weathersby) Appropriation; Commission on Education and Economic Competitiveness. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1546: (Representative Newman) Appropriation; CPS to fund the Pregnancy Resources Grant Program. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1547: (Representative Busby) City of Pascagoula; extend repealer on hotel, motel and bed-and-breakfast tax. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1548: (Representative Harness) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Jefferson County with replacement of a bridge on Brown Road. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1549: (Representatives Banks, Stamps, Bell (65th), Clarke, Brown (70th), Crudup, Foster, Holloway, McCray, Yates) Appropriation; Jackson Redevelopment Authority for the Farish Street Forward Redevelopment Initiative. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1550: (Representatives Banks, Bell (65th), Clarke, Brown (70th), Crudup, Foster, Holloway, Yates) Appropriation; Jackson Redevelopment Authority for the Union Station Renewed Gateway Redevelopment Initiative. Appropriations.

H. C. R. No. 35: (Representatives Deweese, Bain, Brown (20th), Calvert, Gunn, Hopkins, Horan, Lamar, Massengill, Porter, Williamson, Zuber, Stamps) Ole Miss Baseball Team; commend for winning the 2022 NCAA Baseball National Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 35: (Representative Pigott) Jacqueline Ervin; commend for being crowned Miss Rodeo Mississippi 2023. Rules.

H. R. No. 36: (Representative Pigott) Kennadee Riggs; congratulate on being crowned Miss Rodeo America 2023. Rules.

H. R. No. 37: (Representatives Miles, Banks) Attorney Constance Slaughter-Harvey; commend and honor historic legacy as a living legal icon. Rules.

H. R. No. 38: (Representative McGee) Honorable Thomas Edward (Tom) King, Jr.; commend stellar career as Southern District Transportation Commissioner upon his retirement. Rules.

H. R. No. 39: (Representative Felsher) Crime Victim's Rights Week; designate April 23-29, 2023, as in Mississippi. Rules.

H. R. No. 40: (Representative Wallace) Willis Joe Barnes; commend his life and legacy upon his passing. Rules.

H. R. No. 41: (Representative Tullos) Bay Springs High School Football Team; commend for winning 2022 MHSAA Class 1A State Football Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 42: (Representative Bain) Kossuth High School Aggies Cheerleading Team; commend for winning the 2022 MHSAA Class 3A Game Day State Championship and the 2022 Mid-South Regional Large Game Day Competition. Rules.

H. R. No. 43: (Representative Summers) Cardiovascular risk reduction; recognize need for thorough screening and treatment of metabolic syndrome. Rules.

H. R. No. 44: (Representatives Creekmore IV, Currie) MS Film Office; commend and congratulate upon its 50th anniversary commemoration. Rules.

H. R. No. 45: (Representative Creekmore IV) New Albany High School Tennis Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 4A State Championship. Rules.

Representative Felsher entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1318: Baby drop-off and safe haven; revise provisions that regulate.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. R. No. 34: Dr. Sam Creekmore III; commend stellar medical service and his commitment to New Albany residents.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. C. R. No. 501: Mourn the loss and commend the life and public service of David R. Huggins.

S. C. R. No. 503: Mourn the passing of former Senator Steve Seale of Hattiesburg, and commend his public and charitable service.

S. C. R. No. 506: Commend 2022 PRCC "Wildcats" Baseball Team and Coach Michael Avalon for first-ever National Championship.

S. C. R. No. 504: Mourn the loss and commend the life and public service of former Representative Noal Akins.

S. C. R. No. 505: Commend public service of Southern District Transportation Commissioner and former legislator Tom King.

S. C. R. No. 510: Congratulate Raleigh High School "Lions" Football Team for winning 2022 MHSAA Class 3A State Championship.

S. C. R. No. 511: Mourn the loss and commend the public service of Forrest Co. Tax Collector, former Supervisor and State Senator Billy Hudson.

S. C. R. No. 515: Commend the life of former State Senator, Circuit Judge and Decorated WWII Veteran Thomas Frederick (Fred) Wicker.

S. C. R. No. 520: Congratulate Ole Miss 2022 Baseball Team for National Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. C. R. No. 521: Congratulate Bay Springs High School "Bulldogs" Football Team for winning back-to-back MHSAA Class 1A State Championships.

S. C. R. No. 525: Congratulate Louisville High School "Wildcats" Football Team for winning the MHSAA 4A State Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Ford (73rd) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of John Travis, Michael E. Jabaley, George T. Covington, Joan R. Salter, Sgt. Raymond E. Daniels, Rebecca R. Hilderbrand, James M. Warren, and Steve A. Holly, which motion prevailed.

Representative Summers and the Hinds County Delegation moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ollie Mae Anderson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Tullos moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Peggy S. Jones, and Helen Ldean Quarles, which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Mary Havard, Reverend Larry Gene White, Mattie Harrell, Opal Allen, Gracie Alvarez, Ethel Adell Black, R. Janelle "Nell" Traxler, Charles "Anthony" Bragg, Charles Harris, Sr., Margaret Clay Davis, Honorable John Herron, Emma Eubanks, Wesley "Drew" Hall, Helen Shumaker, Don Roberts, Jr., Rita Harvey, Barbara Waltman, and Willie Earl Harrison, which motion prevailed.

At 9:08 AM, on motion of Rep. Steverson the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, February 6, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWENTY-FIFTH DAY, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023

(THIRTY-FIFTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Reverend Adrian Clark, Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church.

Rep. Stamps led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-3.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Brown, C, Huddleston and Robinson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2180: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2053: Deficit Prevention Act; require state agencies to notify certain officials when likelihood of a deficit exists.

S. B. No. 2308: Municipalities; authorize to assess administrative or civil penalties for zoning violations.

S. B. No. 2381: Medicaid; authorize liquidated damages in requests for proposals, bring forward provision related to.

S. B. No. 2552: MS Comprehensive Workforce Training & Education Consolidation Act of 2004; extend repealer on code sections conformed to.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. R. No. 46: (Representative Banks) Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Legislative Day at the Capitol; commend celebration of February 7, 2023. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. R. No. 35: Jacqueline Ervin; commend for being crowned Miss Rodeo Mississippi 2023. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 36: Kennadee Riggs; congratulate on being crowned Miss Rodeo America 2023. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 38: Honorable Thomas Edward (Tom) King, Jr.; commend stellar career as Southern District Transportation Commissioner upon his retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 40: Willis Joe Barnes; commend his life and legacy upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 41: Bay Springs High School Football Team; commend for winning 2022 MHSAA Class 1A State Football Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 42: Kossuth High School Aggies Cheerleading Team; commend for winning the 2022 MHSAA Class 3A Game Day State Championship and the 2022 Mid-South Regional Large Game Day Competition. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 44: MS Film Office; commend and congratulate upon its 50th anniversary commemoration. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 45: New Albany High School Tennis Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 4A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 46: Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Legislative Day at the Capitol; commend celebration of February 7, 2023. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

Rep. Cockerham called up:

H. B. No. 1342: Adoption procedures; regulate by creating a licensure authority.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Cockerham:

AMEND on lines 24 and 29 by deleting "Two (2)" and inserting in lieu thereof, the following:

"Three (3)"

AMEND FURTHER on line 65 by deleting the comma and all language after the comma through the word "necessary".

AMEND FURTHER on line 95 by deleting all language through line 96 and inserting in lieu thereof, the following, and re-lettering the succeeding paragraphs:

"(i) Finding a person to adopt the child;

(ii) Placing the child temporarily or permanently in a home for adoption;"

AMEND FURTHER on line 114 by inserting the following:

(x) Adoption service shall not include services provided by MDCPS.

AMEND FURTHER by deleting all language on lines 122 through (iii) on line 125.

AMEND FURTHER on line 129 by deleting the words "or for adoption"

AMEND FURTHER on lines 250 through 251 by deleting paragraph (d) in its entirety and renumbering the succeeding paragraphs.

AMEND FURTHER on line 257 after the semicolon by inserting the following:

"and"

AMEND FURTHER on lines 258 through 260 by deleting paragraph (h) in its entirety.

AMEND FURTHER on line 374 after the word facility by inserting the following:

","service"

AMEND FURTHER on line 374 after the word owned by inserting the following:

","provided"

AMEND FURTHER on line 541 by deleting "board" and inserting in lieu thereof:

"department"

AMEND FURTHER on line 554 by deleting child-placing and inserting in lieu thereof:

"adoption"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1342. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Calvert, Clark, Huddleston, Robinson, Scott.
Total-6.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Currie called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

H. R. No. 35: Jacqueline Ervin; commend for being crowned Miss Rodeo Mississippi 2023.

H. R. No. 36: Kennadee Riggs; congratulate on being crowned Miss Rodeo America 2023.

H. R. No. 38: Honorable Thomas Edward (Tom) King, Jr.; commend stellar career as Southern District Transportation Commissioner upon his retirement.

H. R. No. 40: Willis Joe Barnes; commend his life and legacy upon his passing.

H. R. No. 41: Bay Springs High School Football Team; commend for winning 2022 MHSAA Class 1A State Football Championship.

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H. R. No. 45: New Albany High School Tennis Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 4A State Championship.

H. R. No. 46: Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Legislative Day at the Capitol; commend celebration of February 7, 2023.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Currie unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. R. No. 35: Jacqueline Ervin; commend for being crowned Miss Rodeo Mississippi 2023.

H. R. No. 36: Kennadee Riggs; congratulate on being crowned Miss Rodeo America 2023.

H. R. No. 38: Honorable Thomas Edward (Tom) King, Jr.; commend stellar career as Southern District Transportation Commissioner upon his retirement.

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H. R. No. 46: Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Legislative Day at the Capitol; commend celebration of February 7, 2023.

Rep. Currie called up:

H. B. No. 772: Mississippi Opal; designate as official state gemstone.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 772.** On motion of Rep. Currie the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Clark, Huddleston, Robinson, Scott. Total-5.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Currie called up:

H. B. No. 1027: State Fruit; designate the blueberry as.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1027.** On motion of Rep. Currie the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bell, C. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, B, Brown, C, Horne, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-5.

Present--Crudup, Hines, Holloway, Summers. Total--4.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Currie called up:

H. B. No. 419: Tourism; provide assistance to destination marketing organization.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Currie:

AMEND on line 117 after "July 1, 2023" by inserting the following: ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 419.** On motion of Rep. Currie the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Miles called up:

H. B. No. 617: Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund; use portion of monies in to advertise for state parks.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 617.** On motion of Rep. Miles the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Currie called up:

H. B. No. 1266: Mississippi USA Semiquincentennial Commission and Mississippi Semiquincentennial Celebration Fund; create.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1266.** On motion of Rep. Currie the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 209: Terroristic threats; revise elements of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 209.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Ladner, Osborne. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eubanks, Hines, Holloway, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-6.

Present--Jackson, Williamson. Total--2.
Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Kinkade called up:

H. B. No. 49: Resident lifetime hunting and fishing license; authorize Department of Wildlife to issue if parent was born in the state and was on active military service at the time of applicant's birth.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 49.** On motion of Rep. Kinkade the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Kinkade called up:

H. B. No. 976: Boats; require validation decal certifying the awarded number to be displayed on each side of vessel.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 976. On motion of Rep. Kinkade the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Brown, C, Hines, Huddleston, Johnson, Robinson, Summers, Young. Total-8.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Bennett called up:

H. B. No. 208: Computer science curriculum; clarify terminology to specify who may provide instruction in.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 208. On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bennett called up:

H. B. No. 729: "Mississippi Successful Techniques Resulting in Delivering Excellence in Education and Employability (STRIDE) Scholarship Program"; establish.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 729.** On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-3.

Present--Bailey. Total--1.
Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. McCarty called up:

H. B. No. 730: "William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program"; revise to expand eligibility.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 730.** On motion of Rep. McCarty the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. McCarty called up:

H. B. No. 817: Early Learning Collaborative; increase minimum funding levels for full-day and half-day programs.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 817**. On motion of Rep. McCarty the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.
Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bennett called up:

H. B. No. 1161: Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact; enact.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1161**. On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.
Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Evans, B, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-4.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Bennett called up:

H. B. No. 1177: Educator misconduct; clarify provisions relating to disciplinary action taken against personnel of public special purpose schools and other educators.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1177. On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Calvert, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Byrd, Carpenter, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-5.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Owen called up:

H. B. No. 1200: Dyslexia Therapy Scholarship for Students with Dyslexia Program; expand to allow certified academic language therapists (CALT); to provide dyslexia therapy services.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1200. On motion of Rep. Owen the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Owen called up:

H. B. No. 1277: Mississippi Dual Credit Scholarship Program; create.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1277**. On motion of Rep. Owen the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson, Young. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hobgood-Wilkes, Huddleston, Robinson.
Total-4.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Cockerham called up:

H. B. No. 860: "MS Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act" and "Uniform Athlete Agents Act"; bring forward.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 860**. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--McLeod. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Haney, Huddleston, Patterson, Robinson.
Total-5.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Cockerham called up:

H. B. No. 685: Deeds to married couples; create a rebuttable presumption of joint tenancy with rights of survivorship.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Reynolds:

AMEND by inserting the following language before the word "When" on line 30:
"After the effective date of this act,"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 685.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Kinkade, Robinson. Total-4.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Cockerham called up:

H. B. No. 1101: Corporations and LLCs; authorize determination notices and certificates of administrative dissolution to be served by email to registered agent.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1101.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott,

Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-3.

Present--Brown, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Cockerham called up:

H. B. No. 1218: Rivers McGraw Mental Health Treatment Court Act; revise.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1218. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young. Total--111.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett, Brown, C, Eure, Hines, Huddleston, Johnson, Robinson, Zuber. Total-8.

Present--Rosebud. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Cockerham called up:

H. B. No. 1217: Court interpreters; revise program under the Administration of the Administrative Office of Courts.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1217. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan,

Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young. Total--114.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eure, Felsher, Huddleston, Robinson, Zuber.
Total-6.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--69

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. C. R. No. 5: Carlton D. "Corky" Palmer; honor the life and legacy of upon his passing.

H. C. R. No. 10: Former Representative Noal Akins; honor life and legacy upon his passing.

H. C. R. No. 15: Bay Springs High School Football Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 1A State Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Summers moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Reverend Bennie C. Wallace, which motion prevailed.

At 5:05 PM, on motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Tuesday, February 7, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWENTY-SIXTH DAY, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023

(THIRTY-SIXTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Pro Tempore White in the chair. Prayer by Reverend Terry Booker, Pine Grove Freewill Baptist Church, Mantachie.

Rep. Boyd (19th) led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders,

Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Brown, C and Huddleston.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2684: Children's Promise Act; revise definition of "eligible charitable organization."

S. B. No. 2698: Ad valorem tax; extend fee-in-lieu qualifying period for renewable energy project.

S. B. No. 2797: Mississippi State Asylum Records; provide procedures and exempt from confidentiality and privilege requirements.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2003: Highways; Dedicate a section of Highway 12 to G. Louis Jones.

S. B. No. 2379: Code books; revise number required to be ordered from publisher.

S. B. No. 2514: Secretary of State; clarify authority to transfer land records to Department of Archives and History.

S. B. No. 2542: Highways; dedicate a section of Highway 8 to Jeremy Allen Voyles.

S. B. No. 2545: Highways; Dedicate a section of Highway 35 to Constable Raye Hawkins.

S. B. No. 2546: Highways; dedicate a section of Highway 51 to Deputy Joe Kenneth Cosby.

S. B. No. 2547: Highways; Dedicate a section of Highway 315 to Nolan Mettetal.

S. B. No. 2559: Transportation; extend repealer on harvest permit authorization and fees.

S. B. No. 2602: Highway Memorials; designate segment of Highway 25 to Kash McGraw and Bridge to Stacey Ricks.

S. B. No. 2842: Use tax; revise standards for municipality's eligibility to receive monies from special infrastructure assistance fund.

S. B. No. 2862: Sales tax; provide industrial exemption for tangible personal property first used in another state.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2006: Festival wine permits; remove repealers and reverters on provisions relating to.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2053: Deficit Prevention Act; require state agencies to notify certain officials when likelihood of a deficit exists. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

S. B. No. 2164: Real property owned by school districts; allow to be sold for development. Education.

S. B. No. 2308: Municipalities; authorize to assess administrative or civil penalties for zoning violations. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2381: Medicaid; authorize liquidated damages in requests for proposals, bring forward provision related to. Medicaid.

S. B. No. 2444: ARPA programs; bring forward provisions related to for possible amendment. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2552: MS Comprehensive Workforce Training & Education Consolidation Act of 2004; extend repealer on code sections conformed to. Workforce Development.

S. B. No. 2678: Department of Child Protection Services; separate agency from the Department of Human Services. Public Health and Human Services.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. C. R. No. 513: Commend Newton County High School "Cougars" Cheer Team for winning Class 4A State Championship. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 526: Recognize leadership of William Carey University President Dr. Tommy King on the occasion of his retirement. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 535: Designate March 2023 as "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in Mississippi". Rules.

S. C. R. No. 536: Congratulate Clarksdale Guitar Star Christone "Kingfish" Ingram for winning the 2022 Grammy Award for Contemporary Blues. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 537: Mourn the loss of Ineva May-Pittman of Jackson, Mississippi. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 538: Commend Parklane Academy "Lady Pioneers" Fast-Pitch Softball Team for fourth State Championship in last six years. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 539: Mourn the passing of legendary physician Dr. Freda M. Bush. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 540: Expressing support for the Town of Mantee to unofficially designate itself as "The Epicenter of the Natchez Trace." Rules.

S. C. R. No. 542: Commend Dr. Roy J. Duhe for colon cancer initiatives at UMMC. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 543: Mourn the passing of Dr. Chester D. Gaston, Jr., of Gulfport, respected member of the MS Board of Psychology. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 544: Designate "Delta Gamma Fraternity Day" in Mississippi in Commemoration of Sesquicentennial celebration. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 545: Designate April 23-29, 2023, as "National Crime Victims' Week in Mississippi" and April 28, 2023, as a "Day of Prayer". Rules.

S. C. R. No. 546: Commend Brookhaven Academy "Lady Cougars" Softball Team for back-to-back MAIS 5A State Championships. Rules.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2011: Sales tax; exempt motor vehicle transfers to and from trusts, corporations, partnerships and limited liability companies. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2018: Sales tax; remove tax on wholesale sales of beer. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2075: Birth certificate; adoptee may obtain certified copy of original after age 21. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2102: Impending emergency excavation; define, establish advance notice requirements and require premarking for. Public Utilities.

S. B. No. 2103: Definitions and penalties regarding regulation of gasoline and petroleum products; extend repealer on. Energy.

S. B. No. 2104: Mississippi Gulf Coast Region Utility Act; extend repealer on. Public Utilities.

S. B. No. 2120: Firearms; authorize law enforcement officers to purchase at fair market value upon retirement. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2122: Bribery of a public official; increase statute of limitations to 5 years. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2127: Terroristic threats; revise elements of. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2139: Mississippi USA Semiquincentennial Commission and Mississippi Semiquincentennial Celebration Fund; create. Tourism; Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2180: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2199: County prosecuting attorney; clarify authorization to defend persons in criminal prosecutions in any other county. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2202: Child support; create presumption that support continues past the age of majority for a disabled child. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2203: Public land in Rankin County; authorize DFA to assign property to state agencies and establish new Veterans Nursing Home. Public Property.

S. B. No. 2227: Federal Home Loan Banks; provide certain rights and procedures regarding collateral. Insurance.

S. B. No. 2228: Pet insurance; establish provisions for the sale and renewal of policies. Insurance.

S. B. No. 2245: Sale of seized weapons; authorize use of proceeds to purchase equipment. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2282: Pseudoephedrine; delete the automatic repealer on the provision that authorizes the distribution of. Drug Policy.

S. B. No. 2297: Forensics laboratory; require approval of model of intoxilyzer equipment that is readily available to law enforcement agencies. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2306: Flood and drainage control districts; revise number of directors for certain municipalities. Municipalities.

S. B. No. 2309: MS Department of Archives and History property; add parcel known as "The Old Magnolia Church" for transfer to U.S. Park Service. Public Property.

S. B. No. 2337: Conspiracy; revise statute of limitations. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2338: Municipal waterworks; ensure just, reasonable and transparent billing in. Public Utilities.

S. B. No. 2353: Elections; increase wage range for poll workers. Apportionment and Elections.

S. B. No. 2360: Agricultural high schools; revise board membership. Education.

S. B. No. 2382: Out-of-state lawyers; required to disclose whether licensed to practice law in Mississippi in television ads. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2390: Executive Director of the State Veterans Affairs Board; appointed by Governor with advice and consent of Senate. Military Affairs.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2446: Appropriations; revise certain transfers, fund authority, and FY2023 appropriations. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2448: Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize for supporters of the Magnolia Speech School. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2454: Budget; bring forward code sections related to and provide for transfers. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2482: Motor vehicles; allow Department of Revenue to transmit liens and receive lien satisfactions electronically. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2486: Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Act and the Mississippi Uniform Agents Act; bring forward sections. Universities and Colleges.

S. B. No. 2492: Electric vehicle charging; allow by non-utilities while maintaining consumer protections. Public Utilities.

S. B. No. 2511: Destination marketing organizations; bring forward provision related to. Tourism; Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2524: Sixteenth Section land; authorize long-term contracts for sale of certain forest products. Education.

S. B. No. 2526: Pat Harrison Waterway District; authorize municipalities to join. Municipalities.

S. B. No. 2538: Mississippi Regional Pre-Need Disaster Clean Up Act; create. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

S. B. No. 2543: Chronic wasting disease; bring forward code sections for the purpose of possible amendment. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

S. B. No. 2548: Motor vehicles; clarify that vehicle length restrictions are the same for day and night operation. Forestry.

S. B. No. 2556: Qualifications for appointment as a conservation officer; clarify. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

S. B. No. 2581: Commission on College Accreditation; revise technical provision related thereto. Universities and Colleges.

S. B. No. 2590: Mississippi State University authority to lease property for public-private partnership student housing; increase term. Universities and Colleges.

S. B. No. 2595: ARPA Workforce Development and Retention Act; provide expiration date of grant funds. Workforce Development.

S. B. No. 2597: Mississippi Comprehensive Workforce Training and Education Consolidation Act of 2004; extend repealer on. Workforce Development.

S. B. No. 2608: United States Space Force; references to "Armed Forces" in Mississippi law shall include members of. Military Affairs.

S. B. No. 2613: Nonemergency transportation providers; extend date by which providers may provide service without a permit. Medicaid.

S. B. No. 2615: Contract personnel; authorize to purchase base plan of the State and School Employees' Health Insurance Plan. Insurance.

S. B. No. 2616: Real Estate Commission; decrease fees charged by. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2617: Fire insurance policies; exclude provisions related thereto from applying to builders' risk policies. Insurance.

S. B. No. 2622: Mississippi Prior Authorization Reform Act; enact. Insurance.

S. B. No. 2623: Mississippi State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan Task Force; establish. Insurance.

S. B. No. 2663: Mississippi Historic Site Preservation Fund; revise grant eligibility and require annual report. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2696: Income tax credit for qualified adoption expenses; increase amount for Mississippi children and remove CPS requirement. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2697: Oil and gas severance taxes; extend repealers on lower rate for production from horizontally drilled wells. Energy; Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2703: Driver's license fees; waive for applicants in MDCPS custody. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2734: County boards of supervisors; permit to expend federal funds during the last term of office of such board. County Affairs.

S. B. No. 2736: Endow Mississippi Program tax credits; extend time period for authorization. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2749: School board members; increase pay. Education; Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2810: Office of Workforce Development; amend certain provisions relating to. Workforce Development.

S. B. No. 2839: Public Improvement District Act; amend to allow municipality to perform duties and exercise powers in certain circumstances. Municipalities.

S. B. No. 2841: Law enforcement officers & fire fighters death benefits black tag; authorize black version of regular tag. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2844: Bureau of Fleet Management; revise duties thereof. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

S. B. No. 2851: Technology-based capital assistance programs; revise certain terms and amounts of assistance. Ways and Means.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2622: Mississippi Prior Authorization Reform Act; enact. Public Health and Human Services.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2306: Flood and drainage control districts; revise number of directors for certain municipalities. Ways and Means.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1551: (Representative Harness) Appropriation; Jefferson County Hospital for operation and maintenance. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1552: (Representative Harness) Appropriation; Jefferson County for replacement of a bridge on January Road. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1553: (Representative Harness) Appropriation; Jefferson County for replacement of a bridge on Brown Road. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1554: (Representative Harness) Appropriation; Jefferson County for replacement of a bridge on Block Foster Road. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1555: (Representative Harness) Appropriation; Jefferson County for reconstruction of a segment of McBride Road/State Route 552. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1556: (Representative Harness) Appropriation; Jefferson County for replacing culverts and making other drainage improvements. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1557: (Representative Byrd) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Petal Excel by 5 with construction of a playground. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1558: (Representatives Arnold, Carpenter, Williamson) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property and services to local chapters of Lions Club International and churches. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1559: (Representative Owen) Sales tax; exempt sales of certain equipment and items to volunteer fire departments. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1560: (Representative Hood) Appropriation; MEMA for reimbursing persons for cost of purchasing and installing storm shelter. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1561: (Representatives Hood, Stamps, Boyd (19th)) Ad valorem taxation; revise types of new enterprises eligible for tax exemption. Ways and Means.

H. R. No. 47: (Representatives McGee, McCarty) Miss Emmie Perkins; commend and congratulate upon being crowned Miss Mississippi 2022. Rules.

H. R. No. 48: (Representative Roberson) Mississippi Horse Park; commend for receiving the 2022 Justin Boots Best Footing Award for the Southeastern Circuit. Rules.

H. R. No. 49: (Representative Rosebud) Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Day at the Mississippi State Capitol; commend celebration on March 9, 2023. Rules.

H. R. No. 50: (Representative Brown (70th)) Barack H. Obama Magnet Elementary School; commend and congratulate on being rated the #1 school in the state. Rules.

H. R. No. 51: (Representative Wallace) Mar-Cal Inc. and the Martin Family; commend business success and family legacy. Rules.

H. R. No. 52: (Representative Creekmore IV) Tommy Aldridge; commend for outstanding musical artistry and accomplishments. Rules.

H. R. No. 53: (Representative Tubb) Charles Wayne Nobles; commend the life of upon his passing. Rules.

H. R. No. 54: (Representative McCarty) Dr. Katherine Fokakis "Katie" Patterson; mourn loss and commemorate life upon her passing. Rules.

H. R. No. 55: (Representative Holloway) Verbia Cooper Harden; commend outstanding career in radio broadcasting. Rules.

H. R. No. 56: (Representatives Owen, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner) Pearl River Community College Baseball Team; commend upon winning the NJCAA Division II National Championship. Rules.

Head Page, Benjamin Adams, introduced the following pages for the week:

Luke Bell	Morton, MS
Marie Bishop	Ridgeland, MS
Morgan Brewer	Brandon, MS
Sha'Niyah Brown	Como, MS
Caden Coleman	Utica, MS
Tyra Davis	Como, MS
Sabria Henley	Sardis, MS

Amarion Johnson	Edwards, MS
Eli Cain Massengill	Hickory Flat, MS
Rylan Mayatt	Bailey, MS
Charles Gary Morrow III	Meridian, MS
Gracie Steil	Poplarville, MS
Charles Whittington	Jackson, MS
Christian Williams	Clinton, MS

Representative Pigott introduced special guest, Mississippi 4-H president.

Representatives Banks and Bell (65th) introduced special guests Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated, Jackson, MS Chapter.

Rep. Currie called up:

H. R. No. 47: Miss Emmie Perkins; commend and congratulate upon being crowned Miss Mississippi 2022.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Currie unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. R. No. 47: Miss Emmie Perkins; commend and congratulate upon being crowned Miss Mississippi 2022.

Representative McCarty introduced special guests, Miss Mississippi, H. R. No. 47 and the Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians.

Representative Cockerham called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1318:** (Baby drop-off and safe haven; revise provisions that regulate.) passed, and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES COCKERHAM AND SANFORD:

AMEND on line 27 by deleting "ninety (90)" and inserting in lieu thereof, the following : "forty-five (45)".

AMEND FURTHER on line 34 by deleting the word "or" after the semicolon.

AMEND FURTHER on line 39 by deleting the period and inserting in lieu thereof, the following: "; or".

AMEND FURTHER after line 39 by inserting the following: "(d) A person designated by the parent."

AMEND FURTHER on lines 58, 61 and 113 after "parent" by inserting the following: "or a person designated by the parent".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1318.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne,

Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Summers. Total-3.

Present--Brown, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Representative Lamar called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1375**: (Municipal annexation; require additional services to annexed area to be completed within three years of annexation decree.) failed to pass, and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES LAMAR AND RUSHING:

AMEND on line 39 by striking "three (3)" and by inserting in lieu thereof: "five (5)".

AMEND FURTHER on line 47 by striking "three (3)" and by inserting in lieu thereof: "five (5)".

AMEND FURTHER on line 49 by inserting the following language before the period: "with respect to the portion of the annexed territory where the additional benefits and services have not been provided".

AMEND FURTHER on line 64 by striking "three (3)" and by inserting in lieu thereof: "five (5)".

AMEND FURTHER on line 88 by striking "three (3)" and by inserting in lieu thereof: "five (5)".

AMEND FURTHER on line 91 by inserting the following language before the period: with respect to the portion of the annexed territory where the additional benefits and services have not been provided".

AMEND FURTHER on line 95 by inserting the following language after the word "annexation": or a portion of its annexation, as the case may be,".

AMEND FURTHER on line 126 by inserting the following language after the word "annexation": or a portion of its annexation, as the case may be,".

AMEND FURTHER on line 143 by inserting the following language after the word "annexation": or a portion of the annexation, as the case may be,".

AMEND FURTHER on line 156 by inserting the following language after the word "annexation": or a portion of the annexation, as the case may be,".

AMEND FURTHER on line 221 by inserting the following language after the word "annexation": or a portion of the annexation, as the case may be,".

AMEND TITLE on line 4 by striking "THREE" and by inserting in lieu thereof: "FIVE".

AMEND FURTHER the title on line 7 by striking "THREE" and by inserting in lieu thereof: "FIVE".

AMEND FURTHER the title on line 8 by inserting the following language after the word "VOID": "OR PARTIALLY ORDERED NULL AND VOID, AS THE CASE MAY BE".

AMEND FURTHER the title on line 11 by inserting the following language after the word "VOID": "OR PARTIALLY ORDERED NULL AND VOID, AS THE CASE MAY BE,".

AMEND FURTHER the title on line 15 by inserting the following language after the word "VOID": "OR PARTIALLY ORDERED NULL AND VOID, AS THE CASE MAY BE".

AMEND FURTHER the title on line 19 by inserting the following language after the word "VOID": "OR PARTIALLY ORDERED NULL AND VOID, AS THE CASE MAY BE".

AMEND FURTHER the title on line 22 by inserting the following language after the word "VOID": "OR PARTIALLY ORDERED NULL AND VOID, AS THE CASE MAY BE".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1375**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Guice, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McKnight, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Zuber. Total--72.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Ford, J, Foster, Hale, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, McCray, McGee, McLean, Miles, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Yates, Young. Total--41.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Clarke, Goodin, Huddleston, Sanford, Steverson. Total-6.

Present--Rosebud. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--68

Representative Lamar called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1168**: (Municipal special sales tax; revise use of revenue for certain.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bain called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1371**: (Therapists; create a felony for those who have sexual contact with patients.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Rushing called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 556**: ("Property Clean up Revolving Fund"; establish.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Creekmore and Currie introduced special guest the Mississippi Film Office and congratulated them on their 50th anniversary.

Rep. Cockerham called up:

H. B. No. 510: Foster Parents' Bill of Rights; and Responsibilities; create and require to be provided to foster parents.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Felsher:

AMEND on line 466 after "2023" by inserting the following:
", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 510**. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--90.

Nays--Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Boyd, A, Clark, Denton, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Paden, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker. Total--21.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Brown, C, Clarke, Huddleston, Young. Total-5.

Present--Evans, B, Faulkner, Holloway, Rosebud. Total--4.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Powell called up:

H. B. No. 383: Oil and gas severance taxes; extend repealer on lower rate for production from horizontally drilled wells.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 383.** On motion of Rep. Powell the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston. Total-2.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Powell called up:

H. B. No. 690: Chickasawhay Natural Gas District; increase compensation of board of directors and chairperson of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 690.** On motion of Rep. Powell the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horne, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, McCarty, Scott. Total-4.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 400: Election crimes; revise the penalties for certain.

Rep. Rosebud moved to table, which motion lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Criswell, Crudup, Denton, Faulkner, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--40.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--76.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Cockerham, Foster, Huddleston. Total-4.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Summers:

AMEND by striking "complete an absentee ballot" on line 150 and inserting in lieu thereof the following: At any election, a qualified voter may vote in person by an absentee ballot for any reason. A qualified voter who votes in person by an absentee ballot shall not be required to provide an excuse on an absentee ballot application before casting his or her absentee ballot. These provisions shall not apply to absentee ballots.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Criswell, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hopkins, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem,

McCarty, McCray, McGee, McLean, Mickens, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Yates, Young. Total--49.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McKnight, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Zuber. Total--66.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eubanks, Huddleston, Miles, Sanford. Total--5.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--58

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bell (65th):

AMEND by inserting the following after line 380 and renumbering the succeeding sections:

" SECTION 15. Any person who shall deny a person the right to vote for a reason that is not provided in law shall be deemed guilty of a crime and punished by a fine not exceeding Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) or by imprisonment in the Department of Corrections not exceeding ten (10) years, or both."

AMEND title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 400**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yates, Zuber. Total--71.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Criswell, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Yancey, Young. Total--46.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston. Total--2.

Present--Miles. Total--1.
Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--59

Representative Bailey (49th) entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 400: Election crimes; revise the penalties for certain.

At 12:01 PM on motion of Rep. Massengill the House recessed until 2:00 PM.

At 2:00 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Yancey called up:

H. B. No. 4: Tianeptine; include in Schedule I controlled substance list.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 4. On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--100.

Nays--Blackmon, Bomgar, Clark, Criswell, Crudup, Hopkins, Johnson, Karriem, Osborne, Scott, Taylor. Total--11.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Currie, Eubanks, Foster, Huddleston. Total-5.

Present--Evans, B, Hines, Stamps, Summers. Total--4.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Yancey called up:

H. B. No. 231: Tobacco education, prevention and cessation program; add fentanyl and drug abuse prevention education.

Rep. Yancey moved that Amendment No. 1 be tabled, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Creekmore IV:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The State Department of Mental Health shall develop and implement a comprehensive statewide fentanyl and drug abuse education, prevention and cessation program that is based on scientific data and research that have been shown to be effective at accomplishing the purposes of this section. At a minimum, the program shall include the following components:

(a) The use of mass media, including paid advertising and other communication tools, to discourage the use of fentanyl and abuse of other drugs and to educate people, especially youth, about the health hazards from the use of fentanyl and abuse of other drugs, which shall be designed to be effective at achieving these goals and shall include, but need not be limited to, television, radio and print advertising, as well as sponsorship, exhibits and other opportunities to raise awareness statewide;

(b) Materials, curricula and programs that may be used or implemented in schools and other locations to educate youth about fentanyl and other harmful drugs and

to discourage the use of fentanyl and abuse of other drugs, including, but not limited to, materials, curricula and programs that involve youth, educate youth about the health hazards from the use of fentanyl and abuse of other drugs, help youth develop skills to refuse fentanyl and other harmful drugs, and demonstrate to youth how to stop using fentanyl and abusing other drugs;

(c) Local community programs, including, but not limited to, youth-based partnerships that discourage the use of fentanyl and abuse of other drugs and involve community-based organizations in fentanyl and drug abuse education, prevention and cessation programs in their communities;

(d) Programs to assist and help people to stop using fentanyl and/or abusing other drugs; and

(e) A surveillance and evaluation system that monitors program accountability and results, produces publicly available reports that review how monies expended for the program are spent, and includes an evaluation of the program's effectiveness in reducing and preventing the use of fentanyl and abuse of other drugs, and annual recommendations for improvements to enhance the program's effectiveness.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A COMPREHENSIVE AND STATEWIDE FENTANYL AND DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION, PREVENTION AND CESSATION PROGRAM THAT IS BASED ON SCIENTIFIC DATA AND RESEARCH; TO REQUIRE THAT THE PROGRAM INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM COMPONENTS: THE USE OF MASS MEDIA TO DISCOURAGE THE USE OF FENTANYL AND ABUSE OF OTHER DRUGS AND TO EDUCATE PEOPLE ABOUT THE HEALTH HAZARDS FROM THE USE OF FENTANYL AND ABUSE OF OTHER DRUGS; MATERIALS, CURRICULA AND PROGRAMS THAT MAY BE USED OR IMPLEMENTED IN SCHOOLS AND OTHER LOCATIONS TO EDUCATE YOUTH ABOUT FENTANYL AND OTHER HARMFUL DRUGS AND TO DISCOURAGE THE USE OF FENTANYL AND ABUSE OF OTHER DRUGS; LOCAL COMMUNITY PROGRAMS THAT DISCOURAGE THE USE OF FENTANYL AND ABUSE OF OTHER DRUGS AND INVOLVE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS IN FENTANYL AND DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION, PREVENTION AND CESSATION PROGRAMS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES; AND PROGRAMS TO ASSIST AND HELP PEOPLE TO STOP USING FENTANYL AND/OR ABUSING OTHER DRUGS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 231**. On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Osborne, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston. Total-2.

Present--Brown, B, Scott. Total--2.
Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Yancey called up:

H. B. No. 249: MS Medical Cannabis Act; extend repealers to certain state laws for Departments of Health and Revenue in connection with.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 249. On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Ladner. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Huddleston, Reynolds, Scott. Total-6.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.
Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Yancey called up:

H. B. No. 1071: Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1071. On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.
Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston. Total-2.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 799: Inmate Welfare Fund; increase portion of the fund that is utilized to fund Inmate Incentive to Work Program.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Horan:

AMEND by inserting the following language after line 117 and by renumbering the succeeding section:

SECTION 2. Section 47-5-933, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:
47-5-933. The Department of Corrections may contract for the purposes set out in Section 47-5-931 for a period of not more than twenty (20) years. The contract may provide that the Department of Corrections pay a fee of no more than * * * Thirty-four Dollars (\$34.00) per day for each offender that is housed in the facility. The Department of Corrections may include in the contract, as an inflation factor, a three percent (3%) annual increase in the contract price. The state shall retain responsibility for medical care for state offenders to the extent that is required by law; provided, however, the department may reimburse each facility for contract medical services as provided by law in an amount not to exceed Six Dollars and Twenty-five Cents (\$6.25) per day per offender.

AMEND TITLE to conform as follows: Amend on line 4 by inserting the following language after the semicolon: TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-933, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE FROM \$31.00 TO \$34.00 THE AMOUNT THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS PAYS PER DAY FOR EACH STATE OFFENDER WHO IS HOUSED IN A REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY;

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 799.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Holloway, Huddleston, Morgan, Turner.
Total-5.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Scoggin called up:

H. B. No. 443: MS Commission on College Accreditation; authorize IHL Board to provide staff, facilities and other means of support to.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 443.** On motion of Rep. Scoggin the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Ladner, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Rushing. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Scoggin called up:

H. B. No. 536: MSU; amend authority to enter into a long-term lease for housing and retail purpose to extend the original lease term to 65 years.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 536.** On motion of Rep. Scoggin the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Currie, Huddleston. Total-3.

Present--Young. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Scoggin called up:

H. B. No. 922: Alcorn State University; update references to in code to reflect current name designation.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 922.** On motion of Rep. Scoggin the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Owen. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Scoggin called up:

H. B. No. 770: Mississippi Office of Space and Technology; create to be administered by MDA, which shall staff.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bennett:

AMEND on line 23 by inserting the following before the semicolon:
"and contracting authority".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 770.** On motion of Rep. Scoggin the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson,

Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.
Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston. Total-2.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Scoggin called up:

H. B. No. 1207: Paramedics Recruitment and Retention Scholarship Grant Program; create.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Hines:

Amend on line 74 by inserting after "SECTION 5.", the following: "(1)"

Further, amend after line 100, by inserting the following:

"(2) The Office of Workforce Development is authorized to enter into a memorandum of agreement with any public or nonpublic school which provides secondary education to students enrolled therein, for the purpose of allowing students who are at least seventeen (17) years of age to be eligible for enrollment in any accredited paramedic training program without any cost to the students, through a dual-credit or dual-enrollment class offerings through an accredited entity authorized by the office to provide such trainings for purposes of the program. However, such students shall not be eligible to take any examination for certification as a paramedic until the time that he or she attains the age of eighteen (18), at which time he or she would be allowed to take the certification examination to become a certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)."

Further, amend the title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1207.** On motion of Rep. Scoggin the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.
Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston. Total-2.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Scoggin called up:

H. B. No. 771: HELP Grant and MTAG Programs; revise level of funding provided to eligible students.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Scoggin:

Amend on lines 147-148 by striking "two hundred percent (200%)" and inserting in lieu thereof:

"one hundred percent (100%)".

Further, amend on lines 168 by striking "exceed" and inserting in lieu thereof "does not exceed".

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Clark:

Amend on line 64 by striking the language after the period through the period on line 72, and inserting in lieu thereof, the following:

"Award amounts for freshmen and sophomore students attending public two-year or four-year colleges and universities in the State of Mississippi with a total student enrollment of six thousand nine hundred six (6,906) or less students during the 2022-2023 academic year shall be equal to tuition and required fees. Award amounts for freshmen and sophomore students attending public four-year universities or regionally accredited, state-approved nonprofit two-year or four-year colleges and universities in the State of Mississippi with a total student enrollment population exceeding six thousand nine hundred six (6,906) students, shall be equal to the average tuition and required fees charged by the state's public two-year colleges."

Further, amend the title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 771**. On motion of Rep. Scoggin the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--89.

Nays--Aguirre, Bain, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Crawford, Criswell, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Ladner, McCarty, McGee, Mims, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Williamson. Total--20.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Brown, C, Cockerham, Felsher, Huddleston, Johnson, Read, Scoggin. Total-8.

Present--Jackson, Stamps, Yates. Total--3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--55

Rep. Rushing called up:

H. B. No. 133: "Mississippi Joint Municipal Law Enforcement Act"; create.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 133.** On motion of Rep. Rushing the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B. Anderson, J. Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C. Bell, D. Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A. Boyd, R. Brown, B. Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B. Evans, M. Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J. Ford, K. Foster, Gibbs, K. Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Banks, Brown, C. Clarke, Huddleston. Total-4.

Present--Karriem, Rosebud. Total--2.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Bounds called up:

H. B. No. 698: Municipal water, wastewater and sewer services; require equity based billing based on use of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Hines:

AMEND after line 114 by adding the following new section and renumbering by succeeding sections: "if a national event occurs and a city official encourages patrons to run their water and it causes an excessive bill, the city can revert back to the last month billing amount." AMEND title to conform.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J. Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C. Blackmon, Brown, B. Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B. Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K. Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--40.

Nays--Anderson, B. Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D. Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A. Boyd, R. Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M. Felsher, Ford, J. Ford, K. Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--76.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C. Huddleston, McCray. Total-3.

Present--Miles. Total--1.
Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--59

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 698. On motion of Rep. Bounds the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--83.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Faulkner, Foster, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Johnson, Karriem, Osborne, Paden, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--26.
Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Haney, Huddleston, McCray. Total-4.

Present--Anthony, Evans, B, Jackson, Miles, Rosebud, Sanders, Stamps. Total--7.
Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Bounds called up:

H. B. No. 397: MS Gulf Coast Region Utility Board; extend repealers on.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 397. On motion of Rep. Bounds the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.
Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston. Total-2.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bounds called up:

H. B. No. 288: Public Utilities Staff; authorize certain personnel to be filled by consulting contract.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 288. On motion of Rep. Bounds the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston. Total-2.

Present--Evans, B, Rosebud, Summers. Total--3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Bounds called up:

H. B. No. 1060: Electric vehicles; authorize charging by nonutilities.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1060. On motion of Rep. Bounds the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Huddleston. Total-4.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Anderson (122nd) called up:

H. B. No. 1061: Electric transmission infrastructure; prescribe requirements for issuance of certificate of public convenience and necessity.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Anderson B:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section 77-3-11.1 of the Mississippi Code of 1972:

77-3-11.1. (1) In order to effectuate the policy contained in Section 77-3-2, to assure a local forum for landowner safeguards, transparency and oversight of customer rates, reliability and relief, an application filed under Section 77-3-11 or Section 77-3-14, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to build, own, or operate a new transmission facility in a regional transmission organization can only satisfy the public convenience and necessity if such facilities will ultimately be owned by: (a) an entity over which the commission has the jurisdiction to set rates, as provided in Sections 77-3-5 and 77-3-33, (b) a "generation and transmission cooperative" or "G&T cooperative" as defined in Section 77-5-256, or (c) an entity that agrees to submit to commission jurisdiction over standards for service quality and customer service and, as to costs ultimately to be borne by Mississippi electric customers, agrees to recover through any applicable transmission tariff only those costs, including cost of capital, approved by the commission.

(2) Nothing in this section shall apply to applications filed before the effective date of this act, nor to any amendments or supplements to such application made thereafter. Nothing in this section is intended to require a certificate for facilities that the commission has determined by rule do not require certification to build, own, or operate.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 77-3-11.1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO MAINTAIN STATE JURISDICTION OVER THE INTEGRITY OF ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE IN ORDER TO ASSURE LANDOWNER SAFEGUARDS, TRANSPARENCY AND OVERSIGHT OF CUSTOMER RATES, RELIABILITY AND RELIEF; TO PRESCRIBE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO BUILD CERTAIN ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION FACILITIES IN A REGIONAL TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1061**. On motion of Rep. Anderson, B the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Barnett, Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--7.
Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hines, Huddleston, Johnson. Total-4.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bounds called up:

H. B. No. 1067: Mississippi Broadband Accessibility Act; create.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bounds:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Mississippi Broadband Accessibility Act".

SECTION 2. The Legislature finds that the availability of high-speed broadband services, in unserved areas of Mississippi is important for economic development, education, health care, and emergency services in Mississippi, and that grants and other incentives set forth in this act will further those objectives by encouraging new investment in broadband infrastructure.

SECTION 3. For the purposes of this act, the term "BEAM" means the Office of Broadband Expansion and Accessibility of Mississippi within the Department of Finance and Administration, as created in Section 77-19-5.

SECTION 4. There is created within the State Treasury the "Mississippi Broadband Accessibility Fund" for the purpose of the expansion and accessibility of broadband in unserved areas. The fund shall consist of all monies designated or appropriated by the State of Mississippi as provided in Section 77-19-7.

Disbursements from the fund shall be made by the Department of Finance and Administration upon appropriation or designation by the Legislature in accordance with the provisions of this act. The administration of this program and disbursements for this program shall comply with the provisions as set forth in Sections 77-19-3, 77-19-7, 77-19-9, 77-19-11, 77-19-13, 77-19-15 and 77-19-17.

All unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund. Monies in the fund shall be invested by the State Treasurer in the same manner as monies in the State General Fund and interest earned on the investment of these monies shall be credited to the fund.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI BROADBAND ACCESSIBILITY ACT; TO PROVIDE LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS; TO DEFINE THE TERM "BEAM"; TO CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI BROADBAND ACCESSIBILITY FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE EXPANSION AND ACCESSIBILITY OF BROADBAND IN UNSERVED AREAS; TO PROVIDE THAT DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE FUND SHALL BE MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION UPON APPROPRIATION OR DESIGNATION BY THE LEGISLATURE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1067.** On motion of Rep. Bounds the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Osborne. Total-3.

Present--Steverson. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bounds called up:

H. B. No. 1225: Telephone solicitation; bring forward provisions of law relating to.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bounds:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 77-3-601, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows: 77-3-601. As used in this article:

(a) "Telephonic sales call" means a call made by a telephone solicitor to a consumer for the purpose of soliciting a sale of any consumer goods or services, or for the purpose of soliciting an extension of credit for consumer goods or services, or for the purpose of obtaining information or an extension of credit for these purposes.

(b) "Consumer goods or services" means any real property or any tangible or intangible personal property which is normally used for personal, family or household purposes, including, without limitation, any property intended to be attached to or installed in any real property regardless of whether it is attached or installed, as well as cemetery lots and time-share estates, and any services related to the property.

(c) "Unsolicited telephonic sales call" means a telephonic sales call other than a call made:

(i) In response to an express request of the person called;

(ii) In connection with an existing debt or contract, payment or performance which has not been completed at the time of the call; or

(iii) To any person with whom the telephone solicitor has an established business relationship.

(d) "Consumer" means an actual or prospective purchaser, lessee or recipient of consumer goods or services.

(e) "Merchant" means a person who, directly or indirectly, offers or makes available to consumers any consumer goods or services.

(f) "Telephone solicitor" means any natural person, firm, organization, partnership, association, corporation, or a subsidiary or affiliate thereof, doing business in this state, who makes or causes to be made a telephonic sales call.

(g) "Doing business in this state" refers to businesses who conduct telephonic sales calls from a location in Mississippi or from other states or nations to consumers located in Mississippi.

(h) "Established business relationship" means a prior or existing relationship formed by a voluntary two-way communication between a person or entity and a consumer with or without an exchange of consideration, on the basis of an inquiry,

application, purchase or transaction by such person or entity, which relationship has not been previously terminated by either party.

SECTION 2. Section 77-3-603, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows: 77-3-603. Any telephone solicitor who makes an unsolicited telephonic sales call to a residential telephone number shall:

(a) Make calls between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., Central Standard Time, Monday through Friday, and between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Saturdays (no calls shall be made on Sundays);

(b) Identify himself or herself by his or her true first and last names and the business on whose behalf he or she is soliciting immediately upon making contact by telephone with the person who is the object of the telephone solicitation; and

(c) Discontinue the call immediately if at any time during the conversation the person being solicited expresses disinterest in continuing the call or sales presentation.

SECTION 3. Section 77-3-605, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows: 77-3-605. Any telephone solicitor shall apply for a certificate of registration from the Office of the Attorney General as a condition for doing business in this state. The certificate of registration shall be in a form as prescribed by the Attorney General.

The application for a certificate of registration shall be accompanied by a surety bond in the penal sum of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) with conditions and in a form prescribed by the Attorney General. The bond shall provide for the indemnification of any person suffering loss as the result of any fraud, misrepresentation or violation of Sections 77-3-601 through 77-3-619 by the principal. The term of the bond shall be continuous, but it shall be subject to cancellation by the surety in the manner described in this section. The surety may terminate the bond upon giving a sixty-day written notice to the principal and to the Attorney General, but the liability of the surety for acts of the principal and its agents shall continue during the sixty (60) days of cancellation notice. The notice does not absolve the surety from liability which accrues before the cancellation becomes final but which is discovered after that date and which may have arisen at any time during the term of the bond. Unless the bond is replaced by that of another surety before the expiration of the sixty (60) days' notice of cancellation, the certificate of registration shall be suspended. Any person required pursuant to this section to file a bond with an application for a certificate of registration may file, in lieu thereof, cash, a certificate of deposit, or government bonds in the amount of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00). Such deposit is subject to the same terms and conditions as are provided for in the surety bond required herein. Any interest or earnings on such deposits are payable to the depositor.

SECTION 4. Section 77-3-607, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows: 77-3-607. (1) A contract made pursuant to a telephonic sales call is not valid and enforceable against a consumer unless made in compliance with this section.

(2) A contract made pursuant to a telephonic sales call shall:

(a) Be reduced to writing and signed by the consumer.

(b) Comply with all other applicable laws and rules.

(c) Match the description of goods or services as principally used in the telephone solicitations.

(d) Contain the name, address, and telephone number of the seller, the total price of the contract and a detailed description of the goods or services being sold.

(e) Contain, in bold, conspicuous type, immediately preceding the signature, the following statement:

"YOU ARE NOT OBLIGATED TO PAY ANY MONEY UNLESS YOU SIGN THIS CONTRACT AND RETURN IT TO THE SELLER."

(f) Include in its terms any oral or written representations made by the telephone solicitor to the consumer in connection with the transaction.

(3) The provisions of this section do not apply to contractual sales regulated under other sections of the Mississippi statutes and to contractual sales of companies which provide telecommunication services and reach binding agreements by telephone for these services.

(4) A merchant who engages a telephone solicitor to make or cause to be made a telephonic sales call shall not make or submit any charge to the consumer's credit card

account until after the merchant receives from the consumer a copy of the contract which complies with this section.

(5) The provisions of this section do not apply to a transaction:

(a) Made in accordance with prior negotiations in the course of a visit by the consumer to a merchant operating a retail business establishment which has a fixed permanent location and where consumer goods are displayed or offered for sale on a continuing basis;

(b) In which the consumer may obtain a full refund for the return of undamaged and unused goods or a cancellation of services notice to the seller within seven (7) days after receipt by the consumer, and the seller will process the refund within thirty (30) days after receipt of the returned merchandise by the consumer;

(c) In which the consumer purchases goods or services after an examination of a television, radio, or print advertisement or a sample, brochure, or catalog of the merchant that contains the name, address and telephone number of the merchant; a description of the goods or services being sold; and any limitations or restrictions that apply to the offer; or

(d) In which the merchant is a bona fide charitable organization ruled tax-exempt by the Internal Revenue Service.

SECTION 5. Section 77-3-609, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows: 77-3-609. The provisions of Sections 77-3-601 through 77-3-619 shall not apply to:

(a) A person engaging in commercial telephone solicitation where the solicitation is an isolated transaction and not done in the course of a pattern of repeated transactions of like nature.

(b) A person making calls for religious, charitable, political, education or other noncommercial purposes, or a person soliciting for a nonprofit corporation if that corporation is properly registered as such with the Secretary of State and is included within the exemption of Section 501(c)(3) or Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(c) A person soliciting:

(i) Without the intent to complete or obtain provisional acceptance of a sale during the telephone solicitation;

(ii) Who does not make the major sales presentation during the telephone solicitation; or

(iii) Without the intent to complete, and who does not complete, the sales presentation during the telephone solicitation, but who completes the sales presentation at a later face-to-face meeting between the seller and the prospective purchaser. However, if a seller, directly following a telephone solicitation, causes an individual whose primary purpose it is to go to the prospective purchaser to collect the payment or deliver any item purchased, this exemption does not apply.

(d) Any licensed securities, commodities, or investments broker, dealer or investment advisor, when soliciting within the scope of his license. As used in this section, "licensed securities, commodities, or investments broker, dealer or investment advisor" means a person subject to license or registration as such by the Securities and Exchange Commission, by the National Association of Securities Dealers or other self-regulatory organization as defined by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 USC Section 781), or by an official or agency of this state or of any state of the United States.

(e) Any licensed associated person of a securities, commodities, or investments broker, dealer or investment advisor, when soliciting within the scope of his license. As used in this section, "licensed associated person of a securities, commodities, or investment broker, dealer or investment advisor" means any associated person registered or licensed by the National Association of Securities Dealers or other self-regulatory organization as defined by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 USC Section 781) or by an official or agency of this state or of any state of the United States.

(f) A person primarily soliciting the sale of a newspaper, magazine or periodical of general circulation by its publisher, or by the publisher's agent through written agreement.

(g) A book, video or record club or contractual plan or arrangement:

(i) Under which the seller provides the consumer with a form which the consumer may use to instruct the seller not to ship the offered merchandise;

(ii) Which is regulated by the Federal Trade Commission trade regulation concerning "use of negative option plans by sellers in commerce"; or

(iii) Which provides for the sale of books, records or videos which are not covered under paragraphs (i) or (ii), including continuity plans, subscription arrangements, standing order arrangements, supplements and series arrangements under which the seller periodically ships merchandise to a consumer who has consented in advance to receive such merchandise on a periodic basis.

(h) Any supervised financial institution or parent, subsidiary or affiliate thereof. As used in this section, "supervised financial institution" means any commercial bank, trust company, savings and loan association, mutual savings bank, credit union, industrial loan company, consumer finance lender, commercial finance lender or insurer, provided that the institution is subject to supervision by an official or agency of this state, of any state or of the United States.

(i) Any licensed insurance or real estate broker, agent, customer representative or solicitor when soliciting within the scope of his license. As used in this section, "licensed insurance or real estate broker, agent, customer representative or solicitor" means any insurance or real estate broker, agent, customer representative or solicitor licensed by an official or agency of this state or of any state of the United States.

(j) A person soliciting the sale of services provided by a cable television system operating under authority of a franchise or permit.

(k) A person who solicits sales by periodically publishing and delivering a catalog of the seller's merchandise to prospective purchasers, if the catalog:

(i) Contains a written description or illustration of each item offered for sale;

(ii) Includes the business address or home office address of the seller;

(iii) Includes at least twenty-four (24) pages of written material and illustrations and is distributed in more than one (1) state; or

(iv) Has an annual circulation by mailing of not less than two hundred fifty thousand (250,000).

(l) A person who solicits contracts for the maintenance or repair of goods previously purchased from the person making the solicitation or on whose behalf the solicitation is made.

(m) A telephone company, or its subsidiary or agents, or a business which is regulated by the Mississippi Public Service Commission, or a Federal Communications Commission licensed cellular telephone company or other bona fide radio telecommunication services provider.

(n) Any publicly traded corporation which has securities registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission which are a reported security within the meaning of subparagraph (4) of Regulation Section 240.11a3-1,(a), under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or which is exempt from registration under subparagraph (A), (B), (C), (E), (F), (G) or (H) of paragraph (2) of subsection (g) of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 USC Section 781), or any subsidiary of such a corporation.

(o) A business soliciting exclusively the sale of telephone answering services, provided that the telephone answering services will be supplied by the solicitor.

(p) A person soliciting a transaction regulated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission if the person is registered or temporarily licensed for this activity with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the Commodity Exchange Act (7 USC Section 1 et seq.) and the registration or license has not expired or been suspended or revoked.

(q) A person soliciting the sale of food or produce if the solicitation neither intends to result in, or actually results in, a sale which costs the purchaser in excess of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

(r) A person soliciting business from prospective consumers who have an established business relationship with, or who have previously purchased from, the business enterprise for which the solicitor is calling, if the solicitor is operating under the same exact business name.

(s) A person who has been operating, for at least one (1) year, a retail business establishment under the same name as that used in connection with telemarketing, and both of the following occur on a continuing basis:

(i) Either products are displayed and offered for sale, or services are offered for sale and provided at the business establishment; and

(ii) A majority of the seller's business involves the buyer obtaining such products or services at the seller's location.

(t) Any telephone marketing service company which provides telemarketing sales services under contract to sellers and has been operating continuously for at least five (5) years under the same business name and seventy-five percent (75%) of its contracts are performed on behalf of persons exempted from Sections 77-3-601 through 77-3-619.

SECTION 6. Section 77-3-611, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows: 77-3-611. The Attorney General shall investigate any complaints received concerning violations of Sections 77-3-601 through 77-3-619. If, after investigating any complaint, the Attorney General finds that there has been a violation of Sections 77-3-601 through 77-3-619, the Attorney General may bring an action to impose a civil penalty and to seek other relief, including injunctive relief, as the court deems appropriate against the telephone solicitor. The civil penalty shall not exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) per violation and shall be deposited in the State General Fund, unallocated. This civil penalty may be recovered in any action brought under Sections 77-3-601 through 77-3-619 by the Attorney General. Alternatively, the Attorney General may terminate any investigation or action upon agreement by the person to pay a stipulated civil penalty. The Attorney General or the court may waive any civil penalty if the person has previously made full restitution or reimbursement or has paid actual damages to the consumers who have been injured by the violation.

SECTION 7. Section 77-3-613, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows: 77-3-613. In any civil proceeding alleging a violation of Sections 77-3-601 through 77-3-619, the burden of proving an exemption or an exemption from a definition is upon the person claiming it.

SECTION 8. Section 77-3-615, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows: 77-3-615. (1) In any civil litigation resulting from a transaction involving a violation of Sections 77-3-601 through 77-3-619, the prevailing party, after judgment in the trial court and exhaustion of all appeals, if any, shall receive his reasonable attorney's fees and costs from the nonprevailing party.

(2) The attorney for the prevailing party shall submit a sworn affidavit of his time spent on the case and his costs incurred for all the motions, hearings, and appeals to the trial judge who presided over the civil case.

(3) The trial judge shall award the prevailing party the sum of reasonable costs incurred in the action plus a reasonable legal fee for the hours actually spent on the case as sworn to in an affidavit.

(4) Any award of attorney's fees or costs shall become a part of the judgment and subject to execution as the law allows.

(5) In any civil litigation initiated by the Attorney General, the court may award to the prevailing party reasonable attorney's fees and costs if the court finds that there was a complete absence of a justiciable issue of either law or fact raised by the losing party, or if the court finds bad faith on the part of the losing party.

SECTION 9. Section 77-3-617, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows: 77-3-617. The Attorney General shall by rule ensure that telecommunications companies inform their customers of the provisions of Sections 77-3-601 through 77-3-619. The notification may be made by:

(a) Annual inserts in the billing statements mailed to customers; and

(b) Conspicuous publication of the notice in the consumer information pages of the local telephone directories.

SECTION 10. Section 77-3-619, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows: 77-3-619. The Attorney General is authorized to issue any necessary rules and regulations in order to carry out the provisions of Sections 77-3-601 through 77-3-619.

SECTION 11. Section 77-3-701, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

77-3-701. This article shall be known and may be cited as the "Mississippi Telephone Solicitation Act."

SECTION 12. Section 77-3-703, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

77-3-703. (1) The use of the telephone to make all types of solicitations to consumers is pervasive. This article gives consumers a tool by which to object to telemarketing calls and text messages, as these communications can amount to a nuisance, an invasion of privacy, and can create a health and safety risk for certain consumers who maintain their phone service primarily for emergency medical situations.

(2) Any calls made for political purposes shall be governed by Section 23-15-875.

SECTION 13. Section 77-3-705, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

77-3-705. For the purposes of this article, the following words and terms shall have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Consumer" means a person or business that receives a telephone call or text message from a telephone solicitor.

(b) "Caller identification service" means a type of telephone service which permits a telephone subscriber to view the telephone number and name of the person or entity making an incoming telephone call or text message.

(c) "Telephone solicitor" means any person, firm, entity, organization, partnership, association, corporation, charitable entity, or a subsidiary or affiliate thereof, who engages in any type of telephone solicitation on his or her own behalf or through representatives, independent contractors, salespersons, agents, automated dialing systems, text messaging systems, or any other machines or other individuals or systems.

(d) "Telephone solicitation" means any voice or text message communication over the telephone line or cellular network of a consumer for the purpose of:

(i) Encouraging the purchase or rental of, or investment in, property;

(ii) Soliciting a sale of any consumer goods or services, or an extension of credit for consumer goods or services;

(iii) Soliciting any other item of value, pecuniary or otherwise, regardless of whether a sales presentation is made; or

(iv) Soliciting a charitable contribution of money or property.

(e) "Commission" means the Mississippi Public Service Commission.

(f) "Doing business in this state" refers to businesses which conduct telephone solicitations from any location to consumers located in this state.

(g) "Consumer goods or services" means any real property or any tangible or intangible personal property which is normally used for personal, family or household purposes, including, without limitation, any property intended to be attached to, or installed in, any real property, and any services related to the property.

(h) "Established business relationship" means a prior or existing relationship formed by a voluntary two-way communication between a person or entity and a consumer, with or without an exchange of consideration, on the basis of an inquiry, application, purchase or transaction by the consumer, which relationship is currently existing or was terminated within six (6) months of the telephone solicitation; however, the act of purchasing consumer goods or services under an extension of credit does not create an existing business relationship between the consumer and the entity extending credit to the consumer for such purchase. The term does not include the situation wherein the consumer has merely been subject to a telephone solicitation by or at the behest of the telephone solicitor within the six (6) months immediately preceding the contemplated telephone solicitation.

(i) "Charitable organization" means any person or entity holding itself out to be established for any benevolent, educational, philanthropic, humane, scientific, patriotic, social welfare or advocacy, public health, environmental or conservation, civic or other eleemosynary purpose or for the benefit of law enforcement personnel, firefighters, or any other persons who protect the public safety, or for any other purpose where a charitable appeal is the basis of the solicitation.

(j) "Sales presentation" means attempting to obtain something of value, pecuniary or otherwise, regardless of whether consideration is or is expected to be exchanged.

SECTION 14. Section 77-3-707, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

77-3-707. (1) Except as otherwise provided pursuant to Section 77-3-709 or 77-3-711, a telephone solicitor may not make or cause to be made any telephone solicitation to any consumer in this state unless the telephone solicitor has purchased the "no-calls" database from the commission or the entity under contract with the commission.

(2) Except as otherwise provided pursuant to Section 77-3-709 or 77-3-711, a telephone solicitor may not make or cause to be made any telephone solicitation to any consumer in this state who has given notice to the commission, or the entity under contract with the commission, of his or her objection to receiving telephone solicitations.

(3) The commission, or an entity under contract with the commission, shall establish and operate a "no-calls" database composed of a list of telephone numbers of consumers who have given notice of their objection to receiving telephone solicitations. The "no-calls" database may be operated by the commission or by another entity under contract with the commission.

(4) Each local exchange company and each competing local exchange carrier shall provide written notification on a semiannual basis to each of its consumers of the opportunity to provide notification to the commission, or the entity under contract with the commission, that the consumer objects to receiving telephone solicitations. The notification must be disseminated at the option of the carrier, by television, radio or newspaper advertisements, written correspondence, bill inserts or messages, a publication in the consumer information pages of the local telephone directory, or any other method not expressly prohibited by the commission.

(5) A telephone solicitor may not violate the Caller ID Anti-Spoofing Act in Section 77-3-801 et seq., and if in violation of such act, he shall also be in violation of this article. In addition to any remedies or penalties otherwise provided by law, such telephone solicitor shall be subject to any remedies or penalties available for a violation of this article. SECTION 15. Section 77-3-709, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows: 77-3-709. The commission, in its discretion, may allow telephone solicitors to make telephone solicitations without requiring them to purchase the "no-calls" database, and regardless of whether a telephone solicitation may be made to a consumer who has given notice of his objection to receiving such solicitations, provided that it adopts a written policy incorporating the following criteria:

(a) The telephone solicitor must demonstrate to the commission that its proposed telephone solicitation is reasonably related to an established business relationship as defined in Section 77-3-705(h), or is being made in response to an invitation or notice from a consumer which clearly signifies that he is open to a contact being initiated;

(b) The telephone solicitation is to be made by a person or entity for the purpose of soliciting a contribution or donation to a bona fide nonprofit corporation, regardless of whether consumer goods or services will be provided to the consumer in return for the contribution or donation; or

(c) The consumer will not be telephoned for a telephone solicitation as defined in Section 77-3-705(d), but he will be telephoned for a bona fide religious or charitable purpose, including an invitation to attend an event or a request for a contribution or donation.

In all cases, the telephone solicitor must demonstrate that it will not use an automated dialing system or a method that will block or otherwise circumvent the consumer's use of a caller identification service.

In making its determination of whether to allow a telephone solicitation to be made under the policy which will include the limitations set forth in this section, the commission shall exercise due care in investigating previous conduct of the telephone solicitor seeking such authority. The commission may deny any telephone solicitor the privilege of making telephone solicitations under this section, notwithstanding that any of the criteria set forth in this section have been met.

SECTION 16. Section 77-3-711, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows: 77-3-711. The provisions of this article shall not apply to:

(a) A person soliciting:

(i) Who does not make the major sales presentation during the telephone solicitation;

(ii) Without the intent to complete or obtain provisional acceptance of a sale, a charitable contribution, or the payment of some other item of value, pecuniary or otherwise, during the telephone solicitation; or

(iii) Without the intent to complete, and who does not complete, the sales presentation during the telephone solicitation, but who completes the sales presentation at a later face-to-face meeting between the person soliciting and the prospective purchaser or consumer.

(b) A person who is a licensee under Chapter 35, Title 73, Mississippi Code of 1972, who is a resident of the State of Mississippi, and whose telephone solicitation is for the sole purpose of selling, exchanging, purchasing, renting, listing for sale or rent or leasing real estate in connection with his real estate license and not in conjunction with any other offer.

(c) A motor vehicle dealer as that term is defined in Section 63-17-55, who is a resident of the State of Mississippi and who maintains a current motor vehicle dealer's license issued by the Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission, whose telephone solicitation is for the sole purpose of selling, offering to sell, soliciting or advertising the sale of motor vehicles in connection with his motor vehicle dealer's license and not in conjunction with any other offer.

(d) An agent as that term is defined in Section 83-17-1 whose telephone solicitation is for the sole purpose of soliciting, consulting, advising, or adjusting in the business of insurance.

(e) A broker-dealer, agent, or investment advisor registered under Chapter 71, Title 75, Mississippi Code of 1972, whose telephone solicitation is for the sole purpose of effecting or attempting to effect the purchase or sale of securities or has the purpose of providing or seeking to provide investment or financial advice.

(f) A person calling on behalf of a charitable organization which is registered under Chapter 11, Title 79, Mississippi Code of 1972, whose telephone solicitation is for the sole purpose of soliciting for the charitable organization and who receives no compensation for his activities on behalf of the organization.

(g) A person calling on behalf of a newspaper of general circulation, whose telephone solicitation is for the sole purpose of soliciting a subscription to the newspaper from, or soliciting the purchase of advertising by, the consumer.

(h) A person calling on behalf of any supervised financial institution or parent, subsidiary or affiliate thereof. As used in this section, "supervised financial institution" means any commercial bank, trust company, savings and loan association, mutual savings bank, credit union, industrial loan company, small loan company, consumer finance lender, commercial finance lender or insurer, provided that the institution has a physical office located in the State of Mississippi and is subject to supervision by an official or agency of the State of Mississippi or of the United States.

(i) A person calling on behalf of a funeral establishment licensed under Section 73-11-41, cemetery or monument dealer, if the sole purpose of the telephone solicitation relates to services provided by the funeral or death related establishments in the course of its ordinary business.

(j) Any telephone solicitor who solicits a consumer with whom he has an established business relationship.

SECTION 17. Section 77-3-713, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows: 77-3-713. All telephone solicitors must register with the commission before conducting any telephone solicitations in the State of Mississippi.

SECTION 18. Section 77-3-715, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows: 77-3-715. The commission may promulgate rules and regulations necessary to effectuate this article, including, but not limited to, the following:

(a) The methods by which consumers may give notice to the commission or its contractor of their objection to receive solicitations or revocation of the notice;

(b) The methods by which a notice of objection becomes effective and the effect of a change of telephone number on the notice;

(c) The methods by which objections and revocations are collected and added to the database;

(d) The methods by which a person or entity desiring to make telephone solicitations may obtain access to the database as required to avoid calling the telephone number of consumers included in the database;

(e) The process by which the database is updated, and the frequency of updates;

(f) The process by which telephone solicitors must register with the commission for the purpose of conducting telephonic solicitations in the state;

(g) The establishment of fees to be charged by the commission or its contractor to telephone solicitors for access to or for paper or electronic copies of the database on an annual basis;

(h) The establishment of a written policy which clearly articulates the circumstances under which the commission, in its discretion, may allow exceptions to the provisions of this article pursuant to Section 77-3-703; and

(i) All other matters relating to the database that the commission deems necessary.

SECTION 19. Section 77-3-717, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows: 77-3-717. If the Federal Trade Commission establishes a single national database of telephone numbers of consumers who object to receiving telephone solicitations, the commission must include the portion of the single national database that relates to the State of Mississippi in the database established under this article. Likewise, the commission shall make available the state's database to the Federal Trade Commission for inclusion in the national database.

SECTION 20. Section 77-3-719, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows: 77-3-719. Information contained in the database established under this article may be used and accessed only for the purpose of compliance with this article and shall not be otherwise subject to public inspection or disclosure.

SECTION 21. Section 77-3-721, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows: 77-3-721. All fees collected under the provisions of this article shall be deposited into a special fund which is created in the State Treasury to be expended by the commission for the implementation and administration of this article. From and after July 1, 2016, the expenses of this agency shall be defrayed by appropriation from the State General Fund, and all user charges and fees authorized under this article shall be deposited into the State General Fund as authorized by law and as determined by the State Fiscal Officer. This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2024.

SECTION 22. Section 77-3-723, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows: 77-3-723. (1) Any person or entity who makes an authorized telephone solicitation to a consumer in this state shall announce clearly, at the beginning of each call, his or her name, the company he or she represents and the purpose of the call. Such calls may only be made between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Central Standard Time. No telephone solicitations may be made on a Sunday. For purposes of this provision, an "authorized telephone solicitation" means a solicitation that is made: (a) to a consumer who is not listed on the most current "no-calls" database; (b) by a telephone solicitor who has been authorized to make such solicitations under the provisions of Section 77-3-709; or (c) by a telephone solicitor who is exempt from this article under the provisions of Section 77-3-711.

(2) A person or entity who makes a telephone solicitation to a consumer in this state may not utilize knowingly any method that blocks or otherwise circumvents the consumer's use of a caller identification service, nor may the person or entity use an automated dialing system or any like system that uses a recorded voice message to communicate with the consumer unless the person or entity has an established business relationship with the consumer and uses the recorded voice message to inform the consumer about a new product or service.

SECTION 23. Section 77-3-725, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows: 77-3-725. The commission may investigate alleged violations and initiate proceedings relative to a violation of this article or any rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this article. Such proceedings include, without limitation, proceedings to issue a cease and desist order, and to issue an order imposing a civil penalty not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for each violation. The commission shall afford an opportunity for a fair hearing to the alleged violator(s) after giving written notice of the time

and place for said hearing. Failure to appear at any such hearing may result in the commission finding the alleged violator(s) liable by default. Any telephone solicitor found to have violated this article, pursuant to a hearing or by default, may be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for each violation to be assessed and collected by the commission. Each telephonic communication shall constitute a separate violation.

All penalties collected by the commission shall be deposited in the special fund created under Section 77-3-721 for the administration of this article.

The commission may issue subpoenas, require the production of relevant documents, administer oaths, conduct hearings, and do all things necessary in the course of investigating, determining and adjudicating an alleged violation.

The remedies, duties, prohibitions and penalties set forth under this article shall not be exclusive and shall be in addition to all other causes of action, remedies and penalties provided by law, including, but not limited to, the penalties provided by Section 77-1-53.

SECTION 24. Section 77-3-727, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows: 77-3-727. Any person who has received a telephone solicitation in violation of this article, or any rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this article, may file a complaint with the commission. The complaint will be processed pursuant to complaint procedures established by the commission.

SECTION 25. Section 77-3-729, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows: 77-3-729. It shall be a defense in any action or proceeding brought under Section 77-3-725 or 77-3-727 that the defendant has established and implemented, with due care, reasonable practices and procedures to effectively prevent telephone solicitations in violation of this article.

SECTION 26. Section 77-3-731, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows: 77-3-731. The commission is granted personal jurisdiction over any telephone solicitor, whether a resident or a nonresident, notwithstanding that telephone solicitors are not deemed to be a public utility, for the purpose of administering this article. The commission is granted personal jurisdiction over any nonresident telephone solicitor, its executor, administrator, receiver, trustee or any other appointed representative of such nonresident as to an action or proceeding authorized by this article or any rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this article as authorized by Section 13-3-57, and also upon any nonresident, his or her executor, administrator, receiver, trustee or any other appointed representative of such nonresident who has qualified under the laws of this state to do business herein. Service of summons and process upon the alleged violator of this article shall be had or made as is provided by the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure.

SECTION 27. Section 77-3-733, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows: 77-3-733. Any party aggrieved by any final order of the commission pursuant to this article, or any rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this article, shall have the right of appeal to the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi, First Judicial District.

SECTION 28. Section 77-3-735, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows: 77-3-735. No provider of telephonic caller identification service, local exchange telephone company or long distance company certificated by the commission may be held liable for violations of this article committed by other persons or entities.

SECTION 29. Section 77-3-801, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows: 77-3-801. This article may be cited as the "Caller ID Anti-Spoofing Act."

SECTION 30. Section 77-3-803, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows: 77-3-803. As used in this article:

(a) "Automatic number identification" means a system that identifies the billing account for a call and includes an enhanced 911 service capability that enables the automatic display of the ten-digit number used to place a 911 call from a wire line, wireless, interconnected VoIP or nontraditional telephone service.

(b) "Caller identification information" means information provided by a caller identification service regarding the telephone number, or other origination information, of a call or facsimile transmission made using a telecommunications service or an interconnected VoIP service, or of a text message sent using a text-messaging service.

(c) "Caller identification service" means any service or device designed to provide the user of the service or device with the telephone number of, or other information

regarding the origination of, a call made using a telecommunications service or interconnected VoIP service. The term includes automatic number identification services.

(d) "Interconnected VoIP service" means an interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol service that:

- (i) Enables real-time, two-way voice communications;
- (ii) Requires a broadband internet connection from the user's location;
- (iii) Requires internet protocol-compatible customer premises equipment; and
- (iv) Permits users generally to receive calls that originate on the public switched telephone network and to terminate calls to the public switched telephone network.

(e) "Place of primary use" means the street address where a subscriber's use of a telecommunications service or interconnected VoIP service primarily occurs, which shall be:

- (i) The residential street address or the primary business street address of the subscriber or, in the case of a subscriber of interconnected VoIP service, the subscriber's registered location; and
- (ii) Within the licensed service area of the provider.

(f) "Provider" means a person or entity that offers telecommunications service or interconnected VoIP service.

(g) "Registered location" means the most recent information obtained by an interconnected VoIP service provider that identifies the physical location of an end user.

(h) "Subscriber" means a person:

- (i) Who subscribes to a caller identification service in connection with a telecommunications service or an interconnected VoIP service; and
- (ii) Whose place of primary use for the service described in paragraph (h)(i) is located in Mississippi.

(i) "Telecommunications service" means the offering of telecommunications for a fee directly to the public, or to classes of users so as to be effectively available directly to the public, regardless of the facilities used.

SECTION 31. Section 77-3-805, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows: 77-3-805. Except as provided in Section 77-3-807, a person shall not, in connection with any telecommunications service or interconnected VOIP service, knowingly and with the intent to defraud or cause harm to another person or to wrongfully obtain anything of value, cause any caller identification service to transmit misleading or inaccurate caller identification information to a subscriber.

SECTION 32. Section 77-3-807, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows: 77-3-807. This article does not apply to:

- (a) The blocking of caller identification information.
- (b) Any law enforcement agency of the federal, state, county or municipal government.
- (c) Any intelligence or security agency of the federal government.
- (d) A telecommunications, broadband or voice-over-Internet service provider that is acting solely as an intermediary for the transmission of telephone service between the caller and the recipient.

SECTION 33. Section 77-3-809, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows: 77-3-809. (1) Any person who violates this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or shall be imprisoned in the county jail not exceeding one (1) year, or both.

(2) Any violation of this article constitutes an unlawful trade practice under Section 75-24-5 and, in addition to any remedies or penalties set forth in this article, shall be subject to any remedies or penalties available for a violation of that statute.

(3) Any violation of this article constitutes a violation of the Mississippi Telephone Solicitation Act, Section 77-3-701 et seq., and in addition to any remedies or penalties provided in this article, shall be subject to any remedies or penalties available for a violation of that act.

SECTION 34. Section 23-15-875, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

23-15-875. No person, including a candidate, shall publicly or privately make, in a campaign then in progress, any charge or charges reflecting upon the honesty, integrity or moral character of any candidate, so far as his or her private life is concerned, unless the charge be in fact true and actually capable of proof; and any person who makes any such charge shall have the burden of proof to show the truth thereof when called to account therefor under any affidavit or indictment against him or her for a violation of this section. Any language deliberately uttered or published which, when fairly and reasonably construed and as commonly understood, would clearly and unmistakably imply any such charge, shall be deemed and held to be the equivalent of a direct charge.

SECTION 35. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 77-3-601, 77-3-603, 77-3-605, 77-3-607, 77-3-609, 77-3-611, 77-3-613, 77-3-615, 77-3-617 AND 77-3-619, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH RELATE TO UNSOLICITED RESIDENTIAL TELEPHONIC SALES CALLS, FOR PURPOSES OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 77-3-701, 77-3-703, 77-3-705, 77-3-707, 77-3-709, 77-3-711, 77-3-713, 77-3-715, 77-3-717, 77-3-719, 77-3-721, 77-3-723, 77-3-725, 77-3-727, 77-3-729, 77-3-731, 77-3-733 AND 77-3-735, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH RELATES TO THE MISSISSIPPI TELEPHONE SOLICITATION ACT AND PENALTIES, FOR PURPOSES OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 77-3-801, 77-3-803, 77-3-805, 77-3-807 AND 77-3-809, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH RELATES TO THE CALLER ID ANTI-SPOOFING ACT, FOR PURPOSES OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 23-15-875, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH RELATES TO LANGUAGE UTTERED OR PUBLISHED REGARDING THE INTEGRITY OF A CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE, FOR PURPOSES OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1225**. On motion of Rep. Bounds the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Massengill. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 412: DNA samples; destroy upon request for expungement.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bain:

AMEND on line 208 after "2023", by inserting the following:
"and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 412**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Burnett, Busby, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Kinkade, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Patterson, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--69.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Bell, C, Bomgar, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Byrd, Clark, Crawford, Criswell, Crudup, Denton, Eubanks, Evans, B, Ford, J, Foster, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Hulum, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, McCray, McLean, Morgan, Osborne, Owen, Pigott, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williamson, Young. Total--44.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Lamar, McCarty. Total-4.

Present--Faulkner, Holloway, Paden. Total--3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1020: Capitol Complex Improvement District courts; authorize.

Rep. Lamar moved that the committee substitute be tabled.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Lamar: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

Representative Lamar moved that the House reconsider the vote whereby Amendment No. 1 to **H. B. No. 1020** was adopted, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Johnson:

AMEND on line 187 through 201 by deleting all language after the word "clerk" through the period on line 198.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Yates, Young. Total--41.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Zuber. Total--76.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Guice, Huddleston. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Johnson:

AMEND by inserting the following language after line 848 as a new section and renumber succeeding sections:

Any cause of action including indictments that are born out of any incident involving the State of Mississippi and the misappropriation, embezzlement or theft of public funds or any crime connected or associated with such action shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Hinds County Circuit and Chancery Courts and the Hinds County District Attorney's Office.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Yates, Young. Total--41.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Zuber. Total--77.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston. Total-2.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--60

AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Johnson:

AMEND by inserting the following language after line 848 a new section and renumber the succeeding sections:

Any federal, state, county or city funds spent in the Capitol City Improvement District (CCID) defined in this bill shall be spent proportionately in the rest of the City of Jackson. Such spending shall include law enforcement, the judiciary, infrastructure, economic development, tourism, and healthcare and any other services within the CCID and the city as a whole.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--39.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--78.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Cockerham, Huddleston. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Johnson:

AMEND by inserting the following language after line 848 as a new section and renumbering succeeding sections accordingly:

This law cannot take effect until the State of Mississippi expands Medicaid and commits the funds necessary to restore suspended or discontinued services at the public hospitals in Hinds County and commits the necessary funds to restore neonatal intensive care unit in the Delta and prevent the closing of any hospital that is in eminent danger of closing or has closed within the last year.

POINT OF ORDER

A written point of order was raised by Representative Hood as follows:

The amendment tries to amend Mississippi Code Section: 43-13-115 by reference. The amendment was set aside pending a Speaker's Ruling.

The Speaker ruled the point of order not well taken due to the amendment having a conditional effective date.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--40.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--75.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, McCarty, McGee. Total-4.

Present--Burnett. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--58

AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Clark:

AMEND on line 31 by striking the entire Section 2. (1) language through the period on line 100, and inserting in lieu thereof, the following: SECTION 2. (1) Each Capitol Complex Improvement District (CCID) judge shall possess all qualifications required by law for circuit and chancery court judges. Each judge of the court shall be a qualified elector of this state, and shall have such other qualifications as provided for by law. Each judge shall be appointed by the Chief Justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court to serve four (4) year terms. Vacancies in the office shall be filled in the same manner provided by law for vacancies in the office of circuit judge.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Criswell, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Yates, Young. Total--42.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Zuber. Total--74.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Burnett, Cockerham, Huddleston. Total-4.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--59

AMENDMENT NO. 6 TO AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Harness:

AMEND on line 287 by deleting; "However," AMEND further by deleting lines 288 through 296 in their entirety, AMEND further on line 297 by deleting the following; "made and hear the evidence and give him judgement." AMEND title to conform.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--41.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--77.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston. Total-2.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--60

AMENDMENT NO. 7 TO AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Porter:

AMEND on line 431 by striking "July" and inserting in lieu thereof "June".

AMEND further on lines 438 through 446 by deleting the following: "On or before August 15, 2023, and each succeeding month thereafter, twelve percent (12%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3), 27-65-21 and 27-65-24, on business activities within the corporate limits of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, shall be deposited into the Capitol Complex Improvement District Project Fund created in Section 29-5-215."

AMEND FURTHER by inserting the following after line 842 and renumbering succeeding sections accordingly:

" SECTION 12. For the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2023, and ending on June 30, 2024, and for each fiscal year thereafter, the Legislature shall appropriate Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) to the Capitol Complex Improvement District Project Fund created in Section 29-5-215."

AMEND title to conform.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--40.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--77.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Burnett, Huddleston. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

AMENDMENT NO. 8 TO AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Taylor:

AMEND after line 313 by adding the following new section, and renumbering the succeeding section:

SECTION 10. The Department of Public Safety shall provide all police officers employed to patrol the Capitol Complex Improvement District as described in Section 29-5-203, with body-worn cameras that shall be worn on the uniforms of the officers. As used in this section, "body-worn cameras" means devices that are worn by police officers which electronically record audio and video of the activities of the officers.

ADOPTED

POINT OF ORDER

A written point of order was raised by Representative Scott as follows:

I do herein raise a Point of Order that the Strike All Amendment to House Bill No. 1020 violates House Rule 112.

House Rule 112 states No revenue bill, or any other bill providing for assessments of property for tax taxation, shall become law except by a vote of at least three-fifths of the members of each house present and voting.

The Strike All Amendment to House Bill No. 1020 has the following language.

SECTION 11. (1) (c) Lines 451 through 459. "On or before August 15, 2023, and each succeeding month thereafter, twelve percent (12%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19 (3), 27-65-21 and 27-65-24, on business activities within the corporate limits of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, shall be deposited into the Capitol Complex Improvement District Project Fund created 29-5-251.

Amends MS Code Section 27-65-75, starting August 15, 2023, 18.758% of the amount allocated and paid to the City of Jackson, shall be deposited into the CCID Project Fund created in Section 29-5-215, and the amount that would otherwise have been allocated and paid to the City of Jackson shall be reduced by such amount. The amount paid to Jackson of the 18.5%-18.758% of that amount would go to CCID (ex: December 2022 amount paid to Jackson 57,456,226-of that the amount to go to the CCID: 5460,738 (month); Jackson amount \$1,995,487 (estimated yearly deposit to CCID \$5,528,856). The 6% collections, of business activities within the corporate limits of the City of Jackson, deposited into the CCID Project Fund from business activities in the City of Jackson stops on July 15, 2023. On or before August 15, 2023, 9% of total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3), 27-65-21 and 27-65-24 on business activities within the corporate limits of the City of Jackson shall be deposited into the CCID Project Fund. As of 2022 6% collected was \$10,212,987; raising to 9% would be estimated at \$15,319,481.

This pursuant to House Rule 112 amendment is not a diversion of funds but is an increase in taxes in the amount of 12% to the citizens of Jackson, Mississippi.

The Speaker ruled the point of order not well taken.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Lamar: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The foregoing amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stevenson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--79.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--39.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston. Total-2.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--60

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1020**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--76.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--38.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Miles, Robinson. Total-4.

Present--Eubanks, Gibbs, K. Total--2.
Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--57

EXPLANATION OF VOTE ON **H. B. No. 1020** BY REPRESENTATIVE Scott

If enacted into law, House Bill 1020 would deprive local residents of their constitutional right to elect a judge or such representative. Article VI, Section 153 of the Constitution of the State of Mississippi provides the judges of the circuit and chancery courts shall be elected by the people and serve four year terms. The passage of House Bill 1020 would usurp from the citizens of Jackson, Mississippi, their constitutional right to elect qualified circuit and chancery judges to oversee matters in Hinds County according to the Mississippi Constitution. I voted Nay on House Bill 1020 for the explanation above.

Representative Rosebud entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the foregoing bill passed.

Rep. Pigott called up for consideration the following bill and was read for the third time:

H. B. No. 280: Foreign governments; prohibit sale of agricultural lands to.

Rep. Ford (54th) called up for consideration separately, and in order, the following bills and were read for the third time:

H. B. No. 544: Valued policy law; exempt builder's risk insurance policies from.

H. B. No. 1084: Insurance agents; revise the continuing education requirements of those who are 65 and have been licensed for 20 years.

H. B. No. 1141: State employees life and health insurance plan; revise to include coverage for contract personnel.

H. B. No. 1162: Reciprocal insurance; revise sworn declaration requirements of and board of directors for.

H. B. No. 1172: Federal home loan banks; define term and provide process for handling delinquent insurer's secured claim.

H. B. No. 1190: Health benefit plan; authorize plan sponsor of to consent, on behalf of covered pensions, to delivery of all communications by electronic means.

H. B. No. 1191: Pet insurance; create legal framework by which it may be sold in the state.

H. B. No. 1299: Pharmacy benefit managers; require to make available to the public, without redaction, contracts relating to pharmacy benefit management services.

H. B. No. 521: Length of Service Award Program; authorize for the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters.

H. B. No. 16: Election commissioner; revise office of to be nonpartisan.

H. B. No. 1276: State officers; provide for a runoff election for.

H. B. No. 1310: Elections; revise provisions related to the integrity of.

H. B. No. 241: Campaign finance reports; revise the time for filing electronically.

H. B. No. 1306: Elections; revise certain provisions about names of candidates appearing on the ballot, judicial candidate's annual report and fraudulent absentee voter applications.

H. B. No. 552: Poll managers; increase the compensation of.

Rep. Wallace called up for consideration the following bill and was read for the third time:

H. B. No. 120: MAEP; increase adjustment to base student cost for at-risk students.

Rep. Turner called up for consideration separately, and in order, the following bills and were read for the third time:

H. B. No. 1030: Motor Vehicle Sales Finance Law; clarify employees of state licensee may work remotely.

H. B. No. 1041: State depositories; revise certain definitions relating to align with federal regulatory standards.

H. B. No. 1143: Counties and municipalities; delete requirement for permitting as a condition to construction.

H. B. No. 70: Voter registration application; require to be processed within ten days of deadline and give applicant opportunity to cure.

H. B. No. 880: Mississippi Consumer Privacy Act for State Agencies; create.

Rep. Bounds called up for consideration separately, and in order, the following bills and were read for the third time:

H. B. No. 697: Homeowner associations that provide water to its residents, certain; prohibit PSC from providing certain regulation of.

H. B. No. 809: Executive Director of Public Utilities Staff; remove Public Service Commission from the process of appointing.

Rep. Criswell called up for consideration separately, and in order, the following bills and were read for the third time:

H. B. No. 768: State Personnel Board; require agencies seeking an exemption from the oversight of to submit written plan of justification to Legislature and SPB.

H. B. No. 519: Landscape architects; authorize to participate with multi-disciplinary engineer and architecture firms.

H. B. No. 875: Public purchases; revise bidding requirements for certain projects and other related to Mississippi Landmarks.

H. B. No. 895: Uninsured motorist coverage; provide that coverage is mandatory in every automobile liability insurance policy.

H. B. No. 538: Pat Harrison Waterway District; provide county withdrawal from district not effective until close of FY in which county obligations met.

H. B. No. 821: Notaries; revise residency requirements of.

Representative Clark entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 771: HELP Grant and MTAG Programs; revise level of funding provided to eligible students.

Rep. Oliver called up for consideration the following bill and was read for the third time:

H. B. No. 65: Landlord-tenant; authorize tenant who is survivor of domestic abuse to break lease without penalty.

Rep. McCarty called up for consideration the following bills and was read for the third time:

H. B. No. 365: Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts; allow to speak to student regarding civic involvement with principal's approval.

H. B. No. 823: Commission on Education and Economic Competitiveness; establish to develop vision for the state's future economic and educational success.

H. B. No. 859: Public special purpose schools; exempt from certain audit requirements.

H. B. No. 1000: Foster and adopted children; allow foster or adoptive parent to choose school or school district of enrollment.

H. B. No. 1070: Patriotic Education Grant Program; establish.

H. B. No. 1087: MS School for Math and Science; increase licensed employees' salaries by amount corresponding to increases to amount and years in teacher salary scale.

H. B. No. 1150: Charter schools; bring forward various provision relating to powers and duties of authorizer board.

H. B. No. 1174: Public schools; authorize to have a supply of FDA-approved opioid reversal agents on premises to counter opioid overdose.

H. B. No. 1228: Community schools; authorize implementation under the administration of a district innovation.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 35: Jacqueline Ervin; commend for being crowned Miss Rodeo Mississippi 2023.

H. R. No. 36: Kennadee Riggs; congratulate on being crowned Miss Rodeo America 2023.

H. R. No. 40: Willis Joe Barnes; commend his life and legacy upon his passing.

H. R. No. 41: Bay Springs High School Football Team; commend for winning 2022 MHSAA Class 1A State Football Championship.

H. R. No. 45: New Albany High School Tennis Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 4A State Championship.

H. R. No. 46: Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Legislative Day at the Capitol; commend celebration of February 7, 2023.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 38: Honorable Thomas Edward (Tom) King, Jr.; commend stellar career as Southern District Transportation Commissioner upon his retirement.

H. R. No. 42: Kossuth High School Aggies Cheerleading Team; commend for winning the 2022 MHSAA Class 3A Game Day State Championship and the 2022 Mid-South Regional Large Game Day Competition.

H. R. No. 44: MS Film Office; commend and congratulate upon its 50th anniversary commemoration.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. R. No. 47: Miss Emmie Perkins; commend and congratulate upon being crowned Miss Mississippi 2022.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. C. R. No. 502: Mourn the loss and commend the life and public service of former MDOT Commissioner and Legislator Dick Hall.

S. C. R. No. 509: Congratulate Scott Central "Rebels" Football Team for winning the back-to-back MHSAA Class 2A State Championships.

S. C. R. No. 512: Mourn the loss and celebrate the contributions and career of Mississippi music icon and Rock and Roll legend Jerry Lee Lewis.

S. C. R. No. 514: Commend Sumrall High School "Bobcats" Baseball Team for winning Mississippi 4A State Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Danna Rose Hines Johnson, Jimmy Glynn Davis, and Bobby J. Grisham, which motion prevailed.

Representative Currie and the Entire House Membership moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jerry Stansel Boyd, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Oliver and White moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Joe Dodson Heath, and Edna Ruth Putman, which motion prevailed.

Representative Horne moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Syble Collins, which motion prevailed.

Representative Summers moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Marcel Hall, which motion prevailed.

Representative Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sarah Marie Clark, which motion prevailed.

Representative Scoggin moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Raymond Wilson, Larry Davis, Lumus Jefcoat, Lonnie Reynolds, Mary Stone, and Philip Graham, which motion prevailed.

At 9:02 PM, on motion of Rep. Massengill the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Wednesday, February 8, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2023

(THIRTY-SEVENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Pro Tempore White in the chair. Prayer by Mr. Lance Peacock, a member of Hope Community Church, Southaven, Mississippi.

Rep. Hale led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Huddleston.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2181: Distinctive motor vehicle license tags; authorize for 2021 and 2022 National Championship Rebels.

S. B. No. 2323: Community hospitals; allow consolidation and collaboration involving other hospitals.

S. B. No. 2420: Public Funds Offender Registry; create.

S. B. No. 2596: Mississippi Nonprofit Transparency Act; create.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. R. No. 57: (Representative Bain) Dr. William G. "Bill" Jackson; commend for 46 years of excellent medical service and congratulate upon retirement. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. C. R. No. 35: Ole Miss Baseball Team; commend for winning the 2022 NCAA Baseball National Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 37: Attorney Constance Slaughter-Harvey; commend and honor historic legacy as a living legal icon. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 39: Crime Victim's Rights Week; designate April 23-29, 2023, as in Mississippi. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 43: Cardiovascular risk reduction; recognize need for thorough screening and treatment of metabolic syndrome. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 48: Mississippi Horse Park; commend for receiving the 2022 Justin Boots Best Footing Award for the Southeastern Circuit. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 49: Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Day at the Mississippi State Capitol; commend celebration on March 9, 2023. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 51: Mar-Cal Inc. and the Martin Family; commend business success and family legacy. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 52: Tommy Aldridge; commend for outstanding musical artistry and accomplishments. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 53: Charles Wayne Nobles; commend the life of upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 54: Dr. Katherine Fokakis "Katie" Patterson; mourn loss and commemorate life upon her passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 55: Verbia Cooper Harden; commend outstanding career in radio broadcasting. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 56: Pearl River Community College Baseball Team; commend upon winning the NJCAA Division II National Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 526: Recognize leadership of William Carey University President Dr. Tommy King on the occasion of his retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 535: Designate March 2023 as "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in Mississippi". Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 57: Dr. William G. "Bill" Jackson; commend for 46 years of excellent medical service and congratulate upon retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2684: Children's Promise Act; revise definition of "eligible charitable organization." Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2698: Ad valorem tax; extend fee-in-lieu qualifying period for renewable energy project. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2797: Mississippi State Asylum Records; provide procedures and exempt from confidentiality and privilege requirements. Public Health and Human Services.

Representative Scoggin called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 771:** (HELP Grant and MTAG Programs; revise level of funding provided to eligible students.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bain called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 400**: (Election crimes; revise the penalties for certain.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yates, Zuber. Total--74.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--40.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Cockerham, Criswell, Huddleston, Miles. Total-5.

Present--Yancey. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Powell called up:

H. B. No. 264: Energy Efficiency standards on buildings; extend repealer on statute requiring certain buildings to meet.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES BOYD (37TH) AND POWELL:

AMEND by inserting the following two sections after line 75 and renumbering the succeeding sections:

" SECTION 2. (1) The state and any county board of supervisors or municipal governing authority may not prohibit or otherwise limit in a building code applicable to commercial or residential buildings or construction a refrigerant designated as acceptable for use pursuant to and in accordance with 42 USC 7671k.

(2) The prohibition set out under subsection (1) of this section shall apply only to the use of such refrigerant in equipment that is listed and installed in accordance with safety standards and use conditions imposed pursuant to such designation. SECTION 3.

Section 2 of this act shall be codified in Chapter 2, Title 17, Mississippi Code of 1972." Further, amend the title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 264**. On motion of Rep. Powell the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne,

Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 253: DUI suspension; clarify how the 120 days are counted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bain:

AMEND on line 803 after "2023" by inserting the following:
"and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023"

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Evans (91st):

AMEND on line 285 after (a) and ending on line 286 at the word "every", insert the following: "(i) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph (a),".

AMEND further on line 302 inserting the following: "(ii) Every person who is below the legal age to purchase alcoholic beverages under state law and has an alcohol concentration in the person's blood, based upon grams of alcohol per one hundred (100) milliliters of blood, or grams of alcohol per two hundred ten (210) liters of breath, as shown by a chemical analysis of the person's breath, blood or urine administered as authorized by this chapter, of eight one-hundredths percent (0.08%) or more and who in a negligent manner causes the death of another or mutilates, disfigures, permanently disables or destroys the tongue, eye, lip, nose of any other limb, organ or member of another shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a separate felony for each victim who suffers death, mutilation, disfigurement or other injury and shall be committed to the custody of the State Department of Corrections for a period of time not less than five (5) years and not to exceed twenty-five (25) years for each death, mutilation, disfigurement or other injury, and the imprisonment for the second or each subsequent conviction, in the discretion of the court, shall commence either at the termination of the imprisonment for the preceding conviction or run concurrently with the preceding conviction. Any such person charged with causing the death of another as described in this subparagraph shall be required to post bail before being released after arrest. Any person who was below the legal age to purchase alcoholic beverages under state law and was convicted before July 1, 2023, of aggravated DUI with a blood alcohol concentration as described in this subparagraph of less than .08%, or who was charged before July 1, 2023, with aggravated DUI with a blood alcohol concentration as described in this subparagraph of less than .08% and convicted on or after July 1, 2023, shall upon petition to the sentencing court be granted a new trial pursuant to this subparagraph.

AMEND title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 253**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, R, Brown, C, Calvert, Currie, Ford, K, Holloway, Huddleston. Total-7.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--57

Representative Pigott introduced special guests, Miss Rodeo America, Miss Rodeo Mississippi, and Miss Dixie National.

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 368: State identification for homeless persons; authorize.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES BAIN AND PORTER:

AMEND on line 116 after "2023" by inserting the following:
"and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 368**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Huddleston, Williamson. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 374: Wiretapping; authorize state and local law enforcement to use for human trafficking.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 374.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--102.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Karriem, McCarty, McCray, Owen, Summers, Williamson. Total--10.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Brown, C, Currie, Huddleston. Total-4.

Present--Busby, Crudup, Hobgood-Wilkes, Yates. Total--4.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 402: Fleeing law enforcement; increase penalties for the crime of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bell (65th):

AMEND by inserting the following language after line 43:

(6) In determining whether a police was reckless in his or her pursuit of a suspect, a court shall consider the following factors:

- (a) The length of the chase;
- (b) The characteristics of the streets;
- (c) The type of neighborhood;
- (d) The seriousness of the suspect's offense;
- (e) The experience and training of the officer;
- (f) Whether the officer had available alternatives which would lead to the apprehension of the suspect besides the pursuit;
- (g) The existence of police policy which prohibits pursuit under the circumstances;
- (h) The presence of vehicular or pedestrian traffic;
- (i) The weather conditions and visibility;
- (j) Whether the officer proceeded with sirens and blue lights; and
- (k) The rate of speed of the officer in comparison to the posted speed limit.

Further, amend the title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 402**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Johnson, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--85.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, C, Burnett, Clark, Criswell, Crudup, Denton, Eubanks, Evans, B, Foster, Harness, Hines, Hopkins, Jackson, Karriem, Ladner, McCray, Osborne, Porter, Scott, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson. Total--31.

Absent or those not voting--Bell, C, Brown, B, Huddleston, Rosebud. Total-4.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 405: Bribery of a candidate; revise statute of limitations.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 405**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--80.

Nays--Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Criswell, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson. Total--33.

Absent or those not voting--Anthony, Huddleston, Walker. Total-3.

Present--Anderson, J, Jackson, Paden, Stamps. Total--4.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 1222: The Mississippi Collaborative Response to Mental Health Act; create.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Creekmore IV:

AMEND on line 452 by deleting "(1)".

AMEND FURTHER by deleting subsection (2) on lines 471 through 488 in its entirety.

AMEND FURTHER on lines 538 and 582 by deleting "or physician assistant"

AMEND on line 457 after the period by deleting the word "At" and inserting in lieu thereof, the following:

"By July 1, 2027, at"

AMEND FURTHER by deleting all language in Sections 15 through 23.

AMEND FURTHER after line 524 by inserting the following:

"(5) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to relieve any person charged with a crime from the penalties for such crimes as applicable."

AMEND FURTHER THE TITLE to conform.

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Hines:

AMEND after line 1854 by inserting the following:

" SECTION 24. A law enforcement officer shall transport the mental health person who is in crisis to the appropriate healthcare facility at the request of the crisis intervention team."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1222**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Scott. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Huddleston. Total-2.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Reynolds called up:

H. B. No. 1490: Licenses issued by Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; require suspension for failure to pay child support.

Rep. Hines moved to table, which motion lost.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1490. On motion of Rep. Reynolds the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hood, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--81.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Banks, Bell, C, Bomgar, Brown, B, Clarke, Crawford, Criswell, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Hines, Holloway, Hopkins, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Mickens, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson. Total--29.

Absent or those not voting--Bounds, Brown, C, Denton, Haney, Huddleston, McCray, Mims, Young. Total-8.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Stamps. Total--2.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Reynolds called up:

H. B. No. 773: Real estate brokers and agents; revise liability regarding disclosure statements.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 517 after "2023" and before the period by inserting the following: ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023".

A motion to table the committee amendment prevailed.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 773. On motion of Rep. Reynolds the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Evans, B, Hopkins, Jackson, Scott, Summers. Total--7.
Absent or those not voting--Denton, Huddleston, Rosebud, Yates. Total-4.

Present--Brown, B. Total--1.
Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Bounds called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 809: Executive Director of Public Utilities Staff; remove Public Service Commission from the process of appointing.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 809.** On motion of Rep. Bounds the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Brown, B, Evans, B, Stamps. Total--3.
Absent or those not voting--Denton, Holloway, Huddleston, Owen, Pigott, Summers, Young. Total-7.

Present--Anderson, J, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--2.
Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--56

Representative Lamar called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1020:** (Capitol Complex Improvement District courts; authorize.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Darnell, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--75.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--38.

Absent or those not voting--Busby, Currie, Denton, Eubanks, Horne, Huddleston, Miles. Total-7.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--57

Representative Crawford entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 405: Bribery of a candidate; revise statute of limitations.

Representative Hobgood-Wilkes entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1490: Licenses issued by Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; require suspension for failure to pay child support.

Rep. Guice called up for consideration the following bill and was read for the third time:

H. B. No. 1025: Airport authority; authorize to dispose of property with a fair market value of zero if certain conditions are met.

Rep. Weathersby called up for consideration the following bill and was read for the third time:

H. B. No. 1048: "Universal Changing Tables Installation Incentive Grant Program Act"; establish to be administered by Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services.

Rep. Yancey called up for consideration the following bill and was read for the third time:

H. B. No. 1317: Pharmacists; authorize to test for and administer treatment for minor, nonchronic health conditions.

At 12:08 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed until 1:30 PM.

At 1:34 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Bennett called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 365: Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts; allow to speak to student regarding civic involvement with principal's approval.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 365.** On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert,

Carpenter, Clarke, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--103.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Johnson, Watson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Bailey, Burnett, Cockerham, Huddleston, Jackson, Scott, Young. Total-8.

Present--Brown, B, Clark, Crudup, Evans, B, Faulkner. Total--5.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--54

Rep. Bennett called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 823: Commission on Education and Economic Competitiveness; establish to develop vision for the state's future economic and educational success.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 823. On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Huddleston, Jackson, Turner. Total-4.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Bennett called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 859: Public special purpose schools; exempt from certain audit requirements.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 859. On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham,

Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Scott, Summers. Total--5.
Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Turner. Total-2.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bennett called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1000: Foster and adopted children; allow foster or adoptive parent to choose school or school district of enrollment.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1000. On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.
Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Miles. Total-2.

Present--Crudup, Stamps. Total--2.
Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bennett called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1070: Patriotic Education Grant Program; establish.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Johnson:

AMEND on line 17 by deleting "inspires pride in" and inserting in lieu thereof:
"teaches"
Further, amend the title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1070. On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bailey, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Shanks, Summers. Total-3.

Present--Brown, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bennett called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1087: MS School for Math and Science; increase licensed employees' salaries by amount corresponding to increases to amount and years in teacher salary scale.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1087. On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Smith. Total-2.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bennett called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1150: Charter schools; bring forward various provision relating to powers and duties of authorizer board.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1150. On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--87.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Darnell, Denton, Harness, Hines, Johnson, Karriem, Miles, Paden, Porter, Stamps, Summers, Young. Total--15.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Blackmon, Clark, Clarke, Currie, Foster, Haney, Huddleston, McCray, McGee, Scott. Total-11.

Present--Brown, B, Crudup, Evans, B, Faulkner, Holloway, Hulum, Rosebud. Total--7.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--51

Rep. Bennett called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1174: Public schools; authorize to have a supply of FDA-approved opioid reversal agents on premises to counter opioid overdose.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bennett:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) A public school may purchase a supply of opioid reversal agents approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA), from a wholesale distributor as defined in Section 41-29-115, or may enter into an arrangement with a wholesale distributor or entity who manufactures as defined in Section 41-29-105 for FDA-approved opioid reversal agents at fair-market, free or reduced prices for use in the event a student has an opioid overdose. The FDA-approved opioid reversal agent must be maintained in a secure location on the public school's premises. The participating school district shall adopt a protocol developed by a licensed physician for the administration of the medication by school personnel who are trained to recognize an opioid overdose and to administer FDA-approved opioid reversal agents.

(2) The school district, its employees and agents and the physician who provides the standing protocol for school opioid reversal agents approved by the FDA are not liable for any injury arising from the use of the drug if it is administered by trained school personnel who follow the standing protocol and whose professional opinion is that the student is having an opioid overdose:

(a) Unless the trained school personnel's action is willful and wanton;

(b) Notwithstanding that the parents or guardians of the student to whom the FDA-approved opioid reversal agent is administered have not been provided notice or have not signed a statement acknowledging that the school district is not liable; and

(c) Regardless of whether authorization has been given by the student's parents or guardians or by the student's physician, physician's assistant or advanced practice registered nurse.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PURCHASE A SUPPLY OR ENTER INTO AN ARRANGEMENT TO RECEIVE A SUPPLY OF FDA-APPROVED OPIOID REVERSAL AGENTS FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES; TO REQUIRE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ADOPT A PROTOCOL FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF FDA-APPROVED OPIOID REVERSAL AGENTS; TO EXEMPT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ITS EMPLOYEES WHO PROVIDE THE PROTOCOL FROM LIABILITY FOR INJURIES RESULTING FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OF FDA-APPROVED OPIOID REVERSAL AGENTS; TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS TO WHICH THE EXEMPTION FROM LIABILITY DOES NOT APPLY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Ford (73rd):

AMEND after line 42 by inserting the following:

" SECTION 2. (1) This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Seizure Safe Schools Act."

(2) As used in this act, the term "seizure action plan" means a written, individualized health plan designed to acknowledge and prepare for the health care needs of a student diagnosed with a seizure disorder.

SECTION 3. (1) (a) Beginning on July 1, 2024, the local school board of each public school district and the governing body of each nonpublic school shall have at least one (1) school employee at each school who has met the training requirements necessary to administer or assist with the self-administration of:

(i) A seizure rescue medication or medication prescribed to treat seizure disorder symptoms as approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration and any successor agency; and

(ii) A manual dose of prescribed electrical stimulation using a vagus nerve stimulator (VNS) magnet as approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration and any successor agency.

(b) For those assigned the duties under paragraph (a) of this subsection, the training provided shall include instructions in administering seizure medications and manual vagus nerve stimulation, as well as the recognition of the signs and symptoms of seizures and the appropriate steps to be taken to respond to these symptoms.

(c) The presence of a registered nurse employed full-time by a school and assumes responsibility for the administration of seizure medications and the administration and oversight of vagus nerve stimulation, shall fulfill requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection.

(d) Every public and charter school shall, and nonpublic school is encouraged to, provide training every two (2) years to principals, guidance counselors, teachers and other relevant school personnel with direct contact and supervision of children, including bus drivers and classroom aids, on the recognition of the signs and symptoms of seizures and the appropriate steps for seizure first aid.

(e) Any training programs or guidelines adopted by any state agency for the training of school personnel in the health care needs of students diagnosed with a seizure disorder shall be fully consistent with training programs and guidelines developed by the Epilepsy Foundation of America and any successor organization that supports the welfare of individuals with epilepsy and seizure disorders. Notwithstanding any state agency requirement or other law to the contrary, for the purposes of this training, a local school district shall be permitted to use any adequate and appropriate training program or guidelines for training of school personnel in the seizure disorder care tasks covered

under this section. The instruction must be approved by the State Department of Education or relevant state agency, may be provided online or in-person, and must be provided by the nonprofit entity free of charge.

(2) (a) Before administering a seizure rescue medication or medication prescribed to treat seizure disorder symptoms, the student's parent or guardian shall:

(i) Provide the school with a written authorization to administer the medication at school;

(ii) Provide a written statement from the student's health care practitioner, which shall contain the following information:

1. Student's name;
2. The name and purpose of the medication;
3. The prescribed dosage;
4. The route of administration;
5. The frequency that the medication may be administered; and
6. The circumstances under which the medication may be administered; and

(iii) Provide the prescribed medication to the school in its unopened, sealed package with the label affixed by the dispensing pharmacy intact.

(b) In addition to the statements required in paragraph (a) of this subsection, the parent or guardian of each student diagnosed with a seizure disorder shall collaborate with school personnel to create a seizure action plan. The State Board of Education shall promulgate administrative regulations establishing procedures for the development and content of seizure action plans.

(3) (a) The statements and seizure action plan required in subsection (2) of this section shall be kept on file in the office of the school nurse or school administrator.

(b) The seizure action plan requirement in paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of this section shall be distributed to any school personnel or volunteers responsible for the supervision or care of the student.

(4) The permission for the administration of any of the medications authorized under subsection (1)(a) of this section shall be effective for the school year in which it is granted and shall be renewed each following school year upon fulfilling the requirements of subsections (2) through (4) of this section.

(5) The requirements of subsections (1) through (5) of this section shall apply only to schools that have a student enrolled who has a seizure disorder, a seizure rescue medication or medication prescribed to treat seizure disorder symptoms approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration and any successor agency prescribed by the student's health care provider.

SECTION 4. Every public and charter school shall, and nonpublic school is encouraged to, provide an age-appropriate seizure education program to all students on seizures and seizure disorders. The seizure education program shall be consistent with guidelines published by the Epilepsy Foundation of America and any successor organization. The State Board of Education shall promulgate administrative regulations for the development and implementation of the seizure education program.

SECTION 5. A school district, school district employee or agent acting in good faith and in substantial compliance with the student's individual health plan and the instructions of the student's licensed health care professional, that provides assistance or services under this act shall not be liable in any criminal action for civil damages in his or her individual, marital, governmental, corporate or other capacities as a result of the services provided under this act to students with epilepsy or seizure disorders."

AMEND further by renumbering succeeding sections accordingly.
AMEND title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1174**. On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Summers. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Huddleston, Scott. Total-3.

Present--Brown, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bennett called up:

H. B. No. 1176: National board certified education professionals; clarify provisions related to certification component reimbursements.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1176.** On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Turner. Total-2.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Representative McCarty entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1176: National board certified education professionals; clarify provisions related to certification component reimbursements.

Rep. Turner called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1030: Motor Vehicle Sales Finance Law; clarify employees of state licensee may work remotely.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1030. On motion of Rep. Turner the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Brown, B. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Huddleston. Total-2.

Present--Summers. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Aguirre called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1041: State depositories; revise certain definitions relating to align with federal regulatory standards.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1041. On motion of Rep. Aguirre the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Aguirre called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1123: Delivery of payment services; regulate.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1123.** On motion of Rep. Aguirre the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Darnell, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stevenson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--94.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bomgar, Criswell, Currie, Eubanks, Faulkner, Hopkins, Karriem, Ladner, Mickens, Owen, Porter, Scott, Stamps, Summers, Williamson. Total--16.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Present--Bailey, Brown, B, Clark, Crawford, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Hulum, Paden. Total--9.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Aguirre called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 880: Mississippi Consumer Privacy Act for State Agencies; create.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Aguirre:

AMEND on line 71 by deleting the number "15" and inserting in lieu thereof the number "8".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 880.** On motion of Rep. Aguirre the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles,

Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Summers. Total-2.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Pigott called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 280: Foreign governments; prohibit sale of agricultural lands to.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

Amend on line 125, by inserting before the period, the following:
", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023".

A motion to table the committee amendment prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Currie:

AMEND by striking Sections 1 through 5, lines 25-123, in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following language and renumbering the succeeding sections:

SECTION 1. (1) There is created a study committee for the purpose of studying the purchasing, acquiring, leasing or holding an interest in agricultural land by foreign government. The committee shall be comprised of the following nine (9) members:

(a) The Commissioner of Department of Agriculture and Commerce, or his or her designee;

(b) The Attorney General, or his or her designee;

(c) The Chairman of the House Judiciary B Committee;

(d) The Chairman of the Senate Judiciary B Committee;

(e) The Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee;

(f) The Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee;

(g) One (1) person to be appointed by the Governor;

(h) One (1) person to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor; and

(i) One (1) person to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall be a representative of Farm Bureau.

(2) Appointments to the study committee shall be made within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this act. At the first meeting, the committee shall elect from among its membership a chairman, a vice chairman and any other officers determined to be necessary, and shall adopt rules for transacting business and keeping records. The study committee shall develop and report its findings to the Legislature on or before December 1, 2023.

(3) A majority of the members of the study committee shall constitute a quorum. In the adoption of rules, resolutions and reports, and in the election of a chairman, vice chairman and any other officers determined to be necessary, an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present shall be required.

(4) To effectuate the purposes of this act, any department, division, board, bureau, committee, institution or agency of the state, or any political subdivision thereof, shall, at the request of the chairman of the study committee, provide the facilities, assistance, information and data needed to enable the study committee to carry out its duties.

(5) The study committee shall study at least the following information:

(a) The total amount of agricultural land that is under foreign ownership;

(b) The percentage change in foreign ownership of agricultural land in Mississippi, by year, over the past ten (10) years;

(c) The purpose to which foreign-owned agricultural land in Mississippi is being put to use currently, including any significant recent changes or trends in the use to which foreign-owned agricultural land in Mississippi is being put to use;

(d) Information regarding the extent of, and any recent changes in, foreign ownership of water rights in Mississippi;

(e) Information regarding the extent of, and any recent changes in, foreign ownership of water desalination facilities in Mississippi;

(f) Information regarding the extent of, and any recent changes in, foreign ownership of energy production, storage or distribution facilities in Mississippi;

(g) The Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce's assessment of the impact of any recent changes in foreign ownership of agricultural land in Mississippi, water rights and food security;

(h) Any current prohibitions on the foreign ownership of Mississippi land and why such prohibitions are not being enforced; and

(i) Any legislative, regulatory or administrative policy changes the department recommends in light of the information in the report.

AMEND further by inserting the following language on line 125 after "2023": ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023."

AMEND title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 280**. On motion of Rep. Pigott the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Summers. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Bell, C, Huddleston, Karriem. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Brown (20th) called up:

H. B. No. 88: Natural Resource Camp Pilot Program Act of 2023; establish for students in Lee and Monroe Counties.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 88**. On motion of Rep. Brown (20th) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Darnell, Huddleston, Scoggin, Summers. Total-4.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Brown (20th) called up:

H. B. No. 1108: Rural water associations; authorize those providing sewer services to participate in the ARPAA Rural Water Association Infrastructure Grant Program.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1108.** On motion of Rep. Brown (20th) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Summers. Total-2.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Brown (20th) called up:

H. B. No. 1213: Water Infrastructure Grant Program; DEQ shall give priority to applicants not receiving funding in first round grants.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1213.** On motion of Rep. Brown (20th) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Wallace called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 16: Election commissioner; revise office of to be nonpartisan.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 16. On motion of Rep. Wallace the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Banks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Scott. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Currie, Huddleston, McLean, Young. Total-5.

Present--Jackson. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Wallace called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1276: State officers; provide for a runoff election for.

A committee substitute was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Wallace the foregoing bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Rep. Wallace called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1310: Elections; revise provisions related to the integrity of.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Powell:

AMEND by deleting Section 6, lines 478 through 515, in its entirety and renumbering the succeeding sections.

AMEND title to conform.

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Reynolds:

AMEND by inserting the following language after line 548:

"(ii) A period of four (4) years, which shall include two (2) federal general elections and an election for municipal officers; or

(iii) A period of four (4) years, which shall include an election for Governor, a federal general election and an election for municipal officers; or"

AMEND FURTHER by striking "(ii)" on line 549 and inserting in lieu thereof: "(iv)"

AMEND FURTHER on line 575 by inserting the following language after the word "county":

"or municipality"

AMEND TITLE to conform.

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 3 BY REPRESENTATIVE Powell:

AMEND by inserting the following language after the word "notice" on line 57: "or who serves on jury duty or responds to a summons for jury duty".

AMEND title to conform.

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 4 BY REPRESENTATIVE Reynolds:

AMEND by inserting the following language after line 842 and by renumbering the succeeding section:

" SECTION 13. (1) This section shall be known as the Veterans Enfranchising Act.

(2) (a) Supplemental to any other provision of law that pertains to disenfranchisement, a veteran, as defined in Title 38 of the United States Code, who is otherwise a qualified elector under the provisions of subsection (1) and has been convicted of a nonviolent disenfranchising crime listed in Section 241, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, or of any nonviolent crime interpreted as disenfranchising in later Attorney General opinions, shall have his or her right to vote suspended upon conviction but shall have his or her right to vote automatically restored once he or she has satisfied all of the sentencing requirements of the conviction.

(b) The provisions of this subsection shall only apply to veterans who have been honorably discharged."

Further, amend the title to conform.

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 5 BY REPRESENTATIVE Stamps:

AMEND on line 584 after word "notices" by inserting the following: "or who is active or reserve military".

AMEND title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1310**. On motion of Rep. Wallace the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--83.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Faulkner, Foster, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--34.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Present--Bailey, Evans, B. Total--2.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--78

Rep. Wallace called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 241: Campaign finance reports; revise the time for filing electronically.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 241**. On motion of Rep. Wallace the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, B, Huddleston. Total-2.

Present--Karriem, Summers, Young. Total--3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Wallace called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1306: Elections; revise certain provisions about names of candidates appearing on the ballot, judicial candidate's annual report and fraudulent absentee voter applications.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1306. On motion of Rep. Wallace the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--101.

Nays--Blackmon, Brown, B, Clark, Crudup, Evans, B, Faulkner, Hulum, Johnson, Karriem, Osborne, Reynolds, Scott, Summers, Thompson. Total--14.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Huddleston, Young. Total-3.

Present--Hines, Stamps. Total--2.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Wallace called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 552: Poll managers; increase the compensation of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 552. On motion of Rep. Wallace the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Barton, Huddleston. Total-2.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 696: Capitol Complex Improvement District; revise boundary lines of.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 696.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Creekmore, Darnell, Deweese, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Hood, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--68.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Eubanks, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Mickens, Morgan, Osborne, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--47.

Absent or those not voting--Crawford, Haney, Huddleston, McCray. Total-4.

Present--Evans, M. Total--1.
Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--58

Representative Johnson entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1310: Elections; revise provisions related to the integrity of.

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 533: Adoption procedures; revise home study and residency requirements.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 533.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles,

Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Busby called up:

H. B. No. 1477: Harvest permits; extend repealer on authority of MDOT to issue.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1477.** On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Evans, B. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Busby called up:

H. B. No. 723: Mississippi Transit Corporation; establish and create study committee.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) The Airport Parkway Commission, is hereby authorized to conduct a study on the feasibility of establishing safe, reliable and cost effective bus, rail and light rail transit services for the areas located between downtown Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, and the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport located in Rankin County, Mississippi.

(2) The commission shall, at a minimum, study and report to the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature the following:

(a) The total amount of federal revenue received by the State of Mississippi and the total amount of state funds spent on federal matching funds that can allowably be

allocated for the establishment, implementation and operation of bus, rail and light rail transit services within the areas designated in subsection (1) of this section;

(b) A cost—benefit analysis examining the impact of providing bus, rail and light rail transit services through reprioritizing current expenditures of certain federal and state funds;

(c) The approximate total annual funding required to serve the areas situated between downtown Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, and the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport located in Rankin County, Mississippi, that may benefit from the transportation services provided by bus, rail and light rail transit services within those designated areas;

(d) Examples in Mississippi and/or in other states of public transportation such as bus, rail and light rail transit services within the areas designated in subsection (1) of this section;

(e) Benefits to employers of employee access to bus, rail and light rail transit services within the areas designated in subsection (1) of this section; and

(f) Recommendations for increasing the amount of federal revenue and state funds spent on bus, rail and light rail transit services within the areas designated in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) To effectuate the purposes of this section, any department, division, board, bureau, committee or agency of the state or any political subdivision thereof, may, at the request of the commission, provide such facilities, assistance, information and data as will enable the commission to properly carry out its duties under the authority of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE AIRPORT PARKWAY COMMISSION TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING SAFE, RELIABLE AND COST-EFFECTIVE BUS, RAIL AND LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SERVICES FOR THE AREAS LOCATED BETWEEN DOWNTOWN JACKSON, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND THE JACKSON-MEDGAR WILEY EVERS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LOCATED IN RANKIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; TO PROVIDE THAT THE STUDY SHALL PROVIDE A REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, IMPLEMENTATION AND OPERATION OF SUCH SERVICES FOR THE STATE TO THE LEGISLATURE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 723**. On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Horan, Huddleston, Newman, Roberson. Total-4.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Busby called up:

H. B. No. 1003: Mississippi Fully Autonomous Vehicle Enabling (MS FAVE) Act of 2023; establish to regulate operation of autonomous vehicle on public roads.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1003. On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bailey, McCray, Paden, Stamps. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, McCarty. Total-2.

Present--Brown, B, Hines, Summers. Total--3.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Busby called up:

H. B. No. 618: Transportation funding; authorize public-private partnerships to include naming rights.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 618. On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Present--Rosebud. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 451: Bail; revise how the amount is determined and authorize certain options for the defendant.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 451.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, B, Huddleston, Summers. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 483: Sentencing judge; authorize to set date to revisit sentencing of nonviolent offenders.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 483.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Felsher, Huddleston, Newman. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 912: Firearm suppressors; authorizing manufacture and possession in Mississippi and prohibit enforcement of federal laws governing.

A committee substitute was adopted.

POINT OF ORDER

A written point of order was raised by Representative Clark as follows:

This bill amends Sections 97-37-1, 97-37-5, and 97-37-31 by reference by not bringing the code sections forward in violation of Rule 104.
The bill was set aside pending a Speaker's Ruling.

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 838: Mississippi Tianeptine and Kratom Consumer Protection Act; create.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 838.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.
Total--115.

Nays--Summers. Total--1.
Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Kinkade, McCarty, Powell. Total-4.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 870: Justice Court appeals; revise number of days to circuit court.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 870.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, K, Huddleston. Total-2.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 33: The Ashley Henley Investigative Authority Act; create.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 33. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 170: Domestic abuse court program; establish.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Hines:

AMEND on lines 137 and 138 by deleting the language "The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal-year limitations, and shall consist of:" and inserting in lieu thereof

the following: "The fund shall be expended by the Administrative Office of Courts upon appropriation by the Legislature, and shall consist of:"

AMEND FURTHER by deleting Section 10 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"SECTION 10. Section 99-19-73, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

99-19-73. (1) Traffic violations. In addition to any monetary penalties and any other penalties imposed by law, there shall be imposed and collected the following state assessment from each person upon whom a court imposes a fine or other penalty for any violation in Title 63, Mississippi Code of 1972, except offenses relating to the Mississippi Implied Consent Law (Section 63-11-1 et seq.) and offenses relating to vehicular parking or registration:

FUND

AMOUNT

State Court Education Fund [Deleted]
State Prosecutor Education Fund [Deleted]
Vulnerable Persons Training,
Investigation and Prosecution Trust Fund [Deleted]
Child Support Prosecution Trust Fund [Deleted]
Driver Training Penalty Assessment Fund [Deleted]
Law Enforcement Officers Training Fund [Deleted]
Spinal Cord and Head Injury Trust Fund
(for all moving violations) [Deleted]
Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund [Deleted]
Mississippi Leadership Council on Aging Fund [Deleted]
Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters
Death Benefits Trust Fund [Deleted]
Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters
Disability Benefits Trust Fund [Deleted]
State Prosecutor Compensation Fund for the purpose
of providing additional compensation for
district attorneys and their legal assistants [Deleted]
Crisis Intervention Mental Health Fund [Deleted]
Intervention Court Fund [Deleted]
Judicial Performance Fund [Deleted]
Capital Defense Counsel Fund [Deleted]
Indigent Appeals Fund [Deleted]
Capital Post-Conviction Counsel Fund [Deleted]
Victims of Domestic Violence Fund [Deleted]
Public Defenders Education Fund [Deleted]
Domestic Violence Training Fund [Deleted]
Attorney General's Cyber Crime Unit [Deleted]
Children's Safe Center Fund [Deleted]
DuBard School for Language Disorders Fund [Deleted]
Children's Advocacy Centers Fund [Deleted]
Judicial System Operation Fund [Deleted]
GENERAL FUND \$ 90.50

(2) Implied Consent Law violations. In addition to any monetary penalties and any other penalties imposed by law, there shall be imposed and collected the following state assessment from each person upon whom a court imposes a fine or any other penalty for any violation of the Mississippi Implied Consent Law (Section 63-11-1 et seq.):

FUND

AMOUNT

Crime Victims' Compensation Fund [Deleted]
State Court Education Fund [Deleted]
State Prosecutor Education Fund [Deleted]
Vulnerable Persons Training,
Investigation and Prosecution Trust Fund [Deleted]
Child Support Prosecution Trust Fund [Deleted]
Driver Training Penalty Assessment Fund [Deleted]

Law Enforcement Officers Training Fund[Deleted]
 Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund [Deleted]
 Mississippi Alcohol Safety Education Program Fund [Deleted]
 Federal-State Alcohol Program Fund [Deleted]
 Mississippi Forensics Laboratory
 Implied Consent Law Fund [Deleted]
 Spinal Cord and Head Injury Trust Fund [Deleted]
 Capital Defense Counsel Fund [Deleted]
 Indigent Appeals Fund [Deleted]
 Capital Post-Conviction Counsel Fund [Deleted]
 Victims of Domestic Violence Fund [Deleted]
 Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters
 Death Benefits Trust Fund [Deleted]
 Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters
 Disability Benefits Trust Fund [Deleted]
 State Prosecutor Compensation Fund for the purpose
 of providing additional compensation for
 district attorneys and their legal assistants [Deleted]
 Crisis Intervention Mental Health Fund [Deleted]
 Intervention Court Fund [Deleted]
 Statewide Victims' Information and
 Notification System Fund [Deleted]
 Public Defenders Education Fund [Deleted]
 Domestic Violence Training Fund [Deleted]
 Attorney General's Cyber Crime Unit [Deleted]
 Domestic Abuse Court Fund \$1.00
 General Fund \$243.50
 ***TOTAL STATE ASSESSMENT \$ ***244.50

(3) Game and Fish Law violations. In addition to any monetary penalties and any other penalties imposed by law, there shall be imposed and collected the following state assessment from each person upon whom a court imposes a fine or other penalty for any violation of the game and fish statutes or regulations of this state:

FUND

AMOUNT

State Court Education Fund [Deleted]
 State Prosecutor Education Fund [Deleted]
 Vulnerable Persons Training,
 Investigation and Prosecution Trust Fund [Deleted]
 Law Enforcement Officers Training Fund[Deleted]
 Hunter Education and Training Program Fund [Deleted]
 Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters
 Death Benefits Trust Fund [Deleted]
 Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters
 Disability Benefits Trust Fund [Deleted]
 State Prosecutor Compensation Fund for the purpose
 of providing additional compensation for district
 attorneys and their legal assistants [Deleted]
 Crisis Intervention Mental Health Fund [Deleted]
 Intervention Court Fund [Deleted]
 Capital Defense Counsel Fund [Deleted]
 Indigent Appeals Fund [Deleted]
 Capital Post-Conviction Counsel Fund [Deleted]
 Victims of Domestic Violence Fund [Deleted]
 Public Defenders Education Fund [Deleted]
 Domestic Violence Training Fund [Deleted]
 Attorney General's Cyber Crime Unit [Deleted]
 Domestic Abuse Court Fund \$1.00
 General Fund \$89.00
 ***TOTAL STATE ASSESSMENT \$ ***90.00

(4) [Deleted]

(5) Speeding, reckless and careless driving violations. In addition to any assessment imposed under subsection (1) or (2) of this section, there shall be imposed and collected the following state assessment from each person upon whom a court imposes a fine or other penalty for driving a vehicle on a road or highway:

(a) At a speed that exceeds the posted speed limit by at least ten (10) miles per hour but not more than twenty (20) miles per hour \$10.00

(b) At a speed that exceeds the posted speed limit by at least twenty (20) miles per hour but not more than thirty (30) miles per hour \$20.00

(c) At a speed that exceeds the posted speed limit by thirty (30) miles per hour or more \$30.00

(d) In violation of Section 63-3-1201, which is the offense of reckless driving \$10.00

(e) In violation of Section 63-3-1213, which is the offense of careless driving \$10.00

All assessments collected under this subsection shall be deposited into the State General Fund.

(6) Other misdemeanors. In addition to any monetary penalties and any other penalties imposed by law, there shall be imposed and collected the following state assessment from each person upon whom a court imposes a fine or other penalty for any misdemeanor violation not specified in subsection (1), (2) or (3) of this section, except offenses relating to vehicular parking or registration:

FUND

AMOUNT

Crime Victims' Compensation Fund	[Deleted]
State Court Education Fund	[Deleted]
State Prosecutor Education Fund	[Deleted]
Vulnerable Persons Training, Investigation and Prosecution Trust Fund	[Deleted]
Child Support Prosecution Trust Fund	[Deleted]
Law Enforcement Officers Training Fund	[Deleted]
Capital Defense Counsel Fund	[Deleted]
Indigent Appeals Fund	[Deleted]
Capital Post-Conviction Counsel Fund	[Deleted]
Victims of Domestic Violence Fund	[Deleted]
State Crime Stoppers Fund	[Deleted]
Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Death Benefits Trust Fund	[Deleted]
Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Disability Benefits Trust Fund	[Deleted]
State Prosecutor Compensation Fund for the purpose of providing additional compensation for district attorneys and their legal assistants	[Deleted]
Crisis Intervention Mental Health Fund	[Deleted]
Intervention Court Fund	[Deleted]
Judicial Performance Fund	[Deleted]
Statewide Victims' Information and Notification System Fund	[Deleted]
Public Defenders Education Fund	[Deleted]
Domestic Violence Training Fund	[Deleted]
Attorney General's Cyber Crime Unit	[Deleted]
Information Exchange Network Fund	[Deleted]
Motorcycle Officer Training Fund	[Deleted]
Civil Legal Assistance Fund	[Deleted]
Justice Court Collections Fund	[Deleted]
Municipal Court Collections Fund	[Deleted]
Domestic Abuse Court Fund	\$1.00
General Fund	\$121.75
***TOTAL STATE ASSESSMENT	\$ ***122.75

(7) Other felonies. In addition to any monetary penalties and any other penalties imposed by law, there shall be imposed and collected the following state assessment from each person upon whom a court imposes a fine or other penalty for any felony violation not specified in subsection (1), (2) or (3) of this section:

FUND

AMOUNT

Crime Victims' Compensation Fund	[Deleted]
State Court Education Fund	[Deleted]
State Prosecutor Education Fund	[Deleted]
Vulnerable Persons Training, Investigation and Prosecution Trust Fund	[Deleted]
Child Support Prosecution Trust Fund	[Deleted]
Law Enforcement Officers Training Fund	[Deleted]
Capital Defense Counsel Fund	[Deleted]
Indigent Appeals Fund	[Deleted]
Capital Post-Conviction Counsel Fund	[Deleted]
Victims of Domestic Violence Fund	[Deleted]
Criminal Justice Fund	[Deleted]
Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Death Benefits Trust Fund	[Deleted]
Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Disability Benefits Trust Fund	[Deleted]
State Prosecutor Compensation Fund for the purpose of providing additional compensation for district attorneys and their legal assistants	[Deleted]
Crisis Intervention Mental Health Fund	[Deleted]
Intervention Court Fund	[Deleted]
Statewide Victims' Information and Notification System Fund	[Deleted]
Public Defenders Education Fund	[Deleted]
Domestic Violence Training Fund	[Deleted]
Attorney General's Cyber Crime Unit	[Deleted]
Forensics Laboratory DNA Identification System Fund	[Deleted]
Domestic Abuse Court Fund	\$1.00
General Fund	\$280.50
***TOTAL STATE ASSESSMENT	\$ ***281.50

(8) Additional assessments on certain violations:

(a) Railroad crossing violations. In addition to any monetary penalties and any other penalties imposed by law, there shall be imposed and collected the following state assessment in addition to all other state assessments due under this section from each person upon whom a court imposes a fine or other penalty for any violation involving railroad crossings under Section 37-41-55, 63-3-1007, 63-3-1009, 63-3-1011, 63-3-1013 or 77-9-249:

Operation Lifesaver Fund \$25.00

(b) Drug violations. In addition to any monetary penalties and any other penalties imposed by law, there shall be imposed and collected the following state assessment in addition to all other state assessments due under this section from each person upon whom a court imposes a fine or other penalty for any violation of Section 41-29-139:

Drug Evidence Disposition Fund \$25.00
Mississippi Foster Care Fund \$2.00

(c) Motor vehicle liability insurance violations. In addition to any monetary penalties and any other penalties imposed by law, there shall be imposed and collected the following state assessment in addition to all other state assessments due under this section from each person upon whom a court imposes a fine or other penalty for any violation of Section 63-15-4(4) or Section 63-16-13(1):

Uninsured Motorist Identification Fund:

First offense.....\$200.00
Second offense.....\$300.00

Third or subsequent offense.....\$400.00

(9) If a fine or other penalty imposed is suspended, in whole or in part, such suspension shall not affect the state assessment under this section. No state assessment imposed under the provisions of this section may be suspended or reduced by the court.

(10) (a) After a determination by the court of the amount due, it shall be the duty of the clerk of the court to promptly collect all state assessments imposed under the provisions of this section. The state assessments imposed under the provisions of this section may not be paid by personal check.

(b) It shall be the duty of the chancery clerk of each county to deposit all state assessments collected in the circuit, county and justice courts in the county on a monthly basis with the State Treasurer pursuant to appropriate procedures established by the State Auditor. The chancery clerk shall make a monthly lump-sum deposit of the total state assessments collected in the circuit, county and justice courts in the county under this section, and shall report to the Department of Finance and Administration the total number of violations under each subsection for which state assessments were collected in the circuit, county and justice courts in the county during that month.

(c) It shall be the duty of the municipal clerk of each municipality to deposit all the state assessments collected in the municipal court in the municipality on a monthly basis with the State Treasurer pursuant to appropriate procedures established by the State Auditor. The municipal clerk shall make a monthly lump-sum deposit of the total state assessments collected in the municipal court in the municipality under this section, and shall report to the Department of Finance and Administration the total number of violations under each subsection for which state assessments were collected in the municipal court in the municipality during that month.

(11) It shall be the duty of the Department of Finance and Administration to deposit on a monthly basis all state assessments into the State General Fund or proper special fund in the State Treasury. The Department of Finance and Administration shall issue regulations providing for the proper allocation of these funds.

(12) The State Auditor shall establish by regulation procedures for refunds of state assessments, including refunds associated with assessments imposed before July 1, 1990, and refunds after appeals in which the defendant's conviction is reversed. The Auditor shall provide in the regulations for certification of eligibility for refunds and may require the defendant seeking a refund to submit a verified copy of a court order or abstract by which the defendant is entitled to a refund. All refunds of state assessments shall be made in accordance with the procedures established by the Auditor."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 170**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bell (21st) called up:

H. B. No. 844: Office of Workforce Development; revise funding mechanism for and create Mississippi K-12 Workforce Development Grant Program.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bell (21st):

AMEND by inserting the following language after the period on line 227:
"Any funds remaining in the State Workforce Investment board bank account on June 30, 2023, shall be transferred to the Mississippi K-12 Workforce Development Grant Program Fund."

AMEND further by inserting the following language after line 728:
"(f) To determine, subject to appropriation, the need for and, if desired, the selection of tools and resources, including necessary online platforms and similar systems in furtherance of the mission of the office, through processes established in policies adopted by the office that are deemed to be practical, feasible and in the public interest. These processes shall outline eligible entities that may provide such services, such as companies, nonprofit organizations, or other similar groups and shall ensure the office determines metrics for success, including deliverables as required by the office."

AMEND further by striking the "and" on line 724.

AMEND further by striking the period on line 728 and inserting in lieu thereof: "; and".

AMEND further by striking the "and" on line 687.

AMEND further by striking the period on line 695 and inserting in lieu thereof: "; and".

AMEND further by inserting the following language after line 695:

"(d) With respect to the office's authority to select tools and resources, including necessary online platforms and similar systems in furtherance of the mission of the office:

(i) The policies that the office has adopted or amended on the process for the selection of tools and resources, including necessary online platforms and similar systems in furtherance of the mission of the office;

(ii) The eligible entities that the office determined may provide services, such as companies, nonprofit organizations, or other similar groups;

(iii) Any tools and resources, including necessary online platforms and similar systems in furtherance of the mission of the office, that have been selected by the office; and

(iv) What entity received the benefit of the tools and resources that were selected."

AMEND further on line 1770 by striking "its passage" and inserting in lieu thereof "July 1, 2023".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 844.** On motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem,

Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.
Absent or those not voting--Currie, Huddleston. Total-2.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Reynolds called up for consideration separately, and in order, the following bills and were read for the third time:

H. B. No. 1215: Child Support; suspend for incarcerated persons under certain conditions.

H. B. No. 64: Licensed child care facilities; require to purchase and maintain a certain minimum amount of liability insurance.

H. B. No. 995: Rape; revise elements for the crime of and remove spousal exception.

H. B. No. 996: Intestate succession; child conceived by assisted reproduction after decedent's death is deemed to be living at time of death.

H. B. No. 726: Supreme court, court of appeals, chancery courts and circuit courts; bring forward code sections related to.

H. B. No. 276: State Board of Physical Therapy, authorize to issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents.

H. B. No. 1157: Vehicle rental; require those engaged in to disclose total charges, including all additional mandatory charges.

H. B. No. 3: Third-party delivery service; prohibit from using name, likeness, trademark or intellectual property of merchant without agreement.

H. B. No. 888: Child support; authorize for disabled child past the age of majority.

H. B. No. 1216: Circuit judges and chancellors; increase office operating and expense allowances and support staff funding.

Rep. Carpenter called up for consideration the following bill and was read for the third time:

H. B. No. 1034: State Veterans Affairs Board; revise composition of.

Rep. Rushing called up for consideration the following bills and was read for the third time:

H. B. No. 498: Municipalities allowed to establish overdue water/sewer payment programs, certain; extend program repeal date.

H. B. No. 537: Municipalities; authorize waiver of liens, under certain circumstances, for costs associated with cleaning menaced property.

H. B. No. 1072: Hazardous trees on tax forfeited land; authorize counties/municipalities to remove and Secretary of State to reimburse for the removal of.

H. B. No. 700: Flood and drainage control districts; revise the number of directors for certain municipalities.

Rep. Currie called up for consideration the following bill and was read for the third time:

H. B. No. 704: Television series production; provide incentives for certain.

Rep. Bain called up for consideration the following bills and was read for the third time:

H. B. No. 529: Department of Public Safety; revise various provisions.

H. B. No. 281: Law enforcement officers killed in line of duty; clarify that beneficiaries may receive sidearm of.

H. B. No. 795: Shoplifting; require to calculate total price of all shoplifting items for fine.

H. B. No. 1045: Libraries; regulate the material that is curated for children and younger teens.

H. B. No. 532: Mississippi School Safety Guardian Act; create.

H. B. No. 1105: Secretary of State employees; authorize certain employees to carry a firearm.

Rep. Clark withdrew the point of order.

Rep. Turner called up for consideration the following bill and was read for the third time:

H. B. No. 882: Renaissance Assistance Program to Initiate Development; create to assist small businesses.

Representative Crawford by unanimous consent withdrew the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 405:** (Bribery of a candidate and crime of conspiracy; revise statute of limitations for.) was adopted.

Rep. Felsher called up for consideration the following bills and was read for the third time:

H. B. No. 124: Private incarceration of state inmates; provide exception to 10% cost-savings requirement to state.

H. B. No. 1131: MS Prison Industries Act; bring forward certain sections pertaining to.

Rep. Bennett called up for consideration the following bill and was read for the third time:

H. B. No. 606: The Mobile/Online Betting Task Force; authorize.

Representative Currie moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Betty Stack, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Bain and Ford (73rd) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Billy Ray Rogers, which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of W. C. Lloyd, Nena Elizabeth Welch, Tammie Michelle Massey, Nancy Harvey, Stella Mae Register, and Sam Holden, Jr., which motion prevailed.

At 4:54 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Thursday, February 9, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2023

(THIRTY-EIGHTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Brother Bert Harper, Auburn Baptist Church, Tupelo, MS.

Rep. Boyd (19th) led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Absent or those not voting--Hopkins. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Hopkins.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2239: State law enforcement officers; authorize use of uniforms, weapons and vehicles off duty while performing security services.

S. B. No. 2647: Real estate licensee; revise liability.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2224: Insurance; prohibit insurer or third-party payors from setting maximum dollar amount of reimbursement for proper ventilation treatment.

S. B. No. 2512: Counties; authorize to designate ARPA funds to rural water and sewer associations and municipalities for infrastructure projects.

S. B. No. 2889: Mississippi Capitol Region Utility Act; create.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2068: Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact; enact.

S. B. No. 2077: Charitable Organizations; Raise audit threshold for contributions to \$750,000.00, and use a cash basis only.

S. B. No. 2079: Mississippi School Protection Act; enact to allow armed educators.

S. B. No. 2082: Child support; administratively suspend obligations for incarcerated individuals.

S. B. No. 2088: District attorneys; increase office operating allowance.

S. B. No. 2090: Board of Funeral Services; revise provisions related to.

S. B. No. 2153: Transportation; require disclosure of the total charges in the rental of motor vehicles.

S. B. No. 2197: Veteran service officers; authorize certain action on behalf of a veteran under a power of attorney, provide immunity to.

S. B. No. 2312: County-owned real estate; establish competitive bidding process for lease or sale.

S. B. No. 2346: Material harmful to minors; provide for liability for any entity that distributes on the internet without age verification.

S. B. No. 2352: Elections; penalty for fraudulently requesting or submitting absentee ballots.

S. B. No. 2380: Supreme court; require to promulgate rules requiring the disclosure of all entities financially interested in litigation.

S. B. No. 2384: Foster Care and Adoption Task Force; create.

S. B. No. 2433: Regulation of public utilities; exempt distribution of water by eligible homeowners association to its own residents from.

S. B. No. 2485: Early Intervention Act for Infants and Toddlers; add certain individuals to definition of qualified personnel.

S. B. No. 2487: Mississippi Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program; establish.

S. B. No. 2494: Mississippi Telephone Solicitation Act; transfer enforcement authority to Attorney General's Office.

S. B. No. 2523: Pecan Harvesting Law; revise penalties for violating.

S. B. No. 2525: Forestry; create the Forestry Facility Grant Program.

S. B. No. 2534: Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; require additional regulation of freshwater fishing guides.

S. B. No. 2569: Transportation; allow and regulate autonomous vehicles.

S. B. No. 2576: Community Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Centers and Programs; bring forward code sections.

S. B. No. 2603: Digital Asset Mining Protection Act; create.

S. B. No. 2648: Financial Institutions; Earned wages access.

S. B. No. 2653: Nonprofit corporations which receive public funds; require reporting to Secretary of State.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2054: Appointed state officers; provide for the removal of for certain forms of willful neglect.

S. B. No. 2137: "Mississippi Native Plant Month"; designate each April as.

S. B. No. 2138: Tourism; designate the Mississippi Opal as the state gemstone.

S. B. No. 2187: Disabled veterans motor vehicle license tags; revise certain provisions regarding disability rating.

S. B. No. 2212: Recipients of Medicaid; extend postpartum coverage up to 12 months.

S. B. No. 2215: State depositories; revise definition of "primary capital."

S. B. No. 2298: Bail agents; revise procedure for determining in municipal and justice courts.

S. B. No. 2336: Prevention of overdoses; authorize use of drug-testing equipment and expand use of opioid antagonists.

S. B. No. 2339: Provision of law establishing energy efficiency standards for building construction; extend repealer on.

S. B. No. 2361: Mississippi Modified School Calendar Grant Program; establish and provide eligibility criteria.

S. B. No. 2423: Elections; require that candidates receive majority of votes in general election to be elected to statewide office.

S. B. No. 2550: Commercial crabbing licenses; applicable to boat instead of each fisherman.

S. B. No. 2551: Department of Marine Resources, Office of Marine Patrol; cooperate with federal law enforcement.

S. B. No. 2585: William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program; revise provisions of.

S. B. No. 2586: Computer science curriculum; clarify terminology to specify who may provide instruction in.

S. B. No. 2599: State funded schools; may participate in extracurricular activities against non accredited and nonpublic schools.

S. B. No. 2612: Construction; bring forward code sections concerning local permitting and State Board of Contractors licensing.

S. B. No. 2634: Child support; allow criminal charges three years after the child turns twenty-one.

S. B. No. 2649: Minority; remove for beneficiaries of certain insurance policies.

S. B. No. 2652: Mississippi Vulnerable Person Abuse Registry; create.

S. B. No. 2673: Mississippi Real Estate Appraisal Board; make independent from Mississippi Real Estate Commission.

S. B. No. 2692: Bonds; repeal authorization for unissued bonds and replace with cash funds.

S. B. No. 2695: Tourism Project Incentive Program; extend deadline for MDA issuance of certificates approving participants.

S. B. No. 2717: Department of Information Technology Services; require to report ransomware incidents and revise provisions related thereto.

S. B. No. 2722: "North Forty" property; authorize DFA to purchase.

S. B. No. 2723: Certain real property located in the Capitol Complex area; authorize DFA to purchase.

S. B. No. 2727: Mississippi Office of Space and Technology; create and direct Mississippi Development Authority to administer.

S. B. No. 2728: Statewide master agreements and utilization of information technology acquisitions made by other entities; authorize.

S. B. No. 2751: Sixteenth section lands; no law, ordinance or regulation shall prohibit school districts from using for educational facilities.

S. B. No. 2781: Mississippi Access to Maternal Assistance Program; create and provide for duties and responsibilities.

S. B. No. 2811: Local supplement for assistant teachers; prohibit school districts from reducing when given state minimum raise.

S. B. No. 2812: Board for administration of certain failing school district; extend date of repeal.

S. B. No. 2887: State Treasurer; modify certain provisions concerning the deposit and investment of excess state funds.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1562: (Representatives Hulum, Paden, Hines, Summers, Bailey, Banks, Blackmon, Brown (70th), Clark, Denton, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, Harness, Johnson, Porter, Sanders, Scott, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson) Sales tax; reduce rate on retail sales of certain food. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1563: (Representative Harness) Appropriation; City of Port Gibson for constructing and equipping a new water treatment plant. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1564: (Representative Harness) Appropriation; City of Port Gibson for construction of a new water well. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1565: (Representative Harness) Appropriation; City of Port Gibson for replacement of water lines and sewer lines and making other upgrades and improvements. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1566: (Representative Harness) Appropriation; City of Port Gibson for repairs, renovations and improvements to water department main office. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1567: (Representative Harness) Appropriation; Town of Bude for relocation and restoration of the Bude Depot and the depot caboose. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1568: (Representative Byrd) Appropriation; Petal School District for making improvements to Central Office building. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1569: (Representative Byrd) Appropriation; City of Petal to assist Petal Excel By 5 with the construction of a playground. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1570: (Representative Harness) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Bude with relocation and restoration of the Bude Depot. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1571: (Representative Harness) Appropriation; Claiborne County for security upgrades and improvements to county law enforcement and detention facilities. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1572: (Representative Harness) Appropriation; Claiborne County for making recreational facilities improvements. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1573: (Representative Harness) Appropriation; Claiborne County for implementing a watershed-based stormwater management program. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1574: (Representative Harness) Appropriation; Claiborne County for repairs, upgrades and improvements to roads. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1575: (Representative Harness) Appropriation; Claiborne County for repair and renovation of and upgrades to the Claiborne Library building. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1576: (Representative Harness) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Port Gibson with construction of a new water well. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1577: (Representative Harness) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Port Gibson with water and sewer improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1578: (Representative Harness) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Port Gibson with improvement to water department main office. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1579: (Representative Harness) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Port Gibson with construction of a new water treatment plant. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1580: (Representative Porter) Medical cannabis; authorize municipalities to impose an excise tax on cannabis cultivation facilities. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1581: (Representatives Karriem, McLean, Boyd (37th)) City of Columbus; extend repealer on alcoholic beverage and restaurant tax. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1582: (Representative Clark) City of Durant; authorize tourism tax on restaurants and alcoholic beverages. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1583: (Representatives Clark, Stamps) City of Durant; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1584: (Representative Summers) Appropriation; Refill Jackson Initiative for updating facilities and offering additional training opportunities. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1585: (Representative Turner) Appropriation; Lee County for drainage replacement under a rail spur at Tuner and Industrial Park. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1586: (Representatives Aguirre, Turner, Bell (21st), Boyd (19th), Carpenter, Lancaster, Thompson) Appropriation; UMMC in to support a medical residency program at North Mississippi Health Services in Tupelo. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1587: (Representative Turner) Appropriation; City of Guntown for improvements to Sides Street and Long Street. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1588: (Representatives Arnold, Turner, Brown (20th), Carpenter) Ad valorem tax; exempt motor vehicle owned by unremarried surviving spouse of law enforcement officer/employee who died while in performance of official duties. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1589: (Representatives Arnold, Turner) Appropriation; Town of Marietta for repairs and renovations at Ross B. Pharr Park. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1590: (Representatives Arnold, Turner) Appropriation; Prentiss County for replacement of Bridge Number SA59-114. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1591: (Representative Turner) Appropriation; City of Saltillo for construction of a new fire station. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1592: (Representatives Arnold, Turner) Appropriation; Prentiss County for constructing a new voting precinct and community center in New Site. Appropriations.

H. R. No. 58: (Representative Bell (65th)) Congressman James E. Clyburn; commend for distinguished public service. Rules.

H. R. No. 59: (Representatives Johnson, Jackson) Mississippi Links Day at the Capitol 2023; commend and honor for outstanding service. Rules.

H. R. No. 60: (Representative Scott) Lula Mae Coleman; commend her life upon her passing. Rules.

H. R. No. 61: (Representatives Clarke, Clark) Elma Maxine Howard Smith; commend life and legacy upon her passing. Rules.

H. R. No. 62: (Representative Creekmore IV) New Albany High School "Lady Bulldogs" Golf Team; commend upon winning the 2022 MHSAA Class 4A State Golf Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 63: (Representatives Bell (65th), Johnson, Clarke, Summers, Brown (70th), Banks, Crudup, Stamps, Yates) JSU Tigers Football Team; commend upon winning 2022 SWAC Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 64: (Representatives Taylor, Roberson) Starkville High School Football Team; commend upon winning the MHSAA Class 6A State Football Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 65: (Representative Tullos) Ronald "Ronnie" Lewis Buckley; honor life and legacy upon his passing. Rules.

H. R. No. 66: (Representative Tullos) Mize Attendance Center Cheerleaders; commend upon winning the MHSAA Class 2A State Cheer Competition. Rules.

H. R. No. 67: (Representative Clarke) Clarissa Griffin Harris; commend life and legacy upon her passing. Rules.

H. R. No. 68: (Representatives Sanders, Karriem, Taylor) Dr. Pam Chatman; commend outstanding community service of. Rules.

H. R. No. 69: (Representatives Sanders, Blackmon, Karriem, Osborne, Taylor) Joseph Grafton Barnes; mourn loss and commemorate life and legacy upon his passing. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. R. No. 50: Barack H. Obama Magnet Elementary School; commend and congratulate on being rated the #1 school in the state. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 58: Congressman James E. Clyburn; commend for distinguished public service. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 59: Mississippi Links Day at the Capitol 2023; commend and honor for outstanding service. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 60: Lula Mae Coleman; commend her life upon her passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 61: Elma Maxine Howard Smith; commend life and legacy upon her passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 513: Commend Newton County High School "Cougars" Cheer Team for winning Class 4A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 536: Congratulate Clarksdale Guitar Star Christone "Kingfish" Ingram for winning the 2022 Grammy Award for Contemporary Blues. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 537: Mourn the loss of Ineva May-Pittman of Jackson, Mississippi. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 538: Commend Parklane Academy "Lady Pioneers" Fast-Pitch Softball Team for fourth State Championship in last six years. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 539: Mourn the passing of legendary physician Dr. Freda M. Bush. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 540: Expressing support for the Town of Mantee to unofficially designate itself as "The Epicenter of the Natchez Trace." Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 542: Commend Dr. Roy J. Duhe for colon cancer initiatives at UMMC. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 543: Mourn the passing of Dr. Chester D. Gaston, Jr., of Gulfport, respected member of the MS Board of Psychology. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 544: Designate "Delta Gamma Fraternity Day" in Mississippi in Commemoration of Sesquicentennial celebration. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 545: Designate April 23-29, 2023, as "National Crime Victims' Week in Mississippi" and April 28, 2023, as a "Day of Prayer". Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 546: Commend Brookhaven Academy "Lady Cougars" Softball Team for back-to-back MAIS 5A State Championships. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

Representative Brown (70th) introduced special guests, Obama Magnet Elementary School.

Representative McCarty called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1176:** (National board certified education professionals; clarify provisions related to certification component reimbursements.) passed, and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE McCarty:

Amend after line 169 by inserting the following as a new subparagraph:

"(vi) Any licensed school psychologist who has met the requirements and acquired certification as a Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP) from the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP), and who is employed by a local school board or the State Board of Education as a school psychologist. The licensed school psychologist shall submit documentation to the State Department of Education that the certificate was received before October 15 in order to be eligible for the full salary supplement in the current school year, or the licensed school psychologist shall submit the documentation to the State Department of Education before February 15 in order to be eligible for a prorated salary supplement beginning with the second term of the school year. The supplement authorized in this subsection (2)(a) for licensed school psychologists under this subparagraph (vi) shall be retroactive to July 1, 2022, for any such eligible individuals employed by a local school board in such capacity during the 2021-2022 school year."

Further, amend on line 146 by inserting after the word "audiologist" the following: ", licensed school psychologist".

Further, amend the title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1176**. On motion of Rep. McCarty the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Hopkins, Karriem, Summers. Total-4.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Representative Cockerham called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1490**: (Licenses issued by Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; require suspension for failure to pay child support.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Eubanks called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1310**: (Elections; revise provisions related to the integrity of.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Roberson called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

H. R. No. 37: Attorney Constance Slaughter-Harvey; commend and honor historic legacy as a living legal icon.

H. R. No. 39: Crime Victim's Rights Week; designate April 23-29, 2023, as in Mississippi.

H. R. No. 43: Cardiovascular risk reduction; recognize need for thorough screening and treatment of metabolic syndrome.

H. R. No. 49: Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Day at the Mississippi State Capitol; commend celebration on March 9, 2023.

H. R. No. 51: Mar-Cal Inc. and the Martin Family; commend business success and family legacy.

H. R. No. 52: Tommy Aldridge; commend for outstanding musical artistry and accomplishments.

H. R. No. 53: Charles Wayne Nobles; commend the life of upon his passing.

H. R. No. 54: Dr. Katherine Fokakis "Katie" Patterson; mourn loss and commemorate life upon her passing.

H. R. No. 55: Verbia Cooper Harden; commend outstanding career in radio broadcasting.

H. R. No. 56: Pearl River Community College Baseball Team; commend upon winning the NJCAA Division II National Championship.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

Rep. Roberson called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

S. C. R. No. 526: Recognize leadership of William Carey University President Dr. Tommy King on the occasion of his retirement.

S. C. R. No. 535: Designate March 2023 as "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in Mississippi".

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Criswell, Hopkins, Mr. Speaker. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. R. No. 57: Dr. William G. "Bill" Jackson; commend for 46 years of excellent medical service and congratulate upon retirement.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

Rep. Roberson called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

H. R. No. 50: Barack H. Obama Magnet Elementary School; commend and congratulate on being rated the #1 school in the state.

H. R. No. 58: Congressman James E. Clyburn; commend for distinguished public service.

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H. R. No. 60: Lula Mae Coleman; commend her life upon her passing.

H. R. No. 61: Elma Maxine Howard Smith; commend life and legacy upon her passing.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

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Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 370: Municipal elected officers; authorize removal of using the same process as removal of county elected officers.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 370.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill failed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Criswell, Eure, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Huddleston, Ladner, Lamar, Mangold, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Tubb, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, Williamson, Yates, Zuber. Total--53.

Nays--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Blackmon, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lancaster, McCray, Mickens, Miles, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scott, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Walker, Watson, White, Yancey, Young. Total--61.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Eubanks, Felsher, Ford, J, Hopkins, Massengill. Total-6.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Powell called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1276: State officers; provide for a runoff election for.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1276.** On motion of Rep. Powell the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--75.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Faulkner, Foster, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Miles, Osborne, Paden, Porter,

Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--39.

Absent or those not voting--Barton, Crawford, Darnell, Evans, B, Ford, J, Hopkins. Total-6.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Bain called up the following bill which had been set aside pending speaker's ruling:

H. B. No. 912: Firearm suppressors; authorizing manufacture and possession in Mississippi and prohibit enforcement of federal laws governing.

The question recurred on H. B. No. 912 which passed by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Zuber. Total--86.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Blackmon, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Osborne, Paden, Sanders, Scott, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--29.

Absent or those not voting--Hopkins, Hulum, McCray, Reynolds, Yates. Total-5.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Kinkade called up:

H. B. No. 979: Hunting; provide exception for recovering mortally wounded animals at night with use of light.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 979.** On motion of Rep. Kinkade the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor,

Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hopkins, Summers. Total-2.

Present--Paden. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Cockerham called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 726: Supreme court, court of appeals, chancery courts and circuit courts; bring forward code sections related to.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Cockerham:

AMEND on line 1116 after "2023" by inserting the following:
", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 726.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Hopkins. Total-2.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Cockerham called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1215: Child Support; suspend for incarcerated persons under certain conditions.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES COCKERHAM AND TULLOS:

AMEND on line 404 after "2023" by inserting the following:
", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023".

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Tullos:

AMEND on line 60 by deleting the word "owning" and inserting in lieu thereof "owing".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1215**. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Ladner, McKnight, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Eubanks, Ford, J, Hopkins. Total-4.

Present--Evans, B, Rosebud. Total--2.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. McCarty called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1228: Community schools; authorize implementation under the administration of a district innovation.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1228**. On motion of Rep. McCarty the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Williamson. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eubanks, Hopkins, Huddleston, Ladner, Mangold, Smith, Tullos. Total-8.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. McCarty called up:

H. B. No. 258: Educational Facilities Revolving Loan Fund; extend repealers on statutes relating to sales tax distribution and state public school building fund.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 258. On motion of Rep. McCarty the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Hopkins. Total-2.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Brown (20th) called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1068: Water Quality Accountability Act; create.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Stamps:

AMEND on line 155 by adding ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023" after the period.

AMEND title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1068. On motion of Rep. Brown (20th) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Thompson,

Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--93.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Clark, Crudup, Denton, Foster, Harness, Holloway, Karriem, Osborne, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Walker, Young. Total--18.

Absent or those not voting--Hopkins, Robinson. Total-2.

Present--Brown, B, Faulkner, Hines, Jackson, Johnson, Paden, Rosebud. Total--7.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Brown (20th) called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1094: Wastewater and sewage; authorize MDEQ to fine any municipality or county for improper disposal of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Stamps:

AMEND on line 496 by adding ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023" before the period.

AMEND title to conform.

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Summers:

AMEND on line 16 by deleting "the City of Jackson, as evidenced by the city depositing such wastewater and/or sewage into Pearl River" and inserting in lieu thereof "by any municipality or county".

AMEND further on line 18 after the word "city" by inserting "or county".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1094.** On motion of Rep. Brown (20th) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Zuber. Total--79.

Nays--Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Johnson, Karriem, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson. Total--35.

Absent or those not voting--Crawford, Hopkins, Miles, Yates, Young. Total-5.

Present--Jackson. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

At 12:09 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed until 1:30 PM.

At 1:35 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Boyd (19th) called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 768: State Personnel Board; require agencies seeking an exemption from the oversight of to submit written plan of justification to Legislature and SPB.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 768. On motion of Rep. Boyd (19th) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--97.

Nays--Anthony, Banks, Brown, B, Denton, Harness, Johnson, Miles, Mr. Speaker, Porter, Scott, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Walker, Watson. Total--15.

Absent or those not voting--Hopkins. Total-1.

Present--Clark, Crudup, Faulkner, Hines, Jackson, Paden, Stamps. Total--7.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Boyd (19th) called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 519: Landscape architects; authorize to participate with multi-disciplinary engineer and architecture firms.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Creekmore IV:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 73-1-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

73-1-19. (1) For purposes of this section, the term "Business Entity" means any partnership, professional association, joint enterprise, corporation, professional corporation, limited liability company or professional limited liability company offering architectural services in this state.

(2) *** Each active partner, member or stockholder, and each officer, director or manager *** of a foreign or domestic business entity of architects, architects and landscape architects, or architects and engineers must hold a certificate to practice architecture, landscape architecture or engineering in that member's state of residence; and, *** each foreign *** business entity doing business in this state *** shall have at least one (1) active member or stockholder *** who holds a certificate to practice architecture in this state. No *** business entity shall be entitled to a certificate to practice architecture in this state. ***

(3) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed *** to prohibit a *** business entity that is composed of one (1) or several registered professional engineers *** and duly

registered architects, or one (1) or several registered professional engineers and duly registered landscape architects; and it shall be lawful for such *** business entity to use in its title any combination of the words "architects and engineers"***, "engineers and architects" "architects and landscape architects", or "landscape architects and architects"; provided, however, that all announcements, cards, stationery, printed matter and listings of *** the business entity shall indicate *** whether *** each member is a registered architect, *** a registered engineer or a registered landscape architect. *** The name of *** the *** business entity shall contain the name of at least one (1) person who is registered as an architect in this state and *** no *** person's *** name may be placed on any announcement, card, stationery, printed matter or listing *** in this state by the business entity, unless there is designated thereon as to whether *** the listed person is licensed in this state. Employees of a *** business entity who are not registered as architects, *** engineers or landscape architects *** in a business entity between architects***, architects and engineers or architects and landscape architects, may only use business cards for that *** business entity if the employee's job title *** is clearly stated.

(4) In any business entity with ownership by a registered landscape architect, landscape architect and an architect or an engineer and an architect, as described in this section, a minimum of two-thirds (2/3) of the partners, joint owners, stockholders, directors, officers, members, managers and others, depending on the legal structure of the business entity, shall be registered architects or registered professional engineers and no more than one-third (1/3) of the individual or collective ownership interest of the business entity may be owned by the landscape architect or landscape architects, whichever is applicable.

(5) In a business entity between one (1) or several registered architects, one (1) or several registered architects and registered professional engineers or one (1) or several registered architects and registered landscape architects offering architectural services in this state, any contract or agreement to provide architectural services shall be executed on behalf of the business entity by a partner, stockholder, director, member, manager or officer of the business entity, with authority to contractually bind the business entity, who is a registered architect in this state. A partner, stockholder, director, member, manager or officer who is an architect registered in this state shall exercise responsible control over the particular architectural services contracted for by the business entity and that architect's name and seal shall appear on all documents prepared by the business entity in its practice of architecture. Other partners, stockholders, directors, members, managers or officers shall not direct the professional judgment of the architect in responsible control over the practice of architecture by the business entity. Any business entity offering architectural services in this state shall furnish the board with such information about its organization, ownership and activities as the board shall require through the board's rule making authority under Section 73-1-9.

(6) It is further specifically provided that each individual who renders professional services on behalf of a business entity that provides architectural services, landscape architectural services or engineering services in a business entity between architects, architects and engineers or architects and landscape architects, is personally liable for any negligent or wrongful act or omission in which the individual personally participates to the same extent as if the individual rendered the professional services as a sole practitioner. A partner, stockholder, or member of a business entity between architects, architects and engineers or architects and landscape architects, is not liable for the negligence, wrongful acts, misconduct, or omissions of other partners, stockholders, members, agents, or employees of the business entity unless the individual is at fault for failing to provide responsible control over them.

SECTION 2. Section 73-2-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:
73-2-5. No person shall practice landscape architecture in this state or use the title "landscape architect" on any sign, title, card or device to indicate that such person is practicing landscape architecture or is a landscape architect, unless such person shall have secured from the board a license as landscape architect in the manner hereinafter provided, and shall thereafter comply with the provisions of this chapter. Every holder of a current license shall display it in a conspicuous place in his principal office or place of employment.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-1-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE MISSISSIPPI ARCHITECT LICENSING LAWS TO AUTHORIZE MULTI-DISCIPLINARY FIRMS TO INCLUDE ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS AS LONG AS ONE ACTIVE MEMBER OR STOCKHOLDER OF THE FIRM HOLDS A CERTIFICATE TO PRACTICE ARCHITECTURE IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 73-2-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE SIGNAGE REQUIREMENTS OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, FOR PURPOSES OF AMENDMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 519**. On motion of Rep. Boyd (19th) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulm, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Evans, B, Hopkins, Reynolds. Total-4.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Boyd (19th) called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 875: Public purchases; revise bidding requirements for certain projects and other related to Mississippi Landmarks.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES BOYD (19TH) AND CRISWELL:

AMEND on line 315 after the comma by deleting the word "excepting" and inserting in lieu thereof the word: "including".

AMEND further by inserting after line 842:

" (xl) Aircraft and aircraft simulation devices for academic instructional purposes. Purchases of aircraft and aircraft simulation devices, any parts or equipment relating thereto, by any state institution of higher learning which offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs in aviation, or the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, acting on behalf of any state institution of higher learning which offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs in aviation, for purposes of academic instruction. The university's chair of the Department of Commercial

Aviation shall be authorized to develop purchasing procedures which shall be in compliance with the exemption created in this subparagraph, which shall be subject to approval by the IHL board before its implementation."
AMEND title to conform.

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Boyd (19th):

AMEND on line 1006 by inserting the following language after "2023": ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 875**. On motion of Rep. Boyd (19th) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulm, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Boyd, A. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Evans, B, Hopkins, Wallace. Total-4.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Boyd (19th) called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 985: EMS Advisory Council; revise membership of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Hobgood-Wilkes:

AMEND on line 24 after the words "ambulance services" by inserting the following: "from a list of nominees presented by the Mississippi Ambulance Alliance".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 985**. On motion of Rep. Boyd (19th) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R,

Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsler, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Evans, B, Hopkins, Huddleston, Reynolds.
Total-5.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Boyd (19th) called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 538: Pat Harrison Waterway District; provide county withdrawal from district not effective until close of FY in which county obligations met.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 538. On motion of Rep. Boyd (19th) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsler, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--McCarty, Morgan, Pigott, Tubb. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Evans, B, Hopkins, Huddleston, Reynolds.
Total-5.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Boyd (19th) called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 821: Notaries; revise residency requirements of.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 821. On motion of Rep. Boyd (19th) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hopkins, Huddleston. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Boyd (19th) called up:

H. B. No. 1033: MS Management and Reporting System Revolving Fund; require administration to submit report of purchasing needs to legislative committees.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1033.** On motion of Rep. Boyd (19th) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hopkins, Huddleston. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Rushing called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1072: Hazardous trees on tax forfeited land; authorize counties/municipalities to remove and Secretary of State to reimburse for the removal of.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1072.** On motion of Rep. Rushing the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hopkins, Huddleston. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Eure called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 606: The Mobile/Online Betting Task Force; authorize.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 606. On motion of Rep. Eure the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Arnold, Boyd, R, Crudup, Evans, B, Oliver. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Currie, Hopkins, Huddleston, Sanford. Total-5.

Present--Anthony. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Carpenter called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1034: State Veterans Affairs Board; revise composition of.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1034. On motion of Rep. Carpenter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hopkins, Huddleston. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Guice called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1025: Airport authority; authorize to dispose of property with a fair market value of zero if certain conditions are met.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1025.** On motion of Rep. Guice the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Clark, Scott, Summers. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hopkins, Huddleston. Total-3.

Present--Karriem. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Weathersby called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1048: "Universal Changing Tables Installation Incentive Grant Program Act"; establish to be administered by Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1048. On motion of Rep. Weathersby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bell, D, Bomgar, Criswell. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hopkins, Huddleston. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Zuber called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 544: Valued policy law; exempt builder's risk insurance policies from.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 544. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Evans, B, Hopkins, Huddleston. Total-4.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Zuber called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1084: Insurance agents; revise the continuing education requirements of those who are 65 and have been licensed for 20 years.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES DENTON AND FORD (54TH):

AMEND on line 127 by striking "July 1, 2023" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "its passage".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1084**. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Banks, Brown, C, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Huddleston. Total-5.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Zuber called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1162: Reciprocal insurance; revise sworn declaration requirements of and board of directors for.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1162**. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hopkins, Huddleston. Total-3.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.
Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Zuber called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1190: Health benefit plan; authorize plan sponsor of to consent, on behalf of covered pensions, to delivery of all communications by electronic means.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1190.** On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hopkins, Huddleston. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Zuber called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1299: Pharmacy benefit managers; require to make available to the public, without redaction, contracts relating to pharmacy benefit management services.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Yancey:

AMEND by striking Section 1, lines 14-19, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

" SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a pharmacy benefit manager shall make available to the public upon request, and without redaction, third party aggregator contracts and contracts relating to pharmacy benefit management services between a pharmacy benefit manager and any entity, and contracts with pharmacy services administrative organizations, at the beginning of the term of the contract and upon renewal of the contract. The provisions of this section shall only apply to those contracts where the State of Mississippi or a political subdivision of the state is a party to the third party aggregator contract or the contract relating to pharmacy benefit management services or with a pharmacy services administrative organization."

AMEND further on line 21 by replacing the words "brought forward" with "amended".

AMEND further by deleting the following language after the period on line 60 through line 64: "In addition, the term "pharmacy benefit manager" shall not include the pharmacy benefit manager of the Mississippi State and School Employees Health Insurance Plan or

the Mississippi Division of Medicaid or its contractors when performing pharmacy benefit manager services for the Division of Medicaid."
AMEND title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1299**. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hopkins, Huddleston, Scott. Total-4.

Present--Yates. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Zuber called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 521: Length of Service Award Program; authorize for the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 521**. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Burnett, Hopkins, Huddleston. Total-4.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Zuber called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1172: Federal home loan banks; define term and provide process for handling delinquent insurer's secured claim.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1172.** On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Ford, K, Hopkins, Huddleston. Total-4.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Zuber called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1191: Pet insurance; create legal framework by which it may be sold in the state.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1191.** On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--104.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Owen, Scott, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Crudup, Ford, J, Hopkins, Huddleston, Smith, Summers. Total-7.

Present--Bailey, Clark, Evans, B, Karriem. Total--4.
Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--55

Rep. Horan called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 124: Private incarceration of state inmates; provide exception to 10% cost-savings requirement to state.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 124.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett, Brown, C, Eure, Hopkins, Huddleston, Zuber.
Total-6.

Present--Anderson, J. Total--1.
Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Horan called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1131: MS Prison Industries Act; bring forward certain sections pertaining to.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Horan:

AMEND on line 117 by inserting the following language after the period: " If the chief executive officer of the corporation is also the acting Mississippi Department of Corrections Deputy Commissioner for Workforce Development, pursuant to Section 47-5-26 (1)(e), the board may compensate the chief executive officer for duties and responsibilities independent of those required under Section 47-5-26(1)(e)."

AMEND the title on line 5 by striking the words" TO BRING"

AMEND FURTHER the title by striking lines 6 and 7 in their entirety

AMEND FURTHER the title on line 8 by striking "FOR PURPOSES OF AMENDMENT" and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language: "TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-541, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MISSISSIPPI PRISON INDUSTRIES MAY SET SUPPLEMENT COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ITS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1131**. On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hopkins, Huddleston. Total-3.

Present--Hulum. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Cockerham called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1216: Circuit judges and chancellors; increase office operating and expense allowances and support staff funding.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES BAIN, COCKERHAM, EVANS (91ST), HOOD, HORAN, LAMAR, OLIVER, OWEN, REYNOLDS, ROBERSON, SANFORD AND TULLOS:

AMEND by deleting lines 60 through 77 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
"Courts * * * in an amount of * * * One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000.00) per fiscal year per judge for whom all support staff is approved for the funding of support staff assigned to a judge or judges; and
* * *"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1216**. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden,

Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young. Total--108.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, McLeod, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett, Brown, C, Busby, Crawford, Eure, Hopkins, Huddleston, Zuber. Total-8.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Currie called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 704: Television series production; provide incentives for certain.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Creekmore IV:

AMEND on line 148 by striking "Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00)" and inserting in lieu thereof "Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00)"

AMEND FURTHER, on lines 151 and 152 by striking "Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00)" and inserting in lieu thereof "Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00)"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 704.** On motion of Rep. Currie the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Home, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--105.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, McLeod, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hopkins, Huddleston, McGee, Reynolds. Total-5.

Present--Arnold, Evans, B. Total--2.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 1110: Second Amendment Financial Privacy Act; create.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Owen:

AMEND on line 113 after "(1)" by adding the following :
"Except for those rewards kept during the regular course of a criminal investigation and prosecution,".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1110**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--87.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Faulkner, Foster, Harness, Holloway, Jackson, Karriem, Osborne, Paden, Sanders, Scott, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--26.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Evans, B, Hopkins. Total-3.

Present--Anthony, Brown, B, Hines, Johnson. Total--4.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 534: Drug Intervention Courts; standardize references.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 534**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hopkins. Total-2.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bain called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 529: Department of Public Safety; revise various provisions.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 529.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hopkins, Huddleston. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bain called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 281: Law enforcement officers killed in line of duty; clarify that beneficiaries may receive sidearm of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Currie:

AMEND after line 9 by inserting the following:

" SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Officer James White and Colonel Zach Moak Act".

AMEND further by renumbering succeeding sections accordingly.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 281.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner,

Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Anderson, J, Brown, B, Summers. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Banks, Brown, C, Hopkins, Huddleston. Total-4.

Present--Bailey, Hulum. Total--2.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Bain called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 795: Shoplifting; require to calculate total price of all shoplifting items for fine.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 795.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Evans, M, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates. Total--73.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Criswell, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Karriem, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Sanders, Scott, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--36.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Cockerham, Eure, Hopkins, Huddleston, Zuber. Total-6.

Present--Hines, Johnson, McCray, Rosebud, Stamps. Total--5.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--55

Rep. Bain called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1105: Secretary of State employees; authorize certain employees to carry a firearm.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Young:

AMEND by inserting the following language after the word "Training" on line 87; and shall undergo mental health evaluation before being allowed to carry the weapon." AMEND TITLE to conform.

LOST

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1105.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--89.

Nays--Anthony, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Clarke, Denton, Foster, Harness, Hines, Johnson, Karriem, Osborne, Sanders, Scott, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--21.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hopkins, Huddleston. Total-3.

Present--Bailey, Clark, Faulkner, Jackson, Paden, Porter, Rosebud. Total--7.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 454: Radar; authorize use by municipal law enforcement officers in certain municipalities.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 454.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Creekmore, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Horan, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--70.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Bell, C, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Criswell, Crudup, Evans, B, Foster, Gibbs, K, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hulum, Karriem, Ladner, Massengill, McCray, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Smith, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williamson, Young. Total--40.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Cockerham, Currie, Hood, Hopkins, Horne, Huddleston. Total-7.

Present--Crawford, Faulkner, Holloway. Total--3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 408: Reckless endangerment; create the crime of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 7 by deleting the words, "or may place".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 408**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--103.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, B, Calvert, Clark, Mangold, Osborne, Scott, Smith, Young. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Currie, Hopkins, Huddleston, Miles. Total-5.

Present--Jackson, Karriem, Porter. Total--3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 968: Sales tax and use tax; revise provisions regarding computer software, computer software service and computer service.

A committee substitute was adopted.

Rep. Lamar moved that the committee substitute be tabled, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Lamar:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature that nothing in this act shall be considered to make taxable any type of transaction or activity regarding the sale or use of computer software, computer software service or computer service if such transaction or activity was not taxable on January 1, 2023. The effect of this act is to codify the application of the law providing for the taxation of transactions or activities regarding the sale or use of computer software, computer software service or computer service that was in effect on January 1, 2023. If there is a dispute between a taxpayer and the Department of Revenue regarding the taxation of any transaction or activity regarding the sale or use of computer software, computer software service or computer service as a result of the amendments made in this act, the department, in any appeal and/or hearing under Section 27-77-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, shall have the burden of showing that the transaction or activity that is the subject of dispute was taxable on January 1, 2023. If the Department of Revenue fails to show that the transaction or activity was taxable on January 1, 2023, the transaction or activity shall not be taxable under the amendments made in this act and the taxpayer shall not be liable for tax thereon. For the purposes of this section, the terms "computer software", "computer software service" and "computer service" mean and have the same definitions as such terms have in Section 27-65-3, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 2. Section 27-65-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-65-3. The words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them herein.

(a) "Tax Commission" or "department" means the Department of Revenue of the State of Mississippi.

(b) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Revenue of the Department of Revenue.

(c) "Person" means and includes any individual, firm, copartnership, joint venture, association, corporation, promoter of a temporary event, estate, trust or other group or combination acting as a unit, and includes the plural as well as the singular in number. "Person" shall include husband or wife, or both, where joint benefits are derived from the operation of a business taxed hereunder. "Person" shall also include any state, county, municipal or other agency or association engaging in a business taxable under this chapter.

(d) "Tax year" or "taxable year" means either the calendar year or the taxpayer's fiscal year.

(e) "Taxpayer" means any person liable for or having paid any tax to the State of Mississippi under the provisions of this chapter. A taxpayer is required to obtain a sales tax permit under Section 27-65-27 before engaging in business in this state. If a taxpayer fails to obtain a sales tax permit before engaging in business in this state, the taxpayer shall pay the retail rate on all purchases of tangible personal property and/or services in this state, even if purchased for resale. Upon obtaining a sales tax permit, a previously unregistered taxpayer shall file sales tax returns for all tax periods during which he engaged in business in this state without a sales tax permit, and report and pay the sales tax accruing from his operation during this period and any applicable penalties and interest. On such return, the taxpayer may take a credit for any sales taxes paid during the period he operated without a sales tax permit on a purchase that would have constituted a wholesale sale if the taxpayer had a sales tax permit at the time of the purchase and if proper documentation exists to substantiate a wholesale sale. This credit may also be allowed in any audit of the taxpayer. Any penalties and interest owed by the taxpayer on the return or in an audit for a period during which he operated without a sales tax permit may be determined based on the sales tax accruing from the taxpayer's operation for that period after the taking of this credit.

(f) "Sale" or "sales" includes the barter or exchange of property as well as the sale thereof for money or other consideration, and every closed transaction by which the title to taxable property passes shall constitute a taxable event.

"Sale" shall also include the passing of title to property for a consideration of coupons, trading stamps or by any other means when redemption is subsequent to the original sale by which the coupon, stamp or other obligation was created.

The situs of a sale for the purpose of distributing taxes to municipalities shall be the same as the location of the business from which the sale is made except that:

(i) Retail sales along a route from a vehicle or otherwise by a transient vendor shall take the situs of delivery to the customer.

(ii) The situs of wholesale sales of tangible personal property taxed at wholesale rates, the amount of which is allowed as a credit against the sales tax liability of the retailer, shall be the same as the location of the business of the retailer receiving the credit.

(iii) The situs of wholesale sales of tangible personal property taxed at wholesale rates, the amount of which is not allowed as a credit against the sales tax liability of the retailer, shall have a rural situs.

(iv) Income received from the renting or leasing of property used for transportation purposes between cities or counties shall have a rural situs.

(g) "Delivery charges" shall mean and include any expenses incurred by a seller in acquiring merchandise for sale in the regular course of business commonly known as "freight-in" or "transportation costs-in." "Delivery charges" also include any charges made by the seller for delivery of property sold to the purchaser.

(h) "Gross proceeds of sales" means the value proceeding or accruing from the full sale price of tangible personal property, including installation charges, without any

deduction for delivery charges, cost of property sold, other expenses or losses, or taxes of any kind except those expressly exempt by this chapter.

"Gross proceeds of sales" includes consideration received by the seller from third parties if:

(i) The seller actually received consideration from a party other than the purchaser and the consideration is directly related to a price reduction or discount on the sale;

(ii) The seller has an obligation to pass the price reduction or discount through to the purchaser;

(iii) The amount of the consideration attributable to the sale is fixed and determinable by the seller at the time of the sale of the item to the purchaser; and

(iv) One (1) of the following criteria is met:

1. The purchaser presents a coupon, certificate or other documentation to the seller to claim a price reduction or discount where the coupon, certificate or documentation is authorized, distributed or granted by a third party with the understanding that the third party will reimburse any seller to whom the coupon, certificate or documentation is presented;

2. The purchaser identified himself or herself to the seller as a member of a group or organization entitled to a price reduction or discount (a "preferred customer" card that is available to any patron does not constitute membership in such a group); or

3. The price reduction or discount is identified as a third-party price reduction or discount on the invoice received by the purchaser or on a coupon, certificate or other documentation presented by the purchaser.

Where a trade-in is taken as part payment on tangible personal property sold, "gross proceeds of sales" shall include only the difference received between the selling price of the tangible personal property and the amount allowed for a trade-in of property of the same kind. When the trade-in is subsequently sold, the selling price thereof shall be included in "gross proceeds of sales."

"Gross proceeds of sales" shall include the value of any goods, wares, merchandise or property purchased at wholesale or manufactured, and any mineral or natural resources produced, which are withdrawn or used from an established business or from the stock in trade for consumption or any other use in the business or by the owner. However, "gross proceeds of sales" does not include meals prepared by a restaurant and provided at no charge to employees of the restaurant or donated to a charitable organization that regularly provides food to the needy and the indigent and which has been granted exemption from the federal income tax as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

"Gross proceeds of sales" shall not include bad check or draft service charges as provided for in Section 97-19-57.

"Gross proceeds of sales" does not include finance charges, carrying charges or any other addition to the selling price as a result of deferred payments by the purchaser.

(i) "Gross income" means the total charges for service or the total receipts (actual or accrued) derived from trades, business or commerce by reason of the investment of capital in the business engaged in, including the sale or rental of tangible personal property, compensation for labor and services performed, and including the receipts from the sales of property retained as toll, without any deduction for rebates, cost of property sold, cost of materials used, labor costs, interest paid, losses or any expense whatever.

"Gross income" shall also include the cost of property given as compensation when the property is consumed by a person performing a taxable service for the donor.

However, "gross income" or "gross proceeds of sales" shall not be construed to include the value of goods returned by customers when the total sale price is refunded either in cash or by credit, or cash discounts allowed and taken on sales. Cash discounts shall not include the value of trading stamps given with a sale of property.

(j) "Tangible personal property" means personal property perceptible to the human senses or by chemical analysis as opposed to real property or intangibles and shall include property sold on an installed basis which may become a part of real or

personal property. "Tangible personal property" shall also include computer software but shall not include electronically stored or maintained data.

(k) "Installation charges" shall mean and include the charge for the application of tangible personal property to real or personal property without regard to whether or not it becomes a part of the real property or retains its personal property classification. It shall include, but not be limited to, sales in place of roofing, tile, glass, carpets, drapes, fences, awnings, window air-conditioning units, gasoline pumps, window guards, floor coverings, carports, store fixtures, aluminum and plastic siding, tombstones and similar personal property.

(l) "Newspaper" means a periodical which:

(i) Is not published primarily for advertising purposes and has not contained more than seventy-five percent (75%) advertising in more than one-half (1/2) of its issues during any consecutive twelve-month period excluding separate advertising supplements inserted into but separately identifiable from any regular issue or issues;

(ii) Has been established and published continuously for at least twelve (12) months;

(iii) Is regularly issued at stated intervals no less frequently than once a week, bears a date of issue, and is numbered consecutively; provided, however, that publication on legal holidays of this state or of the United States and on Saturdays and Sundays shall not be required, and failure to publish not more than two (2) regular issues in any calendar year shall not exclude a periodical from this definition;

(iv) Is issued from a known office of publication, which shall be the principal public business office of the newspaper and need not be the place at which the periodical is printed and a newspaper shall be deemed to be "published" at the place where its known office of publication is located;

(v) Is formed of printed sheets; provided, however, that a periodical that is reproduced by the stencil, mimeograph or hectograph process shall not be considered to be a "newspaper"; and

(vi) Is originated and published for the dissemination of current news and intelligence of varied, broad and general public interest, announcements and notices, opinions as editorials on a regular or irregular basis, and advertising and miscellaneous reading matter.

The term "newspaper" shall include periodicals which are designed primarily for free circulation or for circulation at nominal rates as well as those which are designed for circulation at more than a nominal rate.

The term "newspaper" shall not include a publication or periodical which is published, sponsored by, is directly supported financially by, or is published to further the interests of, or is directed to, or has a circulation restricted, in whole or in part, to any particular sect, denomination, labor or fraternal organization or other special group or class or citizens.

For purposes of this paragraph, a periodical designed primarily for free circulation or circulation at nominal rates shall not be considered to be a newspaper unless such periodical has made an application for such status to the department in the manner prescribed by the department and has provided to the department documentation satisfactory to the department showing that such periodical meets the requirements of the definition of the term "newspaper." However, if such periodical has been determined to be a newspaper under action taken by the department on or before April 11, 1996, such periodical shall be considered to be a newspaper without the necessity of applying for such status. A determination by the Department of Revenue that a publication is a newspaper shall be limited to the application of this chapter and shall not establish that the publication is a newspaper for any other purpose.

(m) "MPC" or "Material Purchase Certificate" means a certificate for which a person that is liable for the tax levy under Section 27-65-21 can apply and obtain from the commissioner, and when issued, entitles the holder to purchase materials and services that are to become a component part of a structure to be erected or repaired with no tax due. Any person taxable under Section 27-65-21 who obtains an MPC for a project and purchases materials and services in this state that are to become a component part of a structure being erected or repaired in the project and at any time pays sales tax on these purchases may, after obtaining the MPC for the project, take a credit against his sales

taxes for the sales tax paid on these purchases if proper documentation exists to substantiate the payment of the sales tax on the purchase of component materials and services. This credit may also be allowed in any audit of the taxpayer. Any penalties and interest owed by the taxpayer on the return or in the audit where this credit is taken may be determined based on the sales tax due after the taking of this credit.

(n) "Computer software" shall mean any program or routine, or any set of one or more programs or routines which are used or intended to cause one or more computers, pieces of computer-related peripheral equipment, automatic processing equipment, or any combination thereof, to perform a task or set of tasks. Computer software may be contained in or on tangible media and may be obtained on tangible media or downloaded to tangible media from the internet or other remote source. Computer software does not include any program or routine provided by a business to a customer to access account data free of charge or as part of a service charge for services that are otherwise non-taxable services, such as bank account service charges, or services charges for accessing a database.

(o) "Computer software service" shall mean computer software accessed remotely via the internet regardless of whether the software resides on a server located inside or outside of Mississippi.

(p) "Computer service" shall mean the technical design and programming of computer software and includes installing, configuring, debugging, modifying, testing, or troubleshooting computer hardware, networks, programs, or computer software.

SECTION 3. Section 27-65-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows: 27-65-23. Upon every person engaging or continuing in any of the following businesses or activities there is hereby levied, assessed and shall be collected a tax equal to seven percent (7%) of the gross income of the business, except as otherwise provided:

- Air-conditioning installation or repairs;
- Automobile, motorcycle, boat or any other vehicle repairing or servicing;
- Billiards, pool or domino parlors;
- Bowling or tenpin alleys;
- Burglar and fire alarm systems or services;
- Car washing — automatic, self-service, or manual;
- Computer software * * * service and computer service;
- Cotton compresses or cotton warehouses;
- Custom creosoting or treating, custom planning, custom sawing;
- Custom meat processing;
- Electricians, electrical work, wiring, all repairs or installation of electrical equipment;
- Elevator or escalator installing, repairing or servicing;
- Film developing or photo finishing;
- Foundries, machine or general repairing;
- Furniture repairing or upholstering;
- Grading, excavating, ditching, dredging or landscaping;
- Hotels (as defined in Section 41-49-3), motels, tourist courts or camps, trailer parks;
- Insulating services or repairs;
- Jewelry or watch repairing;
- Laundering, cleaning, pressing or dyeing;
- Marina services;
- Mattress renovating;
- Office and business machine repairing;
- Parking garages and lots;
- Plumbing or pipe fitting;
- Public storage warehouses (There shall be no tax levied on gross income of a public storage warehouse derived from the temporary storage of tangible personal property in this state pending shipping or mailing of the property to another state.);
- Refrigerating equipment repairs;
- Radio or television installing, repairing, or servicing;
- Renting or leasing personal property used within this state;

Services performed in connection with geophysical surveying, exploring, developing, drilling, producing, distributing, or testing of oil, gas, water and other mineral resources;

Shoe repairing;
Storage lockers;
Telephone answering or paging services;
Termite or pest control services;
Tin and sheet metal shops;
TV cable systems, subscription TV services, and other similar activities;
Vulcanizing, repairing or recapping of tires or tubes;
Welding; and
Woodworking or wood-turning shops.

Income from services taxed herein performed for electric power associations in the ordinary and necessary operation of their generating or distribution systems shall be taxed at the rate of one percent (1%).

Income from services taxed herein performed on materials for use in track or track structures to a railroad whose rates are fixed by the Interstate Commerce Commission or the Mississippi Public Service Commission shall be taxed at the rate of three percent (3%). Income from renting or leasing tangible personal property used within this state shall be taxed at the same rates as sales of the same property.

Persons doing business in this state who rent transportation equipment with a situs within or without the state to common, contract or private commercial carriers are taxed on that part of the income derived from use within this state. If specific accounting is impracticable, a formula may be used with approval of the commissioner.

A lessor may deduct from the tax computed on the rental income from tangible personal property a credit for sales or use tax paid to this state at the time of purchase of the specific personal property being leased or rented until such credit has been exhausted.

Charges for custom processing and repairing services may be excluded from gross taxable income when the property on which the service was performed is delivered to the customer in another state either by common carrier or in the seller's equipment.

When a taxpayer performs unitary services covered by this section, which are performed both in intrastate and interstate commerce, the commissioner is hereby invested with authority to formulate in each particular case and to fix for such taxpayer in each instance formulae of apportionment which will apportion to this state, for taxation, that portion of the services which are performed within the State of Mississippi. In addition, upon the request of a taxpayer, the commissioner shall provide to the taxpayer a list of recognized formulae of apportionment for such services and the taxpayer may elect to use any such formulae instead of any formulae fixed by the commissioner. The taxpayer also may propose other formulae of apportionment, which the commissioner may approve or disapprove for use.

SECTION 4. Section 27-67-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-67-3. Whenever used in this article, the words, phrases and terms shall have the meaning ascribed to them as follows:

(a) "Tax Commission" or "department" means the Department of Revenue of the State of Mississippi.

(b) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Revenue of the Department of Revenue.

(c) "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership, joint venture, association, corporation, estate, trust, receiver, syndicate or any other group or combination acting as a unit and includes the plural as well as the singular in number. "Person" shall also include husband or wife, or both, where joint benefits are derived from the operation of a business taxed hereunder or where joint benefits are derived from the use of property taxed hereunder.

(d) "Taxpayer" means any person liable for the payment of any tax hereunder, or liable for the collection and payment of the tax.

(e) "Sale" or "purchase" means the exchange of properties for money or other consideration, and the barter of properties or products. Every closed transaction by which title to, or possession of, tangible personal property or specified digital products passes shall constitute a taxable event. A transaction whereby the possession of property or

products is transferred but the seller retains title as security for payment of the selling price shall be deemed a sale.

(f) "Purchase price" or "sales price" means the total amount for which tangible personal property or specified digital product is purchased or sold, valued in money, including installation and service charges, and freight charges to the point of use within this state, without any deduction for cost of property or products sold, expenses or losses, or taxes of any kind except those exempt by the sales tax law. "Purchase price" or "sales price" shall not include cash discounts allowed and taken or merchandise returned by customers when the total sales price is refunded either in cash or by credit, and shall not include amounts allowed for a trade-in of similar property or products. "Purchase price" or "sales price" does not include finance charges, carrying charges or any other addition to the selling price as a result of deferred payments by the purchaser.

(g) "Lease" or "rent" means any agreement entered into for a consideration that transfers possession or control of tangible personal property or specified digital products to a person for use within this state.

(h) "Value" means the estimated or assessed monetary worth of a thing or property. The value of property or products transferred into this state for sales promotion or advertising shall be an amount not less than the cost paid by the transferor or donor. The value of property or products which have been used in another state shall be determined by its cost less straight line depreciation provided that value shall never be less than twenty percent (20%) of the cost or other method acceptable to the commissioner. On property or products imported by the manufacturer thereof for rental or lease within this state, value shall be the manufactured cost of the property and freight to the place of use in Mississippi.

(i) "Tangible personal property" means personal property perceptible to the human senses or by chemical analysis, as opposed to real property or intangibles. "Tangible personal property" shall include printed, mimeographed, multigraphed matter, or material reproduced in any other manner, and books, catalogs, manuals, publications or similar documents covering the services of collecting, compiling or analyzing information of any kind or nature. However, reports representing the work of persons such as lawyers, accountants, engineers and similar professionals shall not be included. "Tangible personal property" shall also include tangible advertising or sales promotion materials such as, but not limited to, displays, brochures, signs, catalogs, price lists, point of sale advertising materials and technical manuals. Tangible personal property shall also include computer software * * *.

(j) "Person doing business in this state," "person maintaining a place of business within this state," or any similar term means any person having within this state an office, a distribution house, a salesroom or house, a warehouse, or any other place of business, or owning personal property located in this state used by another person, or installing personal property in this state. This definition also includes any person selling or taking orders for any tangible personal property, either personally, by mail or through an employee representative, salesman, commission agent, canvasser, solicitor or independent contractor or by any other means from within the state. "Person doing business in this state" also includes any marketplace facilitator, marketplace seller, or remote seller with sales that exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) in any consecutive twelve-month period. A sale made through a marketplace facilitator is a sale of the marketplace facilitator and not the sale of a marketplace seller for purposes of determining whether a person exceeds Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) in sales.

Any person doing business under the terms of this article by reason of coming under any one or more of the qualifying provisions listed above shall be considered as doing business on all transactions involving sales to persons within this state.

(k) "Use" or "consumption" means the first use or intended use within this state of tangible personal property or specified digital product and shall include rental or loan by owners or use by lessees or other persons receiving benefits from use of the property or product. "Use" or "consumption" shall include the benefit realized or to be realized by persons importing or causing to be imported into this state tangible advertising or sales promotion materials.

(l) "Storage" means keeping tangible personal property or specified digital product in this state for subsequent use or consumption in this state.

(m) "Specified digital products" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 27-65-26.

(n) "Marketplace facilitator" means any person who facilitates a retail sale by a seller by:

(i) Listing or advertising for sale by the retailer in any forum, tangible personal property, services or digital goods that are subject to tax under this chapter; and

(ii) Either directly or indirectly through agreements or arrangements with third parties collecting payment from the customer and transmitting that payment to the retailer regardless of whether the marketplace provider receives compensation or other consideration in exchange for its service.

(o) "Marketplace seller" means a seller that makes sales through any physical or electronic marketplace owned, operated, or controlled by a marketplace facilitator, even if such seller would not have been required to collect and remit sales tax had the sale not been made through such marketplace.

(p) "Remote seller" means a person, other than a marketplace facilitator, that does not maintain a place of business in this state and that through a forum sells tangible personal property, taxable services or specified digital products, the sale or use of which is subject to the tax imposed by this chapter.

(q) "Computer software" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 27-65-3.

SECTION 5. A taxpayer, upon proof that he has paid a sales tax in another state on computer software, computer software service and/or computer service that is taxable under this chapter, shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed under this chapter on such computer software, computer software service and/or computer service to the extent that the amount of the other tax is properly due and actually paid in the other state and to the extent that the rate of sales tax imposed by and paid in the other state does not exceed the rate of sales tax imposed under this chapter.

SECTION 6. (1) In the case of a bundled transaction including a taxable sale of computer software, computer software service and/or computer service and other taxable or nontaxable properties or services in which the price of the bundled transaction is attributable to properties or services that are taxable and nontaxable under this chapter, the portion of the price that is attributable to any nontaxable property or service shall be subject to the tax imposed under this chapter unless the seller can reasonably identify that portion from its books and records kept in the regular course of business. The seller shall allocate the price among the properties or services: (a) by reasonably identifying the portion of the price attributable to each of the properties and services from its books and records kept in the regular course of business or (b) based on a reasonable allocation methodology approved by the department. For the purposes of this section, "bundled transaction" means a transaction that consists of distinct and identifiable properties or services which are sold for a single nonitemized price but which are treated differently for tax purposes under this chapter.

(2) This section shall not create a right of action for a purchaser to require that the seller or the department, for purposes of determining the amount of tax applicable to a bundled transaction, allocate the price to the different portions of the transaction in order to minimize the amount of tax charged to the purchaser. A purchaser shall not be entitled to rely on the fact that a portion of the price is attributable to properties or services not subject to tax unless the seller elects, after receiving a written request from the purchaser in the form required by the seller, to provide verifiable data based upon the seller's books and records that are kept in the regular course of business that reasonably identifies the portion of the price attributable to the properties or services not subject to the tax under this chapter.

SECTION 7. A taxpayer using computer software, computer software service and/or computer service from both within and without Mississippi, may apportion the sales tax on the purchase of such computer software, computer software service and/or computer service according to the use of the computer software, computer software service and/or computer service in Mississippi compared to the total use in all states.

SECTION 8. (1) A taxpayer that paid sales tax to a vendor that collected and remitted such tax to the department may request a refund from the department for excess taxes collected by the vendor as provided in this section. A taxpayer may request a refund from the department under this section if:

(a) (i) The taxpayer requested a refund from the vendor on at least two (2) separate occasions and the vendor failed or declined to issue the refund; and

(ii) The vendor attests to the following under penalty of perjury on a form prescribed by the department:

1. The taxes were remitted to the department by the vendor, including the amount and the date remitted;

2. The vendor has not claimed and will not claim a refund of such taxes;

3. The vendor has not taken and will not take a credit for such taxes;

4. The vendor's sales tax account number; and

5. The local jurisdiction or jurisdictions for which any local sales tax included in the refund claim was collected and remitted; or

(b) (i) The taxpayer requested a refund from the vendor on at least two (2) separate occasions and the vendor failed or declined to issue the refund; and

(ii) The taxpayer reasonably attempted but was unable to obtain an attestation from the vendor as required under paragraph (a)(ii) of this subsection. For the purposes

of this subparagraph (ii), a taxpayer who contacts the vendor in writing at least twice requesting such an attestation is deemed to have made a reasonable attempt to obtain the vendor's attestation.

(2) In order for a taxpayer to request a refund from the department under this section, the amount of the refund to be requested must exceed Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00).

SECTION 9. A taxpayer using computer software, computer software service and/or computer service from both within and without Mississippi, may apportion the use tax on the purchase of such computer software, computer software service and/or computer service according to the use of the computer software, computer software service and/or computer service in Mississippi compared to the total use in all states.

SECTION 10. (1) A taxpayer that paid use tax to a vendor that collected and remitted such tax to the department may request a refund from the department for excess taxes collected by the vendor as provided in this section. A taxpayer may request a refund from the department under this section if:

(a) (i) The taxpayer requested a refund from the vendor on at least two (2) separate occasions and the vendor failed or declined to issue the refund; and

(ii) The vendor attests to the following under penalty of perjury on a form prescribed by the department:

1. The taxes were remitted to the department by the vendor, including the amount and the date remitted;

2. The vendor has not claimed and will not claim a refund of such taxes;

3. The vendor has not taken and will not take a credit for such taxes; and

4. The vendor's use tax account number; or

(b) (i) The taxpayer requested a refund from the vendor on at least two (2) separate occasions and the vendor failed or declined to issue the refund; and

(ii) The taxpayer reasonably attempted but was unable to obtain an attestation from the vendor as required under paragraph (a)(ii) of this subsection. For the purposes

of this subparagraph (ii), a taxpayer who contacts the vendor in writing at least twice requesting such an attestation is deemed to have made a reasonable attempt to obtain the vendor's attestation.

(2) In order for a taxpayer to request a refund from the department under this section, the amount of the refund to be requested must exceed Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00).

SECTION 11. Section 27-65-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows: 27-65-7. "Retailer" shall apply to a person making retail sales through vending machines, by maintaining a store, or operating as a transient vendor, or renting or leasing tangible personal property. Retailer also includes persons who facilitate the sale of services or tangible personal property that belongs to a third party.

"Retail sales" shall mean and include all sales of tangible personal property except those defined herein as wholesale and those made to a wholesaler, jobber, manufacturer or custom processor for resale or for further processing.

"Retail sale" shall include the value of any tangible personal property manufactured or purchased at wholesale which is withdrawn from the business or stock in trade and is used or consumed within this state in the business or by the owner or by any other person, whether or not in the regular course of business or trade.

"Retail sale" shall also include a sale invoiced to a retailer but delivered to another person who pays for the merchandise upon taking possession.

"Retail sale" shall also include a sale made or facilitated by a person regularly engaged in the sale or facilitation of sales of services or tangible personal property. "Retail sale" does not include a sale by a third-party food delivery service that delivers food from an unrelated restaurant to a customer, regardless of whether the customer orders and pays for the food through the delivery service or whether the delivery service adds fees or upcharges to the price of the food.

SECTION 12. Section 27-65-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows: 27-65-19. (1) (a) (i) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, upon every person selling to consumers, electricity, current, power, potable water, steam, coal, natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas or other fuel, there is hereby levied, assessed and shall be collected a tax equal to seven percent (7%) of the gross income of the business. Provided, gross income from sales to consumers of electricity, current, power, natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas or other fuel for residential heating, lighting or other residential noncommercial or nonagricultural use, and sales of potable water for residential, noncommercial or nonagricultural use shall be excluded from taxable gross income of the business. Provided further, upon every such seller using electricity, current, power, potable water, steam, coal, natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas or other fuel for nonindustrial purposes, there is hereby levied, assessed and shall be collected a tax equal to seven percent (7%) of the cost or value of the product or service used.

(ii) Gross income from sales to a church that is exempt from federal income taxation under 26 USCS Section 501(c)(3) of electricity, current, power, natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas or other fuel for heating, lighting or other use, and sales of potable water to such a church shall be excluded from taxable gross income of the business if the electricity, current, power, natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas or potable water is utilized on property that is primarily used for religious or educational purposes.

(b) (i) There is hereby levied, assessed and shall be collected a tax equal to one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) of the gross income of the business from the sale of naturally occurring carbon dioxide and anthropogenic carbon dioxide lawfully injected into the earth for:

1. Use in an enhanced oil recovery project, including, but not limited to, use for cycling, repressuring or lifting of oil; or

2. Permanent sequestration in a geological formation.

(ii) The one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) rate provided for in this subsection shall apply to electricity, current, power, steam, coal, natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas or other fuel that is sold to a producer of oil and gas for use directly in enhanced oil recovery using carbon dioxide and/or the permanent sequestration of carbon dioxide in a geological formation.

(c) The one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) rate provided for in this subsection shall not apply to sales of fuel for automobiles, trucks, truck-tractors, buses, farm tractors or airplanes.

(d) (i) Upon every person providing services in this state, there is hereby levied, assessed and shall be collected:

1. A tax equal to seven percent (7%) of the gross income received from all charges for intrastate telecommunications services.

2. A tax equal to seven percent (7%) of the gross income received from all charges for interstate telecommunications services.

3. A tax equal to seven percent (7%) of the gross income received from all charges for international telecommunications services.

4. A tax equal to seven percent (7%) of the gross income received from all charges for ancillary services.

5. A tax equal to seven percent (7%) of the gross income received from all charges for products delivered electronically, including, but not limited to, software, music, games, reading materials or ring tones.

(ii) A person, upon proof that he has paid a tax in another state on an event described in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (d), shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed in this paragraph (d) on interstate telecommunications service charges to the extent that the amount of such tax is properly due and actually paid in such other state and to the extent that the rate of sales tax imposed by and paid in such other state does not exceed the rate of sales tax imposed by this paragraph (d).

(iii) Charges by one (1) telecommunications provider to another telecommunications provider holding a permit issued under Section 27-65-27 for services that are resold by such other telecommunications provider, including, but not limited to, access charges, shall not be subject to the tax levied pursuant to this paragraph (d).

(iv) For purposes of this paragraph (d):

1. "Telecommunications service" means the electronic transmission, conveyance or routing of voice, data, audio, video or any other information or signals to a point, or between points. The term "telecommunications service" includes such transmission, conveyance or routing in which computer processing applications are used to act on the form, code or protocol of the content for purposes of transmission, conveyance or routing without regard to whether such service is referred to as voice over Internet protocol services or is classified by the Federal Communications Commission as enhanced or value added. The term "telecommunications service" shall not include:

a. Data processing and information services that allow data to be generated, acquired, stored, processed or retrieved and delivered by an electronic transmission to a purchaser where such purchaser's primary purpose for the underlying transaction is the processed data or information;

b. Installation or maintenance of wiring or equipment on a customer's premises;

c. Tangible personal property;

d. Advertising, including, but not limited to, directory advertising;

e. Billing and collection services provided to third parties;

f. Internet access service;

g. Radio and television audio and video programming services regardless of the medium, including the furnishing of transmission, conveyance and routing of such services by the programming service provider. Radio and television audio and video programming services shall include, but not be limited to, cable service as defined in 47 USCS 522(6) and audio and video programming services delivered by commercial mobile radio service providers, as defined in 47 CFR 20.3;

h. Ancillary services; or

i. Digital products delivered electronically, including, but not limited to, software, music, video, reading materials or ring tones.

2. "Ancillary services" means services that are associated with or incidental to the provision of telecommunications services, including, but not limited to, detailed telecommunications billing, directory assistance, vertical service and voice mail service.

a. "Conference bridging" means an ancillary service that links two (2) or more participants of an audio or video conference call and may include the provision of a telephone number. Conference bridging does not include the telecommunications services used to reach the conference bridge.

b. "Detailed telecommunications billing service" means an ancillary service of separately stating information pertaining to individual calls on a customer's billing statement.

c. "Directory assistance" means an ancillary service of providing telephone number information and/or address information.

d. "Vertical service" means an ancillary service that is offered in connection with one or more telecommunications services, which offers advanced calling features that allow customers to identify callers and to manage multiple calls and call connections, including conference bridging services.

e. "Voice mail service" means an ancillary service that enables the customer to store, send or receive recorded messages. Voice mail service does not include any vertical services that the customer may be required to have in order to utilize the voice mail service.

3. "Intrastate" means telecommunications service that originates in one (1) United States state or United States territory or possession, and terminates in the same United States state or United States territory or possession.

4. "Interstate" means a telecommunications service that originates in one (1) United States state or United States territory or possession, and terminates in a different United States state or United States territory or possession.

5. "International" means a telecommunications service that originates or terminates in the United States and terminates or originates outside the United States, respectively.

(v) For purposes of paragraph (d), the following sourcing rules shall apply:

1. Except for the defined telecommunications services in item 3 of this subparagraph, the sales of telecommunications services sold on a call-by-call basis shall be sourced to:

a. Each level of taxing jurisdiction where the call originates and terminates in that jurisdiction, or

b. Each level of taxing jurisdiction where the call either originates or terminates and in which the service address is also located.

2. Except for the defined telecommunications services in item 3 of this subparagraph, a sale of telecommunications services sold on a basis other than a call-by-call basis, is sourced to the customer's place of primary use.

3. The sale of the following telecommunications services shall be sourced to each level of taxing jurisdiction as follows:

a. A sale of mobile telecommunications services other than air-to-ground radiotelephone service and prepaid calling service is sourced to the customer's place of primary use as required by the Mobile Telecommunication Sourcing Act.

A. A home service provider shall be responsible for obtaining and maintaining the customer's place of primary use. The home service provider shall be entitled to rely on the applicable residential or business street address supplied by such customer, if the home service provider's reliance is in good faith; and the home service provider shall be held harmless from liability for any additional taxes based on a different determination of the place of primary use for taxes that are customarily passed on to the customer as a separate itemized charge. A home service provider shall be allowed to treat the address used for purposes of the tax levied by this chapter for any customer under a service contract in effect on August 1, 2002, as that customer's place of primary use for the remaining term of such service contract or agreement, excluding any extension or renewal of such service contract or agreement. Month-to-month services provided after the expiration of a contract shall be treated as an extension or renewal of such contract or agreement.

B. If the commissioner determines that the address used by a home service provider as a customer's place of primary use does not meet the definition of the term "place of primary use" as defined in subitem a. A. of this item 3, the commissioner shall give binding notice to the home service provider to change the place of primary use on a prospective basis from the date of notice of

determination; however, the customer shall have the opportunity, prior to such notice of determination, to demonstrate that such address satisfies the definition.

C. The department has the right to collect any taxes due directly from the home service provider's customer that has failed to provide an address that meets the definition of the term "place of primary use" which resulted in a failure of tax otherwise due being remitted.

b. A sale of postpaid calling service is sourced to the origination point of the telecommunications signal as first identified by either:

A. The seller's telecommunications system; or

B. Information received by the seller from its service provider, where the system used to transport such signals is not that of the seller.

c. A sale of a prepaid calling service or prepaid wireless calling service shall be subject to the tax imposed by this paragraph if the sale takes place in this state. If the customer physically purchases a prepaid calling service or prepaid wireless calling service at the vendor's place of business, the sale is deemed to take place at the vendor's place of business. If the customer does not physically purchase the service at the vendor's place of business, the sale of a prepaid calling card or prepaid wireless calling card is deemed to take place at the first of the following locations that applies to the sale:

A. The customer's shipping address, if the sale involves a shipment;

B. The customer's billing address;

C. Any other address of the customer that is known by the vendor; or

D. The address of the vendor, or alternatively, in the case of a prepaid wireless calling service, the location associated with the mobile telephone number.

4. A sale of a private communication service is sourced as follows:

a. Service for a separate charge related to a customer channel termination point is sourced to each level of jurisdiction in which such customer channel termination point is located.

b. Service where all customer termination points are located entirely within one (1) jurisdiction or levels of jurisdiction is sourced in such jurisdiction in which the customer channel termination points are located.

c. Service for segments of a channel between two (2) customer channel termination points located in different jurisdictions and which segments of a channel are separately charged is sourced fifty percent (50%) in each level of jurisdiction in which the customer channel termination points are located.

d. Service for segments of a channel located in more than one (1) jurisdiction or levels of jurisdiction and which segments are not separately billed is sourced in each jurisdiction based on the percentage determined by dividing the number of customer channel termination points in such jurisdiction by the total number of customer channel termination points.

5. A sale of ancillary services is sourced to the customer's place of primary use.

(vi) For purposes of subparagraph (v) of this paragraph (d):

1. "Air-to-ground radiotelephone service" means a radio service, as that term is defined in 47 CFR 22.99, in which common carriers are authorized to offer and provide radio telecommunications service for hire to subscribers in aircraft.

2. "Call-by-call basis" means any method of charging for telecommunications services where the price is measured by individual calls.

3. "Communications channel" means a physical or virtual path of communications over which signals are transmitted between or among customer channel termination points.

4. "Customer" means the person or entity that contracts with the seller of telecommunications services. If the end user of telecommunications

services is not the contracting party, the end user of the telecommunications service is the customer of the telecommunications service. Customer does not include a reseller of telecommunications service or for mobile telecommunications service of a serving carrier under an agreement to serve the customer outside the home service provider's licensed service area.

5. "Customer channel termination point" means the location where the customer either inputs or receives the communications.

6. "End user" means the person who utilizes the telecommunications service. In the case of an entity, "end user" means the individual who utilizes the service on behalf of the entity.

7. "Home service provider" has the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 124(5) of Public Law 106-252 (Mobile Telecommunications Sourcing Act).

8. "Mobile telecommunications service" has the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 124(7) of Public Law 106-252 (Mobile Telecommunications Sourcing Act).

9. "Place of primary use" means the street address representative of where the customer's use of the telecommunications service primarily occurs, which must be the residential street address or the primary business street address of the customer. In the case of mobile telecommunications services, the place of primary use must be within the licensed service area of the home service provider.

10. "Post-paid calling service" means the telecommunications service obtained by making a payment on a call-by-call basis either through the use of a credit card or payment mechanism such as a bank card, travel card, credit card or debit card, or by charge made to a telephone number which is not associated with the origination or termination of the telecommunications service. A post-paid calling service includes a telecommunications service, except a prepaid wireless calling service that would be a prepaid calling service except it is not exclusively a telecommunications service.

11. "Prepaid calling service" means the right to access exclusively telecommunications services, which must be paid for in advance and which enables the origination of calls using an access number or authorization code, whether manually or electronically dialed, and that is sold in predetermined units or dollars of which the number declines with use in a known amount.

12. "Prepaid wireless calling service" means a telecommunications service that provides the right to utilize mobile wireless service as well as other nontelecommunications services, including the download of digital products delivered electronically, content and ancillary service, which must be paid for in advance that is sold in predetermined units or dollars of which the number declines with use in a known amount.

13. "Private communication service" means a telecommunications service that entitles the customer to exclusive or priority use of a communications channel or group of channels between or among termination points, regardless of the manner in which such channel or channels are connected, and includes switching capacity, extension lines, stations and any other associated services that are provided in connection with the use of such channel or channels.

14. "Service address" means:

a. The location of the telecommunications equipment to which a customer's call is charged and from which the call originates or terminates, regardless of where the call is billed or paid.

b. If the location in subitem a of this item 14 is not known, the origination point of the signal of the telecommunications services first identified by either the seller's telecommunications system or in information received by the seller from its service provider, where the system used to transport such signals is not that of the seller.

c. If the location in subitems a and b of this item 14 are not known, the location of the customer's place of primary use.

(vii) 1. For purposes of this subparagraph (vii), "bundled transaction" means a transaction that consists of distinct and identifiable properties or services which are sold for a single nonitemized price but which are treated differently for tax purposes.

2. In the case of a bundled transaction that includes telecommunications services, ancillary services, Internet access, or audio or video programming services taxed under this chapter in which the price of the bundled transaction is attributable to properties or services that are taxable and nontaxable, the portion of the price that is attributable to any nontaxable property or service shall be subject to the tax unless the provider can reasonably identify that portion from its books and records kept in the regular course of business.

3. In the case of a bundled transaction that includes telecommunications services, ancillary services, Internet access, audio or video programming services subject to tax under this chapter in which the price is attributable to properties or services that are subject to the tax but the tax revenue from the different properties or services are dedicated to different funds or purposes, the provider shall allocate the price among the properties or services:

a. By reasonably identifying the portion of the price attributable to each of the properties and services from its books and records kept in the regular course of business; or

b. Based on a reasonable allocation methodology approved by the department.

4. This subparagraph (vii) shall not create a right of action for a customer to require that the provider or the department, for purposes of determining the amount of tax applicable to a bundled transaction, allocate the price to the different portions of the transaction in order to minimize the amount of tax charged to the customer. A customer shall not be entitled to rely on the fact that a portion of the price is attributable to properties or services not subject to tax unless the provider elects, after receiving a written request from the customer in the form required by the provider, to provide verifiable data based upon the provider's books and records that are kept in the regular course of business that reasonably identifies the portion of the price attributable to the properties or services not subject to the tax.

(2) Persons making sales to consumers of electricity, current, power, natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas or other fuel for residential heating, lighting or other residential noncommercial or nonagricultural use or sales of potable water for residential, noncommercial or nonagricultural use shall indicate on each statement rendered to customers that such charges are exempt from sales taxes.

(3) There is hereby levied, assessed and shall be paid on transportation charges on shipments moving between points within this state when paid directly by the consumer, a tax equal to the rate applicable to the sale of the property being transported. Such tax shall be reported and paid directly to the Department of Revenue by the consumer.

SECTION 13. Section 27-65-93, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows: 27-65-93. (1) The commissioner shall, from time to time, promulgate rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the provisions of the sales tax law, for making returns and for the ascertainment, assessment and collection of the tax imposed by the sales tax law as he may deem necessary to enforce its provisions; and, upon request, he shall furnish any taxpayer with a copy of the rules and regulations.

(2) All forms, necessary for the enforcement of the sales tax law, shall be prescribed, printed and furnished by the commissioner.

(3) The commissioner may adopt rules and regulations providing for the issuance of permits to manufacturers, utilities, construction contractors, companies receiving bond financing through the Mississippi Business Finance Corporation or the Mississippi Development Authority, and other taxpayers as determined by the commissioner, and the commissioner shall adopt rules and regulations providing for the issuance of a permit to any qualified business or industry, which is certified as such by the Mississippi Development Authority pursuant to the Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act and awarded any mFlex tax incentive amount for such qualified business's or industry's qualified economic development project, certified as such by the Mississippi Development Authority pursuant to the Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act, to purchase tangible personal property taxed under Section 27-65-17, items taxed under Section 27-65-18,

items taxed under Section 27-65-19, services taxed under Section 27-65-23, items taxed under Section 27-65-24, and items taxed under Section 27-65-26 without the payment to the vendor of the tax imposed by the sales and use tax laws, and providing for persons to report and pay the tax directly to the commissioner in instances where the commissioner determines that these provisions will facilitate and expedite the collection of the tax at the proper rates which may be due on purchases by the permittee. Under the provisions of this chapter, the vendor is relieved of collecting and remitting the taxes specified hereunder and the person holding the permit shall become liable for such taxes instead of the seller. The full enforcement provisions of the sales tax law shall apply in the collection of the tax from the permittee.

SECTION 14. Section 27-67-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows: 27-67-5. There is hereby levied, assessed and shall be collected from every person a tax for the privilege of using, storing or consuming, within this state, any tangible personal property or specified digital product possession of which is acquired in any manner.

(a) The use tax hereby imposed and levied shall be collected at the same rates as imposed under Section 27-65-20, and Sections 27-65-17, 27-65-18, 27-65-19, 27-65-24, 27-65-25 and 27-65-26 computed on the purchase or sales price, or value, as defined in this article.

(b) It shall be the duty of the tax collectors of the several counties, or the commissioner, as the case may be, to collect, remit and account for the tax on the use of all vehicles licensed or registered by the State of Mississippi for the first time, except when the Mississippi use tax was collected by an authorized out-of-state dealer at the time of purchase, or when the use thereof was exempt by Section 27-67-7. The tax collector or the commissioner shall give to the person registering the vehicle a receipt in a form prescribed and furnished by the Department of Revenue for the amount of tax collected. The tax collector or commissioner is expressly prohibited from issuing a license tag to any applicant without collecting the tax levied by this article, unless positive proof is filed, together with the application for the license tag, that the Mississippi tax has been paid, or that the sale was exempt by Section 27-67-7.

Persons not engaging and continuing in business so as to be registered for payment of sales and/or use tax may pay use tax due on the first use of boats, airplanes, equipment or other tangible personal property and specified digital products to county tax collectors who are hereby authorized to accept such payments on behalf of the commissioner. Receipts for all such payments shall be given to taxpayers in a form prescribed and furnished by the Department of Revenue.

County tax collectors and the commissioner shall be liable for the tax they are required hereby to collect, and taxes which are in fact collected under authority of this section; and failure to properly collect or maintain proper records shall not relieve them of liability for payment to the commissioner. Deficiencies in collection or payment shall be assessed against the tax collector or commissioner in the same manner and subject to the same penalties and provisions for appeal as are deficiencies assessed against taxpayers.

A dealer authorized to collect and remit the tax to the Department of Revenue shall give to the purchaser a receipt for the payment of the tax, in a form prescribed and furnished by the commissioner, which shall serve as proof of payment to the tax collector of the county in which the license is to be issued.

Each tax collector of the several counties shall, on or before the twentieth day of each month, file a report with and pay to the commissioner all funds collected under the provisions of this article, less a commission of five percent (5%) which shall be retained by the tax collector as a commission for collecting such tax and be deposited in the county general fund. The report required to be filed shall cover all collections made during the calendar month next preceding the date on which the report is due and filed.

Any error in the report and remittance to the commissioner may be adjusted on a subsequent report. If the error was in the collection by the tax collector, it shall be adjusted through the tax collector with the taxpayer before credit is allowed by the commissioner.

All information relating to the collection of use tax by tax collectors and such records as the commissioner may require shall be preserved in the tax collector's office for a period of three (3) years for audit by the commissioner.

SECTION 15. Sections 5, 6, 7 and 8 of this act shall be codified as new sections in Chapter 65, Title 27, Mississippi Code of 1972. Sections 9 and 10 of this act shall be codified as new sections in Chapter 67, Title 27, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 16. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-65-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY" UNDER THE STATE SALES TAX LAW; TO DEFINE THE TERMS "COMPUTER SOFTWARE", "COMPUTER SOFTWARE SERVICE" AND "COMPUTER SERVICE" UNDER THE STATE SALES TAX LAW; TO AMEND SECTION 27-65-23, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THE TAXATION OF COMPUTER SERVICE; TO REVISE THE TYPE OF APPORTIONMENT FORMULAE THAT MAY BE USED WHEN A TAXPAYER PERFORMS UNITARY SERVICES; TO AMEND SECTION 27-67-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY" UNDER THE STATE USE TAX LAW; TO DEFINE THE TERM "COMPUTER SOFTWARE" UNDER THE STATE USE TAX LAW; TO PROVIDE THAT A TAXPAYER THAT HAS PAID A SALES TAX IN ANOTHER STATE ON COMPUTER SOFTWARE, COMPUTER SOFTWARE SERVICE OR COMPUTER SERVICE THAT IS TAXABLE IN THIS STATE SHALL BE ALLOWED A CREDIT AGAINST THE TAX IMPOSED IN THIS STATE ON SUCH COMPUTER SOFTWARE, COMPUTER SOFTWARE SERVICE OR COMPUTER SERVICE TO THE EXTENT THAT THE AMOUNT OF THE OTHER TAX IS PROPERLY DUE AND ACTUALLY PAID IN THE OTHER STATE AND TO THE EXTENT THAT THE RATE OF SALES TAX IMPOSED BY AND PAID IN THE OTHER STATE DOES NOT EXCEED THE RATE OF SALES TAX IMPOSED IN THIS STATE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ALLOCATION OF TAXABLE AND NONTAXABLE PORTIONS OF COMPUTER SOFTWARE, COMPUTER SOFTWARE SERVICE OR COMPUTER SERVICE IN BUNDLED TRANSACTIONS; TO PROVIDE A METHOD FOR A TAXPAYER THAT PAID SALES OR USE TAX TO A VENDOR THAT COLLECTED AND REMITTED SUCH TAXES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO REQUEST A REFUND FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR EXCESS TAXES COLLECTED BY THE VENDOR; TO CLARIFY THAT A TAXPAYER USING COMPUTER SOFTWARE, COMPUTER SOFTWARE SERVICE OR COMPUTER SERVICE FROM BOTH WITHIN AND WITHOUT MISSISSIPPI, MAY APPORTION THE SALES TAX OR USE TAX ON THE PURCHASE OF COMPUTER SOFTWARE, COMPUTER SOFTWARE SERVICE OR COMPUTER SERVICE ACCORDING TO THE USE IN MISSISSIPPI COMPARED TO THE TOTAL USE IN ALL STATES; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 27-65-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH DEFINES CERTAIN TERMS UNDER THE STATE SALES TAX, FOR THE PURPOSES OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 27-65-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH LEVIES SALES TAX ON UTILITIES, FOR THE PURPOSES OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 27-65-93, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES FOR CERTAIN DUTIES OF THE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE UNDER THE STATE SALES TAX LAW, FOR THE PURPOSES OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 27-67-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE LEVY OF USE TAX, FOR THE PURPOSES OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 968**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup,

Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Newman, Owen. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Brown, C, Calvert, Hopkins, Huddleston. Total-5.

Present--Evans, B, Summers. Total--2.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 815: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

Rep. Lamar moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 848: Mississippi Digital Asset Mining Act; create.

Rep. Lamar moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Cockerham called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 995: Rape; revise elements for the crime of and remove spousal exception.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 995.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hopkins, Huddleston. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Cockerham called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 996: Intestate succession; child conceived by assisted reproduction after decedent's death is deemed to be living at time of death.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 996.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Brown, C, Hopkins, Huddleston, Summers, Young. Total-6.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Cockerham called up:

H. B. No. 1115: Durable legal custody; clarify jurisdiction for.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1115.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anthony, Brown, C, Hopkins, Huddleston, Summers. Total-5.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Cockerham called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 276: State Board of Physical Therapy, authorize to issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 276.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Denton, Hopkins, Huddleston, Summers, Weathersby. Total-6.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Cockerham called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1157: Vehicle rental; require those engaged in to disclose total charges, including all additional mandatory charges.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1157.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Ford, J, Hopkins, Huddleston. Total-4.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Cockerham called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 3: Third-party delivery service; prohibit from using name, likeness, trademark or intellectual property of merchant without agreement.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Yancey:

AMEND on line 27 by deleting the comma and inserting the following:

"or"

AMEND FURTHER on line 28 by deleting the words ", or other retail entity,"

AMEND FURTHER on line 37 by deleting the words ", or other entity,"

AMEND FURTHER on line 45 by deleting subsection (2) in its entirety and renumbering the succeeding subsections.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 3.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Newman, Owen. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Currie, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Huddleston. Total-5.

Present--Brown, B, Hines. Total--2.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Cockerham called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 888: Child support; authorize for disabled child past the age of majority.

A committee substitute was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Tullos the foregoing bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Rep. Cockerham called up:

H. B. No. 65: Landlord-tenant; authorize tenant who is survivor of domestic abuse to break lease without penalty.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 128 after "2023" by inserting the following: ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023".

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Tullos:

AMEND on line 47 by deleting the word "may" and by inserting in lieu thereof: "shall"
AMEND FURTHER on line on line 50 by inserting the following language before the semicolon: ",or police report or any other proof that the tenant was a victim of domestic violence"

No Action

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Rep. Yancey called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1317: Pharmacists; authorize to test for and administer treatment for minor, nonchronic health conditions.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Yancey:

AMEND by deleting the language on lines 29 and 33. AMEND FURTHER by renumbering subsection (1) of Section 1 of this act as needed. AMEND TITLE to conform.
ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Yancey:

AMEND by deleting lines 39-42. AMEND FURTHER on line 30-31 by striking "or other respiratory illness, condition or disease"; and on line 34 by striking "skin conditions, such as."

ADOPTED

Rep. Yancey moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Turner called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 882: Renaissance Assistance Program to Initiate Development; create to assist small businesses.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Turner:

AMEND on line 101 by inserting ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023" before the period.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 882.** On motion of Rep. Turner the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Straughter. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eubanks, Hopkins, Huddleston. Total-4.

Present--Williamson. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. McCarty called up:

H. B. No. 752: MS Dyslexia Therapy Scholarship for Students with Dyslexia; revise eligibility beginning with kindergarten.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 752.** On motion of Rep. McCarty the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hopkins, Huddleston. Total-3.

Present--Bailey. Total--1.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. McCarty called up:

H. B. No. 1227: Mental Awareness Program for School Act; enact to provide for mental health service providers and certain trauma-informed training.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1227.** On motion of Rep. McCarty the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hopkins, Huddleston. Total-3.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. McCarty called up:

H. B. No. 1264: School districts; authorize to provide feminine hygiene products for female students in Grades 6-12.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1264. On motion of Rep. McCarty the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hopkins, Huddleston, Williamson. Total-4.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Rushing called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 537: Municipalities; authorize waiver of liens, under certain circumstances, for costs associated with cleaning menaced property.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 537. On motion of Rep. Rushing the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bongar, Criswell, Eubanks, Owen, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hopkins, Huddleston, Mangold, Smith. Total-5.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--76

Representative Young entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1105: Secretary of State employees; authorize certain employees to carry a firearm.

Representative Carpenter entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1299: Pharmacy benefit managers; require to make available to the public, without redaction, contracts relating to pharmacy benefit management services.

Representative Boyd R entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 519: Landscape architects; authorize to participate with multi-disciplinary engineer and architecture firms.

Representative Bell (65th) entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1094: Wastewater and sewage; authorize MDEQ to fine any municipality or county for improper disposal of.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 37: Attorney Constance Slaughter-Harvey; commend and honor historic legacy as a living legal icon.

H. R. No. 39: Crime Victim's Rights Week; designate April 23-29, 2023, as in Mississippi.

H. R. No. 43: Cardiovascular risk reduction; recognize need for thorough screening and treatment of metabolic syndrome.

H. R. No. 49: Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Day at the Mississippi State Capitol; commend celebration on March 9, 2023.

H. R. No. 50: Barack H. Obama Magnet Elementary School; commend and congratulate on being rated the #1 school in the state.

H. R. No. 51: Mar-Cal Inc. and the Martin Family; commend business success and family legacy.

H. R. No. 52: Tommy Aldridge; commend for outstanding musical artistry and accomplishments.

H. R. No. 53: Charles Wayne Nobles; commend the life of upon his passing.

H. R. No. 54: Dr. Katherine Fokakis "Katie" Patterson; mourn loss and commemorate life upon her passing.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 55: Verbia Cooper Harden; commend outstanding career in radio broadcasting.

H. R. No. 56: Pearl River Community College Baseball Team; commend upon winning the NJCAA Division II National Championship.

H. R. No. 57: Dr. William G. "Bill" Jackson; commend for 46 years of excellent medical service and congratulate upon retirement.

H. R. No. 58: Congressman James E. Clyburn; commend for distinguished public service.

H. R. No. 59: Mississippi Links Day at the Capitol 2023; commend and honor for outstanding service.

H. R. No. 60: Lula Mae Coleman; commend her life upon her passing.

H. R. No. 61: Elma Maxine Howard Smith; commend life and legacy upon her passing.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Chris Lee Stokley, which motion prevailed.

Representative Ford (73rd) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sarah H. Holman, Kye Bethany, Bonnie J. Sills, Lt. Colonel George Franklin Fondren, Jr., Susan G. Pope, Perry Nations, Ann S. Eckford, Byron Gaines West, Jr., Peggy Bruce, Walker A. Fielder, and Albert E. Matranga, which motion prevailed.

Representative Darnell moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Gene Cooper, which motion prevailed.

Representative Karriem moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jessie James Petty, which motion prevailed.

Representative Smith moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Joan Combest, Richard Glenn Cook, Mary Ellis Thomas, Alice Ruth White, Frankie Joyce Felter, Jerrold "Jerry" T. Dearman, Christi Louise Thomas, Linda Sue King, Dennis Lavon Ivy, Michael Harmon Glass, Vilous Calvin Lafferty, James Houston Sanders, Frankie Carolyn Davis, Irma Doris Sowers, and Clifton Eugene Oglesby, which motion prevailed.

At 4:46 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, February 10, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWENTY-NINTH DAY, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023

(THIRTY-NINTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Jeffrey Hulum.

Rep. Hulum led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Absent or those not voting--Hopkins, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-3.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Hopkins, Huddleston and Robinson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Haney and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2146: Uncrewed aircraft systems; regulate.

S. B. No. 2343: Capitol police; revise jurisdiction of.

S. B. No. 2364: Mississippi Adequate Education Program; bring forward provision related to.

S. B. No. 2372: Mississippi Hospital Sustainability Grant Program; establish and provide eligibility for funds.

S. B. No. 2376: Youth court; clarify that disclosure of certain records in criminal matters do not require youth court approval.

S. B. No. 2449: Sales and use taxes; bring forward code sections for the purpose of possible amendment.

S. B. No. 2561: Highways; make the MS Transportation Commission vote on use of ERBR Fund monies majority instead of unanimous.

S. B. No. 2588: "Commissioner Dick Hall Hospitality Station"; MDOT to designate Warren County Welcome Center as.

S. B. No. 2589: West Rankin Parkway; expand permission for use of federal funds.

S. B. No. 2638: Ballot initiative measure process; revise the statutory provisions of.

S. B. No. 2644: Divorce; authorize where marriage is irretrievably broken.

S. B. No. 2645: Circuit court districts; increase number of assistant district attorneys and criminal investigators.

S. B. No. 2961: Appropriations; additional for various state agencies for FY2023 and FY2024.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2358: Ballot harvesting; ban.

S. B. No. 2369: Department of Human Services; extend repealers and revise certain applicable sections.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

Representative Boyd R called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 519:** (Landscape architects; authorize to participate with multi-disciplinary engineer and architecture firms.) strike all passed and moved to reconsider.

Rep. Boyd, R moved that Strike all Amendment No. 1 be tabled.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Boyd R:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 73-1-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:
73-1-19. In the case of a copartnership of architects, or architects, landscape architects and/or engineers, or a professional corporation, or professional limited liability company, either foreign or domestic, each active member or stockholder, and each officer, director or manager, must hold a certificate to practice architecture, landscape architecture or engineering in that member's state of residence; and, in the case of a foreign corporation or professional limited liability company doing business in this state, at least one (1) active member or stockholder must hold a certificate to practice architecture in this state. No stock company, corporation, professional corporation or professional limited liability company shall be entitled to a certificate to practice architecture. No company other than a professional corporation or a professional limited liability company shall advertise or otherwise hold itself out to be an architect or to be authorized to practice architecture in this state.

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as prohibiting a joint enterprise, partnership, professional corporation, professional limited liability company or association between one (1) or several registered professional engineers, registered landscape architects and/or duly registered architects; and it shall be lawful for such partnership, joint enterprise, professional corporation, professional limited liability company or association to use in its title the words "architects", "landscape architects" or "engineers"; provided, however, that all announcements, cards, stationery, printed matter and listings of such partnership, joint enterprise, professional corporation, professional limited liability company or association shall indicate as to each member whether he be a registered architect, registered landscape architect or a registered engineer; provided, further, that the name of such partnership, professional corporation, professional limited liability company or association shall contain the name of at least one (1) person who is registered as an architect in this state and that no such person be named on any announcement, card, stationery, printed matter or listing of such partnership, professional corporation, professional limited liability company or association used in this state unless there is designated thereon whether or not such person is licensed in this state. Employees of a firm who are not registered as architects, landscape architects or engineers in the case of a joint enterprise, partnership, professional corporation, professional limited liability company or association between architects, landscape architects and/or engineers, may use business cards for that firm if the job title of such individual is clearly stated.

Each person holding a certificate to practice architecture in this state shall post such certificate in a prominent place in the architect's place of business. Failure to post the certificate shall be sufficient cause for revocation of such certificate.

The following persons and practices shall be exempted from the provisions of this chapter: Draftsmen, students, clerks-of-work and other employees of those lawfully practicing as registered architects under the provisions of this chapter acting under the instruction, control or supervision of their employers.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-1-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE MISSISSIPPI ARCHITECT LICENSING LAWS TO AUTHORIZE MULTI-DISCIPLINARY FIRMS TO INCLUDE ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS AND/OR ENGINEERS AS LONG AS ONE ACTIVE MEMBER OR STOCKHOLDER HOLDS A CERTIFICATE TO PRACTICE ARCHITECTURE IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 519**. On motion of Rep. Boyd, R the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Banks, Bomgar, Criswell. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Ford, K, Hopkins, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-5.

Vacancies--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Representative Ford (54th) called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1299**: (Pharmacy benefit managers; require to make available to the public, without redaction, contracts relating to pharmacy benefit management services.) passed, and moved to table.

Representative Brown (20th) called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1094**: (Wastewater and sewage; authorize MDEQ to fine any municipality or county for improper disposal of.) passed, and moved to table.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Charlene Champion, which motion prevailed.

Representative Barton moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Janell "Nell" Kennedy, which motion prevailed.

Representative Ford (73rd) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Pennie Sue Raposa, Linda S. Pillow, Michael R. Greenhill, Chuck C. Stinson, Beth D. Gaston, and Diane S. Bruce, which motion prevailed.

Representative Gunn moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of A. D. Holloway, and Grace Von Holloway, which motion prevailed.

At 9:10 AM, on motion of Rep. Massengill the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, February 13, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTIETH DAY, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2023

(FORTY-SECOND CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rev. Amos Sims, Bayson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Water Valley, MS.

Rep. Reynolds led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Absent or those not voting--Felsher, Huddleston. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Felsher and Huddleston.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2218: Third-party service; prohibit from using name, likeness, trademark or intellectual property of merchant without agreement.

S. B. No. 2371: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Nurse/Allied Health Workforce Development and Retention Act; create.

S. B. No. 2373: Skilled Nursing Home and Hospital Nurses Retention Loan Repayment Program; establish.

S. B. No. 2544: Regulation of oyster beds and water bottoms by the MS Department of Marine Resources; bring forward authority.

S. B. No. 2724: Department of Public Safety building project and contract; exempt from certain public purchasing requirements.

S. B. No. 2729: Limitation of liability requirements for information technology contracts; clarify.

S. B. No. 2830: Tourism; revise list of entities that may not have interest in wholesalers or distributors.

S. B. No. 2853: Small unmanned aircraft systems; require state purchase and servicing of from American companies only.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2002: Memorial highways; designate segments of highways to Bradford C. Freeman and Douglas Anderson.

S. B. No. 2281: Mississippi Fentanyl and Drug Abuse Education Program; establish within Department of Mental Health.

S. B. No. 2495: State inmates; require MDOC to pay increased rate to house inmates in county jails.

S. B. No. 2530: "Secretary of State Eric Clark Coastal Preserve" and "Gollott Island/Godfather Point"; Department of Marine Resources designate.

S. B. No. 2574: Health and safety standards set by the State Board of Health; require counties to comply.

S. B. No. 2575: State Department of Health; provide that health insurers may not deny the right to participate as a contract provider.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2215: State depositories; revise definition of "primary capital." Banking and Financial Services.

S. B. No. 2298: Bail agents; revise procedure for determining in municipal and justice courts. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2358: Ballot harvesting; ban. Apportionment and Elections.

S. B. No. 2550: Commercial crabbing licenses; applicable to boat instead of each fisherman. Marine Resources.

S. B. No. 2551: Department of Marine Resources, Office of Marine Patrol; cooperate with federal law enforcement. Marine Resources.

S. B. No. 2561: Highways; make the MS Transportation Commission vote on use of ERBR Fund monies majority instead of unanimous. Transportation.

S. B. No. 2585: William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program; revise provisions of. Education.

S. B. No. 2586: Computer science curriculum; clarify terminology to specify who may provide instruction in. Education.

S. B. No. 2588: "Commissioner Dick Hall Hospitality Station"; MDOT to designate Warren County Welcome Center as. Transportation.

S. B. No. 2589: West Rankin Parkway; expand permission for use of federal funds. Transportation.

S. B. No. 2599: State funded schools; may participate in extracurricular activities against non accredited and nonpublic schools. Education.

S. B. No. 2634: Child support; allow criminal charges three years after the child turns twenty-one. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2645: Circuit court districts; increase number of assistant district attorneys and criminal investigators. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2649: Minority; remove for beneficiaries of certain insurance policies. Insurance.

S. B. No. 2673: Mississippi Real Estate Appraisal Board; make independent from Mississippi Real Estate Commission. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

S. B. No. 2717: Department of Information Technology Services; require to report ransomware incidents and revise provisions related thereto. Public Utilities.

S. B. No. 2722: "North Forty" property; authorize DFA to purchase. Public Property.

S. B. No. 2723: Certain real property located in the Capitol Complex area; authorize DFA to purchase. Public Property.

S. B. No. 2727: Mississippi Office of Space and Technology; create and direct Mississippi Development Authority to administer. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2728: Statewide master agreements and utilization of information technology acquisitions made by other entities; authorize. Public Utilities.

S. B. No. 2751: Sixteenth section lands; no law, ordinance or regulation shall prohibit school districts from using for educational facilities. Education.

S. B. No. 2811: Local supplement for assistant teachers; prohibit school districts from reducing when given state minimum raise. Education.

S. B. No. 2812: Board for administration of certain failing school district; extend date of repeal. Education.

S. B. No. 2887: State Treasurer; modify certain provisions concerning the deposit and investment of excess state funds. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2961: Appropriations; additional for various state agencies for FY2023 and FY2024. Appropriations.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2003: Highways; Dedicate a section of Highway 12 to G. Louis Jones. Transportation; Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2006: Festival wine permits; remove repealers and reverters on provisions relating to. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2181: Distinctive motor vehicle license tags; authorize for 2021 and 2022 National Championship Rebels. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2379: Code books; revise number required to be ordered from publisher. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2420: Public Funds Offender Registry; create. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2433: Regulation of public utilities; exempt distribution of water by eligible homeowners association to its own residents from. Public Utilities.

S. B. No. 2487: Mississippi Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program; establish. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2494: Mississippi Telephone Solicitation Act; transfer enforcement authority to Attorney General's Office. Public Utilities.

S. B. No. 2514: Secretary of State; clarify authority to transfer land records to Department of Archives and History. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

S. B. No. 2523: Pecan Harvesting Law; revise penalties for violating. Agriculture.

S. B. No. 2525: Forestry; create the Forestry Facility Grant Program. Forestry; Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2534: Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; require additional regulation of freshwater fishing guides. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

S. B. No. 2542: Highways; dedicate a section of Highway 8 to Jeremy Allen Voyles. Transportation; Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2545: Highways; Dedicate a section of Highway 35 to Constable Raye Hawkins. Transportation; Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2546: Highways; dedicate a section of Highway 51 to Deputy Joe Kenneth Cosby. Transportation; Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2547: Highways; Dedicate a section of Highway 315 to Nolan Mettetal. Transportation; Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2559: Transportation; extend repealer on harvest permit authorization and fees. Transportation.

S. B. No. 2576: Community Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Centers and Programs; bring forward code sections. Public Health and Human Services.

S. B. No. 2596: Mississippi Nonprofit Transparency Act; create. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2602: Highway Memorials; designate segment of Highway 25 to Kash McGraw and Bridge to Stacey Ricks. Transportation; Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2648: Financial Institutions; Earned wages access. Banking and Financial Services.

S. B. No. 2653: Nonprofit corporations which receive public funds; require reporting to Secretary of State. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2842: Use tax; revise standards for municipality's eligibility to receive monies from special infrastructure assistance fund. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2862: Sales tax; provide industrial exemption for tangible personal property first used in another state. Ways and Means.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2079: Mississippi School Protection Act; enact to allow armed educators. Education.

S. B. No. 2088: District attorneys; increase office operating allowance. Judiciary A; Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2090: Board of Funeral Services; revise provisions related to. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2153: Transportation; require disclosure of the total charges in the rental of motor vehicles. Transportation.

S. B. No. 2197: Veteran service officers; authorize certain action on behalf of a veteran under a power of attorney, provide immunity to. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2312: County-owned real estate; establish competitive bidding process for lease or sale. County Affairs.

S. B. No. 2346: Material harmful to minors; provide for liability for any entity that distributes on the internet without age verification. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2352: Elections; penalty for fraudulently requesting or submitting absentee ballots. Apportionment and Elections.

S. B. No. 2380: Supreme court; require to promulgate rules requiring the disclosure of all entities financially interested in litigation. Judiciary A.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2146: Uncrewed aircraft systems; regulate. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2224: Insurance; prohibit insurer or third-party payors from setting maximum dollar amount of reimbursement for proper ventilation treatment. Insurance.

S. B. No. 2343: Capitol police; revise jurisdiction of. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2364: Mississippi Adequate Education Program; bring forward provision related to. Education.

S. B. No. 2372: Mississippi Hospital Sustainability Grant Program; establish and provide eligibility for funds. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2376: Youth court; clarify that disclosure of certain records in criminal matters do not require youth court approval. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2449: Sales and use taxes; bring forward code sections for the purpose of possible amendment. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2512: Counties; authorize to designate ARPA funds to rural water and sewer associations and municipalities for infrastructure projects. Public Utilities.

S. B. No. 2692: Bonds; repeal authorization for unissued bonds and replace with cash funds. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2695: Tourism Project Incentive Program; extend deadline for MDA issuance of certificates approving participants. Ways and Means.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2054: Appointed state officers; provide for the removal of for certain forms of willful neglect. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

S. B. No. 2137: "Mississippi Native Plant Month"; designate each April as. Tourism.

S. B. No. 2138: Tourism; designate the Mississippi Opal as the state gemstone. Tourism.

S. B. No. 2187: Disabled veterans motor vehicle license tags; revise certain provisions regarding disability rating. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2239: State law enforcement officers; authorize use of uniforms, weapons and vehicles off duty while performing security services. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2336: Prevention of overdoses; authorize use of drug-testing equipment and expand use of opioid antagonists. Drug Policy.

S. B. No. 2339: Provision of law establishing energy efficiency standards for building construction; extend repealer on. Energy.

S. B. No. 2369: Department of Human Services; extend repealers and revise certain applicable sections. Public Health and Human Services.

S. B. No. 2423: Elections; require that candidates receive majority of votes in general election to be elected to statewide office. Apportionment and Elections.

S. B. No. 2647: Real estate licensee; revise liability. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2652: Mississippi Vulnerable Person Abuse Registry; create. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2781: Mississippi Access to Maternal Assistance Program; create and provide for duties and responsibilities. Public Health and Human Services.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1593: (Representatives Hopkins, Read, Oliver, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Hines, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Turner, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Athletic Commission. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1594: (Representatives Hopkins, Read, Oliver, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Hines, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Scoggin, Turner, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Auctioneers Commission. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1595: (Representatives Hopkins, Read, Oliver, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Hines, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Scoggin, Turner, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Barber Examiners, Board of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1596: (Representatives Hopkins, Read, Oliver, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Hines, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Scoggin, Turner, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Cosmetology, Board of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1597: (Representatives Hopkins, Read, Oliver, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Hines, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Scoggin, Turner, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, Board of Examiners for. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1598: (Representatives Hopkins, Read, Oliver, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Hines, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Scoggin, Turner, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1599: (Representatives Hopkins, Read, Oliver, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Hines, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Scoggin, Turner, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1600: (Representatives Hopkins, Read, Oliver, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Hines, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Scoggin, Turner, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1601: (Representatives Hopkins, Read, Oliver, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Hines, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Scoggin, Turner, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Optometry, Board of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1602: (Representatives Hopkins, Read, Oliver, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Hines, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Scoggin, Turner, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1603: (Representatives Hopkins, Read, Oliver, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Hines, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Scoggin, Turner, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Psychology, Board of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1604: (Representatives Hopkins, Read, Oliver, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Hines, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Scoggin, Turner, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1605: (Representatives Hopkins, Read, Oliver, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Hines, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Scoggin, Turner, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Insurance, Department of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1606: (Representatives Hopkins, Read, Oliver, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Hines, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Scoggin, Turner, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Fire Academy. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1607: (Representatives Hopkins, Read, Oliver, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Hines, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Scoggin, Turner, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1608: (Representatives Hopkins, Read, Oliver, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Hines, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Scoggin, Turner, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1609: (Representatives Hopkins, Read, Oliver, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Hines, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Scoggin, Turner, Watson, Young) Appropriation: Real Estate Commission. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1610: (Representatives Criswell, Hopkins, Read, White, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd (19), Busby, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Hines, Hood, Huddleston, Jackson, Sanford, Scoggin, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Legislative expenses. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1611: (Representatives Criswell, Read, Bennett, Barton, Boyd, Busby, Clark, Clarke, Currie, Eure, Haney, Jackson, Sanford, Watson, Young, Karriem) Appropriation; Arts Commission. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1612: (Representatives Criswell, Read, Bennett, Barton, Boyd, Busby, Clark, Clarke, Currie, Eure, Haney, Jackson, Sanford, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1613: (Representatives Criswell, Read, Bennett, Barton, Boyd, Busby, Clark, Clarke, Currie, Eure, Haney, Jackson, Sanford, Watson, Young, Hulm, Foster, Brown (70th)) Appropriation; Education, Department of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1614: (Representatives Criswell, Read, Bennett, Barton, Boyd, Busby, Clark, Clarke, Currie, Eure, Haney, Jackson, Sanford, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1615: (Representatives Criswell, Read, Bennett, Barton, Boyd, Busby, Clark, Clarke, Currie, Eure, Haney, Jackson, Sanford, Watson, Young, Karriem) Appropriation; Library Commission. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1616: (Representatives Read, Bounds, Arnold, Cockerham, Eure, Hale, Mangold, Oliver, Turner, Young) Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1617: (Representatives Read, Bounds, Arnold, Cockerham, Eure, Hale, Mangold, Oliver, Turner, Young) Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1618: (Representatives Read, Bounds, Arnold, Cockerham, Eure, Hale, Mangold, Oliver, Turner, Young) Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1619: (Representatives Read, Bounds, Arnold, Cockerham, Eure, Hale, Mangold, Oliver, Turner, Young) Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1620: (Representatives Read, Bounds, Arnold, Cockerham, Eure, Hale, Mangold, Oliver, Turner, Young) Appropriation; Public Service Commission. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1621: (Representatives Read, Bounds, Arnold, Cockerham, Eure, Hale, Mangold, Oliver, Turner, Young) Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1622: (Representatives Criswell, Eubanks, Read, Mims, Arnold, Bounds, Clark, Clarke, Currie, Hines, Hood, Horan, Sanford, Scoggin, Watson, Young, Karriem) Appropriation; Human Services, Department of Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1623: (Representatives Criswell, Eubanks, Read, Mims, Arnold, Bounds, Clark, Clarke, Currie, Hines, Hood, Horan, Sanford, Scoggin, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1624: (Representatives Criswell, Eubanks, Read, Mims, Arnold, Bounds, Clark, Clarke, Currie, Hines, Hood, Horan, Sanford, Scoggin, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1625: (Representatives Criswell, Eubanks, Read, Mims, Arnold, Bounds, Clark, Clarke, Currie, Hines, Hood, Horan, Sanford, Scoggin, Watson, Young) Appropriation: Child Protection Services, Department of Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1626: (Representatives Criswell, Eubanks, Read, Mims, Arnold, Bounds, Clark, Clarke, Currie, Hines, Hood, Horan, Sanford, Scoggin, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Health, Department of Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1627: (Representatives Read, Pigott, Arnold, Bounds, Boyd, Huddleston, Mangold, Scoggin) Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1628: (Representatives Read, Pigott, Arnold, Bounds, Boyd, Huddleston, Mangold, Scoggin) Appropriation; Forestry Commission. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1629: (Representatives Read, Pigott, Arnold, Bounds, Boyd, Huddleston, Mangold, Scoggin) Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1630: (Representatives Read, Ladner, Arnold, Cockerham, Haney, Turner) Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1631: (Representatives Read, Ladner, Arnold, Cockerham, Haney, Turner) Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1632: (Representatives Read, Ladner, Arnold, Cockerham, Haney, Turner) Appropriation; Port Authority, State. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1633: (Representatives Read, Ladner, Arnold, Cockerham, Haney, Turner) Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1634: (Representatives Read, Ladner, Arnold, Cockerham, Haney, Turner) Appropriation; Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1635: (Representatives Eubanks, Hopkins, Read, Huddleston, Barton, Boyd, Cockerham, Hines, Oliver, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1636: (Representatives Read, Eure, Barton, Busby, Clarke, Haney) Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1637: (Representatives Criswell, Hopkins, Read, Cockerham, Arnold, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, Busby, Clark, Clarke, Eure, Hines, Jackson, Turner, Watson, White, Young) Appropriation; District attorneys and staff. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1638: (Representatives Criswell, Hopkins, Read, Cockerham, Arnold, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, Busby, Clark, Clarke, Eure, Hines, Jackson, Turner, Watson, White, Young) Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1639: (Representatives Criswell, Hopkins, Read, Cockerham, Arnold, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, Busby, Clark, Clarke, Eure, Hines, Jackson, Turner, Watson, White, Young) Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1640: (Representatives Criswell, Hopkins, Read, Cockerham, Arnold, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, Busby, Clark, Clarke, Eure, Hines, Jackson, Turner, Watson, White, Young) Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1641: (Representatives Criswell, Hopkins, Read, Cockerham, Arnold, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, Busby, Clark, Clarke, Eure, Hines, Jackson, Turner, Watson, White, Young) Appropriation; Attorney General. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1642: (Representatives Eubanks, Hopkins, Read, Busby, Arnold, Jackson, Mangold, Sanford, Young) Appropriation; Transportation, Department of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1643: (Representative Read) Appropriation, Reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building - FY2024. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1644: (Representative Read) Appropriations; additional for various state agencies for FY 2023 and FY 2024. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1645: (Representative Aguirre) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Tupelo with improvements to Ballard Park. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1646: (Representative Aguirre) Bonds; authorize additional to assist Chickasaw Inkana Foundation with construction of Chickasaw Heritage Center in Tupelo. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1647: (Representative Aguirre) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Tupelo with a center railroad projects. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1648: (Representatives Lamar, Faulkner) Mississippi Small Business Investment Company Act; increase the amount of tax credits that can be allocated under Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1649: (Representative Guice) Appropriation; MDA for Innovate Mississippi to provide assistance under certain programs. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1650: (Representatives Porter, Mims, Cockerham) Appropriation; City of McComb for building and equipping a new fire station. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1651: (Representative Paden) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Clarksdale with improvements to Sasse. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1652: (Representative Paden) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Clarksdale with improvements to Martin Luther King Park. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1653: (Representative Barnett) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Rail Authority of East Mississippi with certain costs associated with East Mississippi Intermodal Rail Corridor. Ways and Means.

H. C. R. No. 36: (Representative Karriem) Statehood to the people of Washington, D.C.; urge Congress to enact legislation that grants. Rules.

H. R. No. 70: (Representatives Carpenter, Byrd) MS National Guard and the Republic of Uzbekistan; recognize and congratulate upon 10 years of successful partnership. Rules.

H. R. No. 71: (Representative Tullos) Raleigh High School "Lions"; commend for winning MHSAA State 3A Football Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 72: (Representative Holloway) Gloria A. Thompson; commend illustrious career in the gospel music industry. Rules.

H. R. No. 73: (Representative Kinkade) Claude Thomas "Buddy" Terrell, Jr.; commend upon the occasion of his 99th birthday. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. R. No. 68: Dr. Pam Chatman; commend outstanding community service of. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 70: MS National Guard and the Republic of Uzbekistan; recognize and congratulate upon 10 years of successful partnership. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 73: Claude Thomas "Buddy" Terrell, Jr.; commend upon the occasion of his 99th birthday. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

Representative Sanford called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1105**: (Secretary of State employees; authorize certain employees to carry a firearm.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Powell called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

H. R. No. 68: Dr. Pam Chatman; commend outstanding community service of.

H. R. No. 70: MS National Guard and the Republic of Uzbekistan; recognize and congratulate upon 10 years of successful partnership.

H. R. No. 73: Claude Thomas "Buddy" Terrell, Jr.; commend upon the occasion of his 99th birthday.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Powell unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. R. No. 68: Dr. Pam Chatman; commend outstanding community service of.

H. R. No. 70: MS National Guard and the Republic of Uzbekistan; recognize and congratulate upon 10 years of successful partnership.

H. R. No. 73: Claude Thomas "Buddy" Terrell, Jr.; commend upon the occasion of his 99th birthday.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. C. R. No. 516: Commend Myrtis Franke for a lifetime of service.

S. C. R. No. 519: Extending deepest sympathy of Legislature to surviving family of MSU Football Coach Mike Leach and paying tribute to his legacy.

S. C. R. No. 526: Recognize leadership of William Carey University President Dr. Tommy King on the occasion of his retirement.

S. C. R. No. 535: Designate March 2023 as "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in Mississippi".

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Bennett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Harry "Chip" Anton Speaker, III, which motion prevailed.

Representative Cockerham moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Quinton Baker, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Morgan and Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Teresa Branch Alderman, which motion prevailed.

Representative Reynolds moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Patricia Karraker Williams, which motion prevailed.

At 4:12 PM, on motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, February 14, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTY-FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023

(FORTY-THIRD CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Robert Sanders.

Rep. Sanders led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Huddleston.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2100: Receiving stolen property; revise the crime of.

S. B. No. 2140: National Security on State Devices and Networks Act; create.

S. B. No. 2359: Tourism; Mississippi Main Street Revitalization Grant Program.

S. B. No. 2562: Transportation; allow public and private partnerships to establish electric vehicle charging stations.

S. B. No. 2681: Mississippi Development Authority; clarify time trigger for tax exemption cutoff under Growth and Prosperity Act.

S. B. No. 2750: Automated External Defibrillators in Public and Charter Schools Grant Program; establish.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 559: The Phillip Cameron Hendry Mississippi Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness Week; designate the second week in April annually as.

H. C. R. No. 18: Salem Missionary Baptist Church; commend upon 157th anniversary of.

S. C. R. No. 547: Mourn the loss of legendary Defensive Football Coach Jim Carmody and remembering his legacy.

S. C. R. No. 548: Congratulate Picayune High School "Maroon Tide" Football Team for back-to-back MHSAA Class 5A State Championship.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2073: Age of majority; lower to 18 for securing loans and entering contracts for real property.

S. B. No. 2099: Motor vehicle theft; revise penalty for.

S. B. No. 2101: Criminal law; revise crimes of fleeing a law enforcement officer, resisting arrest and carjacking.

S. B. No. 2347: Hospital police department; authorize for certain private entities.

S. B. No. 2377: CPS; enact Mississippi Safe Haven Law, establish clear path to permanency for children in custody of.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2664: Appropriations; revise certain FY2023 appropriations and direct transfers.

S. B. No. 2962: Appropriation; additional appropriations for various state agencies for FY2023 and FY2024.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2160: State Board of Cosmetology and Board of Barber Examiners; merge into one board.

S. B. No. 2167: Early Intervention Task Force; establish.

S. B. No. 2333: Public schools; require staff training to assist with seizures.

S. B. No. 2392: Fees for county garbage collection; revise provision related to.

S. B. No. 2735: Mayoral veto power; clarify scope of.

S. B. No. 2777: School attendance officers; revise to increase the minimum base salary.

S. C. R. No. 533: Constitution; amend to revise ballot initiative process.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2068: Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact; enact. Public Health and Human Services.

S. B. No. 2077: Charitable Organizations; Raise audit threshold for contributions to \$750,000.00, and use a cash basis only. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2218: Third-party service; prohibit from using name, likeness, trademark or intellectual property of merchant without agreement. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2323: Community hospitals; allow consolidation and collaboration involving other hospitals. Public Health and Human Services.

S. B. No. 2544: Regulation of oyster beds and water bottoms by the MS Department of Marine Resources; bring forward authority. Marine Resources.

S. B. No. 2569: Transportation; allow and regulate autonomous vehicles. Transportation.

S. B. No. 2724: Department of Public Safety building project and contract; exempt from certain public purchasing requirements. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2729: Limitation of liability requirements for information technology contracts; clarify. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2830: Tourism; revise list of entities that may not have interest in wholesalers or distributors. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2853: Small unmanned aircraft systems; require state purchase and servicing of from American companies only. Transportation.

S. B. No. 2889: Mississippi Capitol Region Utility Act; create. Public Utilities.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2002: Memorial highways; designate segments of highways to Bradford C. Freeman and Douglas Anderson. Transportation.

S. B. No. 2073: Age of majority; lower to 18 for securing loans and entering contracts for real property. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2099: Motor vehicle theft; revise penalty for. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2100: Receiving stolen property; revise the crime of. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2101: Criminal law; revise crimes of fleeing a law enforcement officer, resisting arrest and carjacking. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2347: Hospital police department; authorize for certain private entities. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2359: Tourism; Mississippi Main Street Revitalization Grant Program. Tourism; Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2371: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Nurse/Allied Health Workforce Development and Retention Act; create. Workforce Development; Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2373: Skilled Nursing Home and Hospital Nurses Retention Loan Repayment Program; establish. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2377: CPS; enact Mississippi Safe Haven Law, establish clear path to permanency for children in custody of. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2530: "Secretary of State Eric Clark Coastal Preserve" and "Gollott Island/Godfather Point"; Department of Marine Resources designate. Marine Resources.

S. B. No. 2562: Transportation; allow public and private partnerships to establish electric vehicle charging stations. Transportation.

S. B. No. 2574: Health and safety standards set by the State Board of Health; require counties to comply. Public Health and Human Services.

S. B. No. 2575: State Department of Health; provide that health insurers may not deny the right to participate as a contract provider. Public Health and Human Services.

S. B. No. 2962: Appropriation; additional appropriations for various state agencies for FY2023 and FY2024. Appropriations.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2664: Appropriations; revise certain FY2023 appropriations and direct transfers. Appropriations.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 1593: Appropriation; Athletic Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1594: Appropriation; Auctioneers Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1595: Appropriation; Barber Examiners, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1596: Appropriation; Cosmetology, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1597: Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, Board of Examiners for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1598: Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1599: Appropriation; Nursing, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1600: Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1601: Appropriation; Optometry, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1602: Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1603: Appropriation; Psychology, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1604: Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1605: Appropriation; Insurance, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1606: Appropriation; Fire Academy. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1607: Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1608: Appropriation; Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1609: Appropriation: Real Estate Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1610: Appropriation; Legislative expenses. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1611: Appropriation; Arts Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1612: Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1613: Appropriation; Education, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1614: Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1615: Appropriation; Library Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1616: Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1617: Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1618: Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1619: Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1620: Appropriation; Public Service Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1621: Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1622: Appropriation; Human Services, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1623: Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1624: Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1625: Appropriation; Child Protection Services, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1626: Appropriation; Health, Department of. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1627: Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1628: Appropriation; Forestry Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1629: Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1630: Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1631: Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1632: Appropriation; Port Authority, State. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1633: Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1634: Appropriation; Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1635: Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1636: Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1637: Appropriation; District attorneys and staff. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1638: Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1639: Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1640: Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1641: Appropriation; Attorney General. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1642: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1643: Appropriation, Reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building - FY2024. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1644: Appropriations; additional for various state agencies for FY 2023 and FY 2024. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee, having had under consideration the following, favorably reports same for the reason that the relief sought cannot be obtained by invoking the jurisdiction of the courts and by reason the local nature cannot be reached by a general law:

H. B. No. 1196: City of McComb; extend date of repeal on hotel/motel tourism tax. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1197: City of Baldwyn; extend date of repeal on tax for hotels, motels, restaurants and convenience stores. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1209: City of Waynesboro; extend repealer on authority to impose tax on bars, restaurants, hotels/motels, B & Bs. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1356: City of Lexington; extend repealer on restaurant tourism tax. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1528: Benton County; authorize to contract with and/or contribute to the Institute of Community Services, Inc. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1547: City of Pascagoula; extend repealer on hotel, motel and bed-and-breakfast tax. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1581: City of Columbus; extend repealer on alcoholic beverage and restaurant tax. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

MANLY BARTON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. C. R. No. 2: National Therapy Animal Day; celebrate in Mississippi on April 30, 2023. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 62: New Albany High School "Lady Bulldogs" Golf Team; commend upon winning the 2022 MHSAA Class 4A State Golf Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 63: JSU Tigers Football Team; commend upon winning 2022 SWAC Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 64: Starkville High School Football Team; commend upon winning the MHSAA Class 6A State Football Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 65: Ronald "Ronnie" Lewis Buckley; honor life and legacy upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 66: Mize Attendance Center Cheerleaders; commend upon winning the MHSAA Class 2A State Cheer Competition. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 67: Clarissa Griffin Harris; commend life and legacy upon her passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 69: Joseph Grafton Barnes; mourn loss and commemorate life and legacy upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 71: Raleigh High School "Lions"; commend for winning MHSAA State 3A Football Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 72: Gloria A. Thompson; commend illustrious career in the gospel music industry. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

Head Page, Jennifer Fleming, introduced the following pages for the week:

Reagan Anthony	Indianola, MS
Amayia Cobb	Indianola, MS
Rayden Davis	Purvis, MS
Kaylin Galvin	Indianola, MS
Garret Gilbert	Brandon, MS
Tripp Hancock	Brandon, MS
Hutson Hollingsworth	Brandon, MS
Sara Jefcoat	Soso, MS
Makinnah Jones	Utica, MS
Christian Macklin	Horn Lake, MS
Braden Overby	Mendenhall, MS
Kage Pickett	Petal, MS
Lyndzi Rayborn	Laurel, MS
Ariel Reid	Jackson, MS
Aza Reid	Jackson, MS
Chassidy Watkins	Indianola, MS
Jayden Winstead	Madison, MS

Representative Carpenter introduced special guests, The Republic of Uzbekistan and the Mississippi National Guard, House Resolution No. 70.

Representative Sanders introduced special guest, Dr. Jerryl Briggs, President of Mississippi Valley State University.

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. C. R. No. 35: Ole Miss Baseball Team; commend for winning the 2022 NCAA Baseball National Championship.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill,

McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bailey, P, Clark, Foster, Huddleston, Karriem, Scott, Stamps. Total-7.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. R. No. 48: Mississippi Horse Park; commend for receiving the 2022 Justin Boots Best Footing Award for the Southeastern Circuit.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

Rep. Roberson called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

S. C. R. No. 513: Commend Newton County High School "Cougars" Cheer Team for winning Class 4A State Championship.

S. C. R. No. 536: Congratulate Clarksdale Guitar Star Christone "Kingfish" Ingram for winning the 2022 Grammy Award for Contemporary Blues.

S. C. R. No. 537: Mourn the loss of Ineva May-Pittman of Jackson, Mississippi.

S. C. R. No. 538: Commend Parklane Academy "Lady Pioneers" Fast-Pitch Softball Team for fourth State Championship in last six years.

S. C. R. No. 539: Mourn the passing of legendary physician Dr. Freda M. Bush.

S. C. R. No. 540: Expressing support for the Town of Mantee to unofficially designate itself as "The Epicenter of the Natchez Trace."

S. C. R. No. 542: Commend Dr. Roy J. Duhe for colon cancer initiatives at UMMC.

S. C. R. No. 543: Mourn the passing of Dr. Chester D. Gaston, Jr., of Gulfport, respected member of the MS Board of Psychology.

S. C. R. No. 544: Designate "Delta Gamma Fraternity Day" in Mississippi in Commemoration of Sesquicentennial celebration.

S. C. R. No. 545: Designate April 23-29, 2023, as "National Crime Victims' Week in Mississippi" and April 28, 2023, as a "Day of Prayer".

S. C. R. No. 546: Commend Brookhaven Academy "Lady Cougars" Softball Team for back-to-back MAIS 5A State Championships.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks,

Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bailey, P, Hines, Huddleston, Johnson. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

S. C. R. No. 513: Commend Newton County High School "Cougars" Cheer Team for winning Class 4A State Championship.

S. C. R. No. 536: Congratulate Clarksdale Guitar Star Christone "Kingfish" Ingram for winning the 2022 Grammy Award for Contemporary Blues.

S. C. R. No. 537: Mourn the loss of Ineva May-Pittman of Jackson, Mississippi.

S. C. R. No. 538: Commend Parklane Academy "Lady Pioneers" Fast-Pitch Softball Team for fourth State Championship in last six years.

S. C. R. No. 539: Mourn the passing of legendary physician Dr. Freda M. Bush.

S. C. R. No. 540: Expressing support for the Town of Mantee to unofficially designate itself as "The Epicenter of the Natchez Trace."

S. C. R. No. 542: Commend Dr. Roy J. Duhe for colon cancer initiatives at UMMC.

S. C. R. No. 543: Mourn the passing of Dr. Chester D. Gaston, Jr., of Gulfport, respected member of the MS Board of Psychology.

S. C. R. No. 544: Designate "Delta Gamma Fraternity Day" in Mississippi in Commemoration of Sesquicentennial celebration.

S. C. R. No. 545: Designate April 23-29, 2023, as "National Crime Victims' Week in Mississippi" and April 28, 2023, as a "Day of Prayer".

S. C. R. No. 546: Commend Brookhaven Academy "Lady Cougars" Softball Team for back-to-back MAIS 5A State Championships.

H. C. R. No. 35: Ole Miss Baseball Team; commend for winning the 2022 NCAA Baseball National Championship.

H. R. No. 48: Mississippi Horse Park; commend for receiving the 2022 Justin Boots Best Footing Award for the Southeastern Circuit.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 68: Dr. Pam Chatman; commend outstanding community service of.

H. R. No. 70: MS National Guard and the Republic of Uzbekistan; recognize and congratulate upon 10 years of successful partnership.

H. R. No. 73: Claude Thomas "Buddy" Terrell, Jr.; commend upon the occasion of his 99th birthday.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. B. No. 559: The Phillip Cameron Hendry Mississippi Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness Week; designate the second week in April annually as.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. C. R. No. 18: Salem Missionary Baptist Church; commend upon 157th anniversary of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. R. No. 48: Mississippi Horse Park; commend for receiving the 2022 Justin Boots Best Footing Award for the Southeastern Circuit.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representatives Miles and Rushing moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Deputy Julian Parker, which motion prevailed.

Representative McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Marie Brown Nance, Harold Saucier, David Nelson Carr, Kendall Donald Dedeaux, Frances Faye Buckley, Hugh R. Burney, James "Jim" Hanley, III, CMSgt Jack Donald

Hedrick, Margaret Blaisdell, Versie Ladner Necaise, John Edward Thompson, James Rayford Thompson, Ronald D. Ladner, and Ruth E. Haas, which motion prevailed.

Representative Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dorothy "Dot" Watson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Rushing moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of John H. Knochenmuss, Jr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Hulum moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of David H. Roberts, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Oliver and White moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Kristy Tharp Pickle, which motion prevailed.

Representative Oliver moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Betty Sue Thompson Ferguson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Patterson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Charles Hugh Benton, which motion prevailed.

Representative Lancaster moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Shane Clark Christensen, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Bain, Haney, Massengill, Steverson, Yancey and Zuber moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Major General Alven Norris Hopkins, Sr., which motion prevailed.

Representatives Calvert and Smith moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Shannon Leigh Roper Mott, which motion prevailed.

At 2:50 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Wednesday, February 15, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTY-SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023

(FORTY-FOURTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Mr. Michael Thornhill, Pastor of the Church of God, Magee, MS.

Rep. Robinson led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Huddleston.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2341: Electric transmission infrastructure; maintain state jurisdiction over integrity of.

S. B. No. 2351: Elections; allow the Attorney General to investigate alleged election fraud.

S. B. No. 2817: Mississippi Burn Center; revise provisions related thereto.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2140: National Security on State Devices and Networks Act; create. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2281: Mississippi Fentanyl and Drug Abuse Education Program; establish within Department of Mental Health. Drug Policy.

S. B. No. 2333: Public schools; require staff training to assist with seizures. Education.

S. B. No. 2392: Fees for county garbage collection; revise provision related to. County Affairs.

S. B. No. 2495: State inmates; require MDOC to pay increased rate to house inmates in county jails. Corrections; Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2681: Mississippi Development Authority; clarify time trigger for tax exemption cutoff under Growth and Prosperity Act. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2750: Automated External Defibrillators in Public and Charter Schools Grant Program; establish. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

S. C. R. No. 547: Mourn the loss of legendary Defensive Football Coach Jim Carmody and remembering his legacy. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 548: Congratulate Picayune High School "Maroon Tide" Football Team for back-to-back MHSAA Class 5A State Championship. Rules.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2735: Mayoral veto power; clarify scope of. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2777: School attendance officers; revise to increase the minimum base salary. Education; Appropriations.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1654: (Representative Haney) Appropriation; Lynn Meadows Discovery Center for improvements to buildings and grounds and for purchase of real estate. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1655: (Representative Haney) Appropriation; Mississippi Aviation Heritage Museum for repairs, renovation and expansion of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1656: (Representatives Haney, Hulum) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to the Mississippi Aviation Heritage Museum in Gulfport. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1657: (Representative Haney) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to Lynn Meadows Discovery Center in Gulfport. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1658: (Representative Haney) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to Lynn Meadows Discovery Center in Gulfport. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1659: (Representatives Williamson, Arnold, Brown (20th), Carpenter, Felsher, Goodin, Hale, Hopkins, McCarty, Owen, Shanks, Wallace) Homestead exemption; increase for persons retired from military or law enforcement service. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1660: (Representative Crudup) Appropriation; City of Jackson for making improvements to Forest Hill Park. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1661: (Representatives Steverson, Ford (73rd), Eubanks, Boyd (19th)) Sales tax; exempt sales of coins, currency and bullion. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1662: (Representatives Steverson, Stamps) City of Ripley; authorize expansion of water system in Tippah County except in certificated areas other than those in the city. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1663: (Representative Harness) Appropriation; City of Port Gibson for repairs and improvements to city's sewage treatment plant. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1664: (Representative Harness) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Port Gibson with sewage plant improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1665: (Representatives Hulum, Johnson, Hines, Summers, Anthony, Banks, Brown (70th), McLeod, Newman, Sanders, Walker) Appropriation; DPS for purchasing body-worn cameras for all Capitol Police officers. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1666: (Representative Cockerham) Appropriation; JSU to conduct review and prepare report about health care services available to Medicaid recipients with sickle cell disease. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1667: (Representative Weathersby) City of Florence; authorize a tax on restaurants and hotels/motels. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1668: (Representatives Lamar, Stamps, Boyd (19th)) Income tax; revise certain provisions regarding pass-through entities. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1669: (Representative Lamar) Sales tax; revise definition of "gross proceeds of sales" and "installation charges" and exempt certain services. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1670: (Representative Haney) Appropriation; Lynn Meadows Discovery Center for repair, renovation and improvements to its buildings and grounds. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1671: (Representatives Gunn, Lamar, Felsher, Williamson, Hopkins, Eubanks, Boyd (19th), Miles) Tax credits; revise certain existing and authorize additional. Ways and Means.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 1648: Mississippi Small Business Investment Company Act; increase the amount of tax credits that can be allocated under. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1661: Sales tax; exempt sales of coins, currency and bullion. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1671: Tax credits; revise certain existing and authorize additional. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. C. R. No. 2: National Therapy Animal Day; celebrate in Mississippi on April 30, 2023.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. R. No. 62: New Albany High School "Lady Bulldogs" Golf Team; commend upon winning the 2022 MHSAA Class 4A State Golf Championship.

H. R. No. 63: JSU Tigers Football Team; commend upon winning 2022 SWAC Championship.

H. R. No. 64: Starkville High School Football Team; commend upon winning the MHSAA Class 6A State Football Championship.

H. R. No. 65: Ronald "Ronnie" Lewis Buckley; honor life and legacy upon his passing.

H. R. No. 66: Mize Attendance Center Cheerleaders; commend upon winning the MHSAA Class 2A State Cheer Competition.

H. R. No. 67: Clarissa Griffin Harris; commend life and legacy upon her passing.

H. R. No. 69: Joseph Grafton Barnes; mourn loss and commemorate life and legacy upon his passing.

H. R. No. 71: Raleigh High School "Lions"; commend for winning MHSAA State 3A Football Championship.

H. R. No. 72: Gloria A. Thompson; commend illustrious career in the gospel music industry.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. R. No. 62: New Albany High School "Lady Bulldogs" Golf Team; commend upon winning the 2022 MHSAA Class 4A State Golf Championship.

H. R. No. 63: JSU Tigers Football Team; commend upon winning 2022 SWAC Championship.

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H. R. No. 72: Gloria A. Thompson; commend illustrious career in the gospel music industry.

H. C. R. No. 2: National Therapy Animal Day; celebrate in Mississippi on April 30, 2023.

Rep. Read called up for consideration, separately and in order, the following Appropriations bills::

H. B. No. 1593: Appropriation; Athletic Commission.

H. B. No. 1594: Appropriation; Auctioneers Commission.

H. B. No. 1595: Appropriation; Barber Examiners, Board of.

H. B. No. 1596: Appropriation; Cosmetology, Board of.

H. B. No. 1597: Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, Board of Examiners for.

H. B. No. 1598: Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of.

H. B. No. 1602: Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board.

H. B. No. 1603: Appropriation; Psychology, Board of.

H. B. No. 1606: Appropriation; Fire Academy.

H. B. No. 1607: Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System.

H. B. No. 1608: Appropriation; Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board.

H. B. No. 1610: Appropriation; Legislative expenses.

H. B. No. 1612: Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.

H. B. No. 1615: Appropriation; Library Commission.

H. B. No. 1617: Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.

H. B. No. 1618: Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.

H. B. No. 1623: Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.

H. B. No. 1626: Appropriation; Health, Department of.

H. B. No. 1627: Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for.

H. B. No. 1628: Appropriation; Forestry Commission.

H. B. No. 1629: Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

H. B. No. 1631: Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District.

H. B. No. 1633: Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District.

H. B. No. 1636: Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.

H. B. No. 1637: Appropriation; District attorneys and staff.

H. B. No. 1639: Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of.

H. B. No. 1640: Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.

H. B. No. 1642: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.

On motion of Rep. Read, the rules were suspended, each of the foregoing bills were considered engrossed, each was read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken, and the bills passed, titles standing as stated by the following vote (the roll being called and the yeas and nays being taken separately on each bill and being identical, as appears in the original Journal on file with the Secretary of State):

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, McCarty, Summers. Total-3.

Present--Eubanks, Owen. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 1599: Appropriation; Nursing, Board of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1599**. On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.
Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Present--Scoggin. Total--1.
Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up:

H. B. No. 1600: Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1600**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Osborne, Williamson. Total--6.
Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Present--Crudup, Scott, Summers. Total--3.
Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up:

H. B. No. 1601: Appropriation; Optometry, Board of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1601**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.
Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Present--Crudup, Summers. Total--2.
Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up:

H. B. No. 1604: Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1604**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.
Absent or those not voting--Hood, Huddleston. Total-2.

Present--Brown, B, Crudup, Hulum, Summers. Total--4.
Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Oliver called up:

H. B. No. 1605: Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1605**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, K, Hobgood-Wilkes, Huddleston, Newman. Total-4.

Present--Anthony. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up:

H. B. No. 1609: Appropriation: Real Estate Commission.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1609**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Horan, Huddleston, Roberson, Scott. Total-4.

Present--Ford, J, Ladner, McLean. Total--3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 1611: Appropriation; Arts Commission.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1611**. On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bennett called up:

H. B. No. 1613: Appropriation; Education, Department of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1613.** On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Ford, K, Huddleston. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bennett called up:

H. B. No. 1614: Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1614.** On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--95.

Nays--Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Bomgar, Brown, C, Calvert, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Eubanks, Ford, J, Ford, K, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, McLeod, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Sanford, Shanks, Smith, Wallace, Williamson. Total--23.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Present--Aguirre, McLean. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 1616: Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1616.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bounds called up:

H. B. No. 1619: Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1619.** On motion of Rep. Bounds the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R,

Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsler, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bounds called up:

H. B. No. 1620: Appropriation; Public Service Commission.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1620.** On motion of Rep. Bounds the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsler, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bounds called up:

H. B. No. 1621: Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1621.** On motion of Rep. Bounds the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsler, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney,

Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Creekmore, Huddleston, Lancaster. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 1622: Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Johnson:

This law cannot take effect until the State of Mississippi raises the cash assistance to needy families to at least \$540.00 per month.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCarty, McCray, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--43.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Zuber. Total--74.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, M, Huddleston, Sanford, Yates. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Scott:

AMEND on Section 1 on line 8 by escalating the amount to \$174,476,245.00 and making the necessary match for escalation if necessary. AMEND FURTHER on line 293 by adding a new section and renumbering of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and 2: \$100,00,000.00 shall be appropriated to escalate the Aging and Adult Services, Community Services, Social Services and Youth Services as needed. AMEND TITLE to conform: These funds shall be transferred from H.B. No. 1644.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Miles, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--40.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--76.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Evans, M, Huddleston, McLean, Reynolds. Total-5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1622. On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--105.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Hood, Huddleston, McKnight, Young. Total-4.

Present--Brown, B, Crudup, Hobgood-Wilkes, Stamps, Summers. Total--5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 1624: Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Johnson:

This law cannot take effect until the State of Mississippi expands Medicaid and commits the funds necessary to restore suspended on discontinued services at the public hospitals in Hinds County and commits the necessary funds to restore the neonatal intensive care unit in the Delta and prevent the closing of any hospital that is in eminent danger of closing or has closed within the year.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Miles, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--42.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Zuber. Total--73.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Evans, M, Huddleston, McCarty, McLean, Yates. Total-6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

POINT OF ORDER

A written point of order was raised by Representative Criswell as follows:

Amendment No. 1 offered by the Gentleman from Adams is not germane to the bill because the fundamental purpose of the amendment does not relate to the fundamental purpose of the bill.

The Speaker ruled the point of order not well taken.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Clark:

AMEND on line 160 by deleting "20,559" and inserting "22,559"

A motion by Rep. Massengill to table the foregoing amendment lost.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Yates, Young. Total--41.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Zuber. Total--72.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Evans, M, Huddleston, McCarty, McLean, Scott. Total-6.

Present--Crawford, Miles. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1624. On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Huddleston, Mims. Total-3.

Present--Brown, B, Hobgood-Wilkes, Karriem, Owen, Summers, Young. Total--6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 1625: Appropriation: Child Protection Services, Department of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1625.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Hood, Huddleston, McKnight, Rushing, Scott. Total-5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 1630: Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1630.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R,

Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Currie, Eubanks, Hopkins, McCarty, Morgan, Owen, Pigott, Tubb, Williamson. Total--12.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Summers. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Representative Read called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1626**: (Appropriation; Health, Department of.) passed, and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Scott:

AMEND on Section 1 at line 10 by escalating the amount to 89,488,421.00 and making the necessary match for escalation if necessary. AMEND on line 18 by amending 505,431,838.00 to 550,431,838.00. AMEND on line 28 from \$1,242,943.00 to \$1,262,943.00 and take these dollars from Section 2. These funds shall be transferred from H. B. No. 1644.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, McLean, Mickens, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Yates, Young. Total--44.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Creekmore, Criswell, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Zuber. Total--72.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Evans, M, Huddleston. Total-3.

Present--Crawford, Miles. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1626**. On motion of Rep. Scott the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford,

Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.
Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Mims. Total-2.

Present--Karriem, Owen, Summers. Total--3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 1632: Appropriation; Port Authority, State.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1632.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.
Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Miles. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Ladner called up:

H. B. No. 1634: Appropriation; Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1634.** On motion of Rep. Ladner the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson,

Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 1635: Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1635.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 1638: Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1638.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell,

Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Boyd, R, Hood, Huddleston. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Cockerham called up:

H. B. No. 1641: Appropriation; Attorney General.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1641**. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Karriem, Sanders, Summers. Total--

7.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Williamson. Total-2.

Present--Hulum. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 1643: Appropriation, Reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building - FY2024.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1643**. On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps,

Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Huddleston, Jackson. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 1644: Appropriations; additional for various state agencies for FY 2023 and FY 2024.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1644.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, B, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Newman. Total-2.

Present--Crudup, Owen, Stamps. Total--3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. C. R. No. 513: Commend Newton County High School "Cougars" Cheer Team for winning Class 4A State Championship.

S. C. R. No. 536: Congratulate Clarksdale Guitar Star Christone "Kingfish" Ingram for winning the 2022 Grammy Award for Contemporary Blues.

S. C. R. No. 540: Expressing support for the Town of Mantee to unofficially designate itself as "The Epicenter of the Natchez Trace."

S. C. R. No. 542: Commend Dr. Roy J. Duhe for colon cancer initiatives at UMMC.

S. C. R. No. 543: Mourn the passing of Dr. Chester D. Gaston, Jr., of Gulfport, respected member of the MS Board of Psychology.

S. C. R. No. 544: Designate "Delta Gamma Fraternity Day" in Mississippi in Commemoration of Sesquicentennial celebration.

S. C. R. No. 545: Designate April 23-29, 2023, as "National Crime Victims' Week in Mississippi" and April 28, 2023, as a "Day of Prayer".

S. C. R. No. 546: Commend Brookhaven Academy "Lady Cougars" Softball Team for back-to-back MAIS 5A State Championships.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

S. C. R. No. 507: Commend JSU "Tigers" Football Team for second consecutive SWAC Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Bain moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Helen Holt, Camille Borroum Mitchell, Mary Jewel Leonard, Charles Cantrell, Leslie Counce, Beulah Mitchell, Jackie Weathers, Richard Forsyth, Allie Mae Parker, Maurice Dyson, Mary Sue Grisham, Louis Ray Bickerstaff, Ronnie Brand, Bill Wages, Stanley Barker, Brian McCullen, Joan Dietschweiler, Edward Nelms, Clara Grimes, Robb Marlar, John Lane, Larry James, Martha Young, Johnnie Bumpas, Daniel H. Christian, Sr., Lex Price, Jerry Butler, Edith Armstrong, Timothy Loveless, and Buford Charles Glidewell, which motion prevailed.

Representative Tullos moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ryan Patrick Munoz, which motion prevailed.

Representative McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ella Mae Ladner, Cleyton John Ladner, Larry Anthony Lind, Sr., Victor John Manocchio, Provis James Peterson, Eula Esther Lizana, Mary Katherine Parker, and Eldridge Thomas Ladner, Sr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Tullos moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jessica Nicole Lee, which motion prevailed.

Representative McGee moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Alan Lance, which motion prevailed.

Representative Robinson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Rodney Wayne Cockerham, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Bain and Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Charles Pannell, which motion prevailed.

At 4:15 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Thursday, February 16, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTY-THIRD DAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023

(FORTY-FIFTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Josh Brady, Pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church, Madison, MS.

Rep. Ford (73rd) led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Huddleston.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2341: Electric transmission infrastructure; maintain state jurisdiction over integrity of. Public Utilities.

S. B. No. 2351: Elections; allow the Attorney General to investigate alleged election fraud. Apportionment and Elections.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1672: (Representative Summers) Appropriation; Amiable Arts Foundation for increasing access to performing arts instruction for students. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1673: (Representative Summers) Bonds; authorize issuance for repairs, renovations and exhibit upgrades at the Jackson Zoo. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1674: (Representatives Crudup, Clarke) Appropriation; City of Jackson for upgrades and improvements to Flowers Park. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1675: (Representatives Crudup, Brown (70th), Summers, Banks, Bell (65th), Stamps) Appropriation; City of Jackson for acquisition demolition and/or removal of blighted properties. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1676: (Representative Crudup) Appropriation; City of Jackson for certain improvements to Sykes Park. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1677: (Representatives Brown (70th), Bell (65th), Banks, Crudup, Hulum, Summers) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with construction of a new Fire Station 5. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1678: (Representatives Brown (70th), Banks, Bell (65th), Stamps) Appropriation; City of Jackson for making repairs to the designated holding facility for misdemeanor offenders. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1679: (Representatives Brown (70th), Summers, Banks, Bell (65th), Clarke, Foster, Stamps) Appropriation; City of Jackson for purchasing advanced crime reduction technology for police department. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1680: (Representatives Brown (70th), Summers, Banks, Bell (65th), Crudup, Foster, Holloway, Stamps) Appropriation; City of Jackson for making repairs to the West Bank Interceptor of the city's sewer system. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1681: (Representatives Brown (70th), Bell (65th), Banks, Crudup, Foster, Holloway, Hulum, Summers) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with renovating the Russell C. Davis Planetarium. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1682: (Representatives Haney, Hulum) Appropriation; City of Gulfport for South Gulfport Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1683: (Representatives Haney, Hulum) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Gulfport wastewater treatment plant project. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1684: (Representatives Haney, Hulum) Appropriation; City of Gulfport for commerce corridor project. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1685: (Representatives Haney, Hulum) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Gulfport with its commerce corridor project. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1686: (Representatives Haney, Hulum) Appropriation; City of Gulfport for Dedeaux Road widening project. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1687: (Representatives Haney, Hulum) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Gulfport with widening Dedeaux Road. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1688: (Representative Summers) Appropriation; City of Jackson for making improvements at the Jackson Zoo. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1689: (Representative Summers) Appropriation; City of Jackson for improvements to VA Legion Sports Complex, Jayne Avenue Park and Battlefield Park. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1690: (Representative Summers) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with park improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1691: (Representatives Banks, Harness, Clarke, Summers, Brown (70th), Crudup, Foster, Stamps) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Jackson Municipal Airport Authority with construction of an emergency access road at Hawkins Field. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1692: (Representatives Banks, Bell (65th), Brown (70th), Clarke, Summers, Crudup, Foster, Holloway, Stamps, Yates) Appropriation; Jackson Municipal Airport Authority for emergency access road connecting Hawkins Field with City of Jackson Fire Station 20. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1693: (Representative Rosebud) Appropriation; Broadband Expansion and Accessibility MS for providing incentives to broadband providers to implement broadband in under-served areas of the state. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1694: (Representative Busby) City of Pascagoula; authorize use of automated recording system to enforce traffic regulations within. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1695: (Representatives Carpenter, Anderson (122nd), Byrd, Creekmore IV, Deweese, Goodin, Hale, Hulum, Kinkade, Massengill, Morgan, Newman, Pigott, Sanders, Scoggin, Shanks, Steverson, Tubb, Young) Appropriation; DPS for salary increase for active officers of MHP, MBN and MBI for FY 2024. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1696: (Representatives Carpenter, Anthony, Banks, Bell (21st), Byrd, Harness, Hines, Hulum, Scoggin) Appropriation; Department of Employment Security for funding Paramedics Recruitment and Retention Scholarship Grant Program. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1697: (Representatives Bain, Carpenter) City of Farmington; authorize the use of low-speed vehicles and golf carts on certain public streets with certain restrictions. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1698: (Representative Blackmon) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Canton with repair and renovation of City Hall building. Ways and Means.

H. C. R. No. 37: (Representative Arnold) Booneville Lions Club; commend upon the 75th anniversary of its founding. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 38: (Representative Holloway) Honorable Debra Hendricks Gibbs; commend distinguished legislative career and congratulate on election as circuit. Rules.

H. R. No. 74: (Representatives Calvert, Evans (45th)) LeeRoy Carpenter; commend and congratulate upon being named the State Games of Mississippi "Male Athlete of the Year". Rules.

H. R. No. 75: (Representatives Calvert, Horne) Kaylee Harrison; commend upon being named the 2022 State Games of Mississippi Youth Athlete of the Year. Rules.

H. R. No. 76: (Representatives Calvert, Horne) West Lauderdale High School Lady Knights Soccer Team; commend on winning 2023 Class 4A State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 77: (Representatives Bell (65th), Banks, Foster, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Holloway, Johnson, Yates) T.C. Taylor; commend for being named head coach for the Jackson State University football team. Rules.

H. R. No. 78: (Representatives Massengill, Steverson) Don Nehring; commend upon being named the 2022 Mississippi Truck Driver of the Year. Rules.

H. R. No. 79: (Representative Gunn) Charles Elon Bowering; commend on occasion of having the Flora, MS, library renamed as the Posey-Bowering Library. Rules.

H. R. No. 80: (Representatives Mangold, Faulkner, Massengill, Kinkade, Pigott) Will Lummus; commend extraordinary rodeo success and accomplishments. Rules.

H. R. No. 81: (Representative Gunn) Henry Presley Posey; commend for his dedication to the preservation of Flora and Madison County, MS history and the renaming of the Flora Library to the Posey-Bowering Library. Rules.

H. R. No. 82: (Representative Weathersby) Colonel Denise Hall; commend distinguished service with the 183rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron. Rules.

H. R. No. 83: (Representative Holloway) Honorable Debra Hendricks Gibbs; commend distinguished legislative career and congratulate on election as circuit. Rules.

H. R. No. 84: (Representatives Calvert, Ford (73rd)) Sarah Lea Anglin; commend for being named the 2022 State Games of Mississippi Female Athlete of the Year. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT AND ELECTIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2352: Elections; penalty for fraudulently requesting or submitting absentee ballots. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2353: Elections; increase wage range for poll workers. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2358: Ballot harvesting; ban. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

PRICE WALLACE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 271: Appropriation; Health Department for funding Health Care Impact Grant Program for hospitals and nursing facilities. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 272: Appropriation; Health Department for Local Provider Innovation Grant Program. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2961: Appropriations; additional for various state agencies for FY2023 and FY2024. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2962: Appropriation; additional appropriations for various state agencies for FY2023 and FY2024. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. R. No. 74: LeeRoy Carpenter; commend and congratulate upon being named the State Games of Mississippi "Male Athlete of the Year". Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 75: Kaylee Harrison; commend upon being named the 2022 State Games of Mississippi Youth Athlete of the Year. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 76: West Lauderdale High School Lady Knights Soccer Team; commend on winning 2023 Class 4A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 77: T.C. Taylor; commend for being named head coach for the Jackson State University football team. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 78: Don Nehring; commend upon being named the 2022 Mississippi Truck Driver of the Year. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 79: Charles Elon Bowering; commend on occasion of having the Flora, MS, library renamed as the Posey-Bowering Library. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 547: Mourn the loss of legendary Defensive Football Coach Jim Carmody and remembering his legacy. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 548: Congratulate Picayune High School "Maroon Tide" Football Team for back-to-back MHSAA Class 5A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 271: Appropriation; Health Department for distributing funds to hospitals under the Health Care Impact Grant Program.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Hines:

AMEND by striking ", 2023" on line 21 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
"in the year in which a study committee, which shall be comprised of the following members: four (4) members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one (1) from each congressional district and who has a failing hospital in his or her district, four (4) members of the Senate appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, one (1) from each congressional district and who has a failing hospital in his or her district, and three (3) members appointed by the Governor, one (1) from the Mississippi Hospital Association, one (1) from the Mississippi Medical Association and one (1) from the Department of Health, is established to create a plan to refund hospitals and establish a funding mechanism for the hospitals throughout the state using any available revenue sources and provide a recommendation to the Legislature by December 1, 2023"

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--41.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--76.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Miles, Sanford, Tullos. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Clark:

AMEND on line 13 by striking "\$80,000,000.00" and inserting "\$275,000,000.00".
AMEND FURTHER on line 13 after the period and inserting the following language "An

additional \$25,000,000.00 shall be appropriated to be paid to hospitals with 75 beds or less; said funds shall be awarded equally to hospitals based on each hospital's beds.

The foregoing amendment was tabled by Rep. Massengill by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Guice, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Zuber. Total--70.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Miles, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--44.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Currie, Evans, M, Huddleston, Sanford, Tullos, Yates. Total-7.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 271. On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bailey, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Johnson, Mims. Total-3.

Present--Owen, Summers. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up:

S. B. No. 2961: Appropriations; additional for various state agencies for FY2023 and FY2024.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2961**. On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hood, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Newman. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Cockerham called up:

S. B. No. 2962: Appropriation; additional appropriations for various state agencies for FY2023 and FY2024.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2962**. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--96.

Nays--Bailey, P, Barnett, Bell, D, Bomgar, Brown, C, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Eubanks, Ford, K, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Lancaster, McKnight, Oliver, Owen, Scoggin, White, Williamson. Total--22.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, M, Huddleston. Total-2.

Present--Bain. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Cockerham unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

S. B. No. 2962: Appropriation; additional appropriations for various state agencies for FY2023 and FY2024.

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 272: Appropriation; Health Department for Local Provider Innovation Grant Program.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 272. On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Mims. Total-2.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. B. No. 1648: Mississippi Small Business Investment Company Act; increase the amount of tax credits that can be allocated under.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1648. On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Huddleston, Owen. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1196: City of McComb; extend date of repeal on hotel/motel tourism tax.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1196.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, McLeod, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, R, Huddleston, Ladner. Total-3.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1197: City of Baldwin; extend date of repeal on tax for hotels, motels, restaurants and convenience stores.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1197.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, R, Huddleston, Ladner. Total-3.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.
Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1209: City of Waynesboro; extend repealer on authority to impose tax on bars, restaurants, hotels/motels, B & Bs.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1209.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, R, Huddleston, Ladner. Total-3.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.
Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1356: City of Lexington; extend repealer on restaurant tourism tax.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1356.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, R, Huddleston, Ladner, Rushing. Total-4.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.
Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1528: Benton County; authorize to contract with and/or contribute to the Institute of Community Services, Inc.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1528.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.
Absent or those not voting--Boyd, R, Huddleston, Ladner. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--79

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1547: City of Pascagoula; extend repealer on hotel, motel and bed-and-breakfast tax.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1547.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--7.
Absent or those not voting--Currie, Huddleston, Ladner, Stamps. Total-4.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.
Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1581: City of Columbus; extend repealer on alcoholic beverage and restaurant tax.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1581. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.
Total--105.

Nays--Arnold, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson.
Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Crudup, Currie, Ford, J, Huddleston, Ladner, Newman.
Total--6.

Present--Anthony, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--2.
Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Roberson called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

H. R. No. 74: LeeRoy Carpenter; commend and congratulate upon being named the State Games of Mississippi "Male Athlete of the Year".

H. R. No. 75: Kaylee Harrison; commend upon being named the 2022 State Games of Mississippi Youth Athlete of the Year.

H. R. No. 76: West Lauderdale High School Lady Knights Soccer Team; commend on winning 2023 Class 4A State Championship.

H. R. No. 77: T.C. Taylor; commend for being named head coach for the Jackson State University football team.

H. R. No. 78: Don Nehring; commend upon being named the 2022 Mississippi Truck Driver of the Year.

H. R. No. 79: Charles Elon Bowering; commend on occasion of having the Flora, MS, library renamed as the Posey-Bowering Library.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. R. No. 74: LeeRoy Carpenter; commend and congratulate upon being named the State Games of Mississippi "Male Athlete of the Year".

H. R. No. 75: Kaylee Harrison; commend upon being named the 2022 State Games of Mississippi Youth Athlete of the Year.

H. R. No. 76: West Lauderdale High School Lady Knights Soccer Team; commend on winning 2023 Class 4A State Championship.

H. R. No. 77: T.C. Taylor; commend for being named head coach for the Jackson State University football team.

H. R. No. 78: Don Nehring; commend upon being named the 2022 Mississippi Truck Driver of the Year.

H. R. No. 79: Charles Elon Bowering; commend on occasion of having the Flora, MS, library renamed as the Posey-Bowering Library.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 62: New Albany High School "Lady Bulldogs" Golf Team; commend upon winning the 2022 MHSAA Class 4A State Golf Championship.

H. R. No. 63: JSU Tigers Football Team; commend upon winning 2022 SWAC Championship.

H. R. No. 64: Starkville High School Football Team; commend upon winning the MHSAA Class 6A State Football Championship.

H. R. No. 65: Ronald "Ronnie" Lewis Buckley; honor life and legacy upon his passing.

H. R. No. 66: Mize Attendance Center Cheerleaders; commend upon winning the MHSAA Class 2A State Cheer Competition.

H. R. No. 67: Clarissa Griffin Harris; commend life and legacy upon her passing.

H. R. No. 69: Joseph Grafton Barnes; mourn loss and commemorate life and legacy upon his passing.

H. R. No. 71: Raleigh High School "Lions"; commend for winning MHSAA State 3A Football Championship.

H. R. No. 72: Gloria A. Thompson; commend illustrious career in the gospel music industry.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Robinson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sandra Wilson, Dell Dickens Scoper, Faye Montgomery Andrews, Lonnie Ray Reynolds, and Harold Edward "Eddie" Upton, which motion prevailed.

Representative Smith moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Linda Carol Smith, Harold Maret Cockrell, Joe Allen Stallings, Ardenia McNeil Williams, Jimmy Lee Williams, Harold E. Sumrall, Jr., Donna Lynn McCarra, Mary Louise Milstead, Cynthia Glynn Rainer, Noah Donald Copeland, and Frances Diane Eatmon, which motion prevailed.

Representative Sanders moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Rory Micou, which motion prevailed.

Representative McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ralph Frederick Baldwin, Ayden Michael Stallings, Elaine Frances Smith, Kenneth Gene Talley, Claudia Batista, Raymond Jesus Sheehy, John Slate, Jr., Ronald John Shaw, Lt. Col. James A. McGrew, David Brian Scarborough, Julia Ann Deshamp, Henry Paul Ladner, Joseph Kyle "Kye" Shows, and Myrtis Leo Martin, which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Marion Joseph "Joe" Thompson, and Robert James Lang, which motion prevailed.

At 3:00 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, February 17, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2023

(FORTY-SIXTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Pro Tempore White in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Steve Hopkins.

Rep. Hopkins led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Home, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Huddleston.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1699: (Representative Blackmon) Appropriation; City of Canton for repair and renovation of the City Hall building. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1700: (Representative Blackmon) Appropriation; City of Canton for upgrades to roads, bridges and stormwater drainage system. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1701: (Representative Blackmon) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Canton with road, bridge and drainage improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1702: (Representatives Gunn, Stamps, Boyd (19th)) Sales tax; exempt sales of books at the Mississippi Book Festival. Ways and Means.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 74: LeeRoy Carpenter; commend and congratulate upon being named the State Games of Mississippi "Male Athlete of the Year".

H. R. No. 75: Kaylee Harrison; commend upon being named the 2022 State Games of Mississippi Youth Athlete of the Year.

H. R. No. 76: West Lauderdale High School Lady Knights Soccer Team; commend on winning 2023 Class 4A State Championship.

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STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

S. C. R. No. 538: Commend Parklane Academy "Lady Pioneers" Fast-Pitch Softball Team for fourth State Championship in last six years.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. C. R. No. 537: Mourn the loss of Ineva May-Pittman of Jackson, Mississippi.

S. C. R. No. 539: Mourn the passing of legendary physician Dr. Freda M. Bush.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representatives Powell and Shanks moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Caden Porter, which motion prevailed.

Representative Ford (54th) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ina Pearl Richmond, Mary Helen Temple, Jonathan Wayne Jolly, James Earl Whitaker, Robert Neil Summers, Karen "Kay" Newman Montgomery, Helen Marie Hopkins, Nora Catherine Dickerson English, Tommy Fremont Johnson, Robert E. Quimby, Sr., Robert Arnold Hobkirk, Thomas Lindsey Lee, Jr., Robert "Bobby" W. Thornell, Sr., James Michael "Mike" Coomes, Michael A. Roach, Sr., Aaryn "Adam" Harrison, Wilma Wheeler Boland, Linda June Windham, Stephen Mauk, William B. Aden, Jr., Belinda Stroud, Mary Theresa Ray Boykin, Cynthia Grace Goss, Dr. Robert Charles Clingan, Vernon Lewis Sikes, Jeremy L. Renfro, Robert Lee White, Sr., Wanda Nell Louge, Betty Ruth Mitchell, Charles Biedenbarn Selby, Rufus Dan Nowell, Sr., Jimmy Kel Huff, John Herren Hughes, Jr., Brenda Deloris Aders, Coleman Cain McKay, Juanita Lanier, Jean Thornton Abraham, Marlaina Marie Chavez, Charlotte Olive Richter, Yvonne Nicola, Michael Blake Hartley, Frances Daves Branning, Andrew Maxwell Triplett, Ernest Loyd Woodward, Jr., Jean Ann Sheipe, Dan Hall, Jr., Montie Catherine Phelps, Ella Mae McCaskill, John Everett Belknap, Felisa Dianne Jefferson, Doris C. Ivey Jarrell, Charles Edward Grantham, Romona Hearn Cole, Brenda Karen Neumann, Glenn Jerome Waters, Sr., James G. Robertson, Dorothy Roberts Hawkins, Brad Argle Pennington, Mark J. Chaney, Billy Keith Hearn, Gary Allen Jones, George Wayne Callen, Frances Brown Stuart, David Wayne Kirkley, Sr., Susie Mae Hullum Irby, Agnes Teresa Marshall, and Tonya Renae Cole, which motion prevailed.

Representative Felsher moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Charles Benton, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Bennett, Eure and Felsher moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Alben Hopkins, Sr., which motion prevailed.

Representative McCray moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Lucinda Anderson, which motion prevailed.

At 9:06 AM, on motion of Rep. Massengill the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, February 20, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTY-FIFTH DAY, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2023

(FORTY-NINTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Gene Newman.

Rep. Newman led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Absent or those not voting--Deweese, Huddleston, Robinson, Turner. Total-4.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Deweese, Huddleston, Robinson and Turner.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Haney and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Monday, February 20, 2023

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bill:

H. B. No. 559: The Phillip Cameron Hendry Mississippi Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness Week; designate the second week in April annually as. Friday, February 17, 2023, 4:01 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 3000: Appropriation; IHL - General support.

S. B. No. 3001: Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs.

S. B. No. 3002: Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural programs.

S. B. No. 3003: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station.

S. B. No. 3004: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service.

S. B. No. 3005: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center.

S. B. No. 3006: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of.

S. B. No. 3007: Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid.

S. B. No. 3008: Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center.

S. B. No. 3009: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses.

S. B. No. 3010: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges.

S. B. No. 3011: Appropriation; Corrections, Department of.

S. B. No. 3012: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.

S. B. No. 3013: Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of.

S. B. No. 3014: Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock shows.

S. B. No. 3015: Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of.

S. B. No. 3016: Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency.

S. B. No. 3017: Appropriation; Military Department.

S. B. No. 3018: Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board.

S. B. No. 3019: Appropriation; Ethics Commission.

S. B. No. 3020: Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission.

S. B. No. 3021: Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of.

S. B. No. 3022: Appropriation; Revenue, Department of.

S. B. No. 3023: Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board.

S. B. No. 3024: Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission.

S. B. No. 3025: Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of.

S. B. No. 3026: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road Construction, Office of.

S. B. No. 3027: Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority.

S. B. No. 3028: Appropriation; Chiropractic Examiners, Board of.

S. B. No. 3029: Appropriation; Dental Examiners, Board of.

S. B. No. 3030: Appropriation; Funeral Services Board.

S. B. No. 3031: Appropriation; Massage Therapy, Board of.

S. B. No. 3032: Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of.

S. B. No. 3033: Appropriation; Counselors, Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional.

S. B. No. 3034: Appropriation; Veterinary Examiners, Board of.

S. B. No. 3035: Appropriation; Architecture, Board of.

S. B. No. 3036: Appropriation; Gaming Commission.

S. B. No. 3037: Appropriation; Geologists, Board of Registered Professional.

S. B. No. 3038: Appropriation; Motor Vehicle Commission.

S. B. No. 3039: Appropriation; Accountancy, Board of Public.

S. B. No. 3040: Appropriation; Contractors, Board of.

S. B. No. 3041: Appropriation; Audit, Department of.

S. B. No. 3042: Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of.

S. B. No. 3043: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of.

S. B. No. 3044: Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion.

S. B. No. 3045: Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department of.

S. B. No. 3046: Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi.

S. B. No. 3047: Appropriation; Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to the Mississippi Development Authority.

S. B. No. 3048: Appropriation; Personnel Board.

S. B. No. 3049: Appropriation; Secretary of State.

S. B. No. 3050: Appropriation; Treasurer's Office.

S. B. No. 3051: Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli.

S. B. No. 3052: Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund; FY2024 reappropriate to certain agencies.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2079: Mississippi School Protection Act; enact to allow armed educators. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2153: Transportation; require disclosure of the total charges in the rental of motor vehicles. Judiciary A.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1703: (Representatives Paden, Stamps) Coahoma County; authorize reserve and trust fund trustees to use certain amount of fund to supplement county general fund. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1704: (Representative Busby) Appropriation; Office of State Aid Road Construction for county bridge projects. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1705: (Representative Busby) Appropriation; MDOT for capacity projects. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1706: (Representative Busby) Appropriation; City of Pascagoula for making improvements to the East Pascagoula Police Substation. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1707: (Representative Busby) Appropriation; City of Pascagoula for making improvements to the City Hall building. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1708: (Representative Busby) Appropriation; Office of State Aid Road Construction for projects on county roads. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1709: (Representative Busby) Appropriation; MDOT for paving projects. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1710: (Representative Busby) Appropriation; Capital Expense Fund to Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1711: (Representatives Denton, Ford (54th), Harness, Stamps) City of Vicksburg; authorize contributions of funds and in-kind maintenance services to Beulah Cemetery. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1712: (Representatives Denton, Harness, Ford (54th), Stamps) City of Vicksburg; authorize to contribute funds and in-kind services to Tate Cemetery. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1713: (Representatives Denton, Ford (54th), Harness) City of Vicksburg; authorize contribution to the Dr. Jane Ellen McAllister Museum. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1714: (Representatives Denton, Ford (54th), Harness) Warren County; authorize contributions to various organizations. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1715: (Representatives Read, Stamps, Boyd (19th)) Appropriation; Health Department for funding the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1716: (Representatives Read, Stamps) Appropriation; DEQ for funding the MS Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1717: (Representative Read) Appropriation; DFA - Office of Insurance for reimbursing the State Health Plan for eligible expenses incurred. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1718: (Representative Read) Appropriation; DFA Bureau of Building for completing capital projects at state-owned buildings and grounds. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1719: (Representative Read) Appropriation; DFA to assist destination marketing organizations in paying for marketing activities. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1720: (Representative Read) Appropriation; UMMC for repair and renovation of the adolescent psychiatric program facility. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1721: (Representative Read) Appropriation; Health Department for MS Baptist Medical Center in Jackson to establish a burn center or unit. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1722: (Representative Read) Appropriation; UMMC for construction, repair and renovation of the School of Dentistry. Appropriations.

H. R. No. 85: (Representative Gunn) Council of State Governments Southern Office; commend on occasion of the 77th Southern Legislative Conference of CSG (South). Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. C. R. No. 37: Booneville Lions Club; commend upon the 75th anniversary of its founding. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 38: Honorable Debra Hendricks Gibbs; commend distinguished legislative career and congratulate on election as chancellor. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 80: Will Lummus; commend extraordinary rodeo success and accomplishments. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 81: Henry Presley Posey; commend for his dedication to the preservation of Flora and Madison County, MS history and the renaming of the Flora Library to the Posey-Bowering Library. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 82: Colonel Denise Hall; commend distinguished service with the 183rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 83: Honorable Debra Hendricks Gibbs; commend distinguished legislative career and congratulate on election as chancellor. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 84: Sarah Lea Anglin; commend for being named the 2022 State Games of Mississippi Female Athlete of the Year. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 1715: Appropriation; Health Department for funding the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1716: Appropriation; DEQ for funding the MS Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1717: Appropriation; DFA - Office of Insurance for reimbursing the State Health Plan for eligible expenses incurred. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1718: Appropriation; DFA Bureau of Building for completing capital projects at state-owned buildings and grounds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1719: Appropriation; DFA to assist destination marketing organizations in paying for marketing activities. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1720: Appropriation; UMMC for repair and renovation of the adolescent psychiatric program facility. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1721: Appropriation; UMMC for repair, renovation and acquiring equipment at the Burn Center. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1722: Appropriation; UMMC for construction, repair and renovation of the School of Dentistry. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JOHN READ, Chairman

At 4:07 PM on motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 4:35 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

On request of Rep. Currie, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in **H. C. R. No. 38**:

Please change the word "chancellor" to circuit.

On request of Rep. Currie, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in **H. R. No. 83**:

Please change the word "chancellor" to circuit.

Rep. Currie called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

H. R. No. 80: Will Lummus; commend extraordinary rodeo success and accomplishments.

H. R. No. 81: Henry Presley Posey; commend for his dedication to the preservation of Flora and Madison County, MS history and the renaming of the Flora Library to the Posey-Bowering Library.

H. R. No. 82: Colonel Denise Hall; commend distinguished service with the 183rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron.

H. R. No. 83: Honorable Debra Hendricks Gibbs; commend distinguished legislative career and congratulate on election as circuit.

H. R. No. 84: Sarah Lea Anglin; commend for being named the 2022 State Games of Mississippi Female Athlete of the Year.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

Rep. Currie called up:

H. C. R. No. 37: Booneville Lions Club; commend upon the 75th anniversary of its founding.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott,

Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Deweese, Hines, Huddleston, Johnson, Robinson, Turner. Total-6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Currie called up:

H. C. R. No. 38: Honorable Debra Hendricks Gibbs; commend distinguished legislative career and congratulate on election as circuit.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Deweese, Huddleston, Robinson, Turner. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

On motion of Rep. Currie unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. C. R. No. 38: Honorable Debra Hendricks Gibbs; commend distinguished legislative career and congratulate on election as circuit.

H. C. R. No. 37: Booneville Lions Club; commend upon the 75th anniversary of its founding.

H. R. No. 80: Will Lummus; commend extraordinary rodeo success and accomplishments.

H. R. No. 81: Henry Presley Posey; commend for his dedication to the preservation of Flora and Madison County, MS history and the renaming of the Flora Library to the Posey-Bowering Library.

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H. R. No. 83: Honorable Debra Hendricks Gibbs; commend distinguished legislative career and congratulate on election as circuit.

H. R. No. 84: Sarah Lea Anglin; commend for being named the 2022 State Games of Mississippi Female Athlete of the Year.

Representative Bennett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Robert "Bob" P. DiGiacomo, Allison Claire Ellis, Hilda Mae Hillman, Carolyn Ann Scarborough, and Mary Louise Freeman, which motion prevailed.

Representative Aguirre moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Captain Brett Moyer, which motion prevailed.

Representative Stamps and the Hinds County Delegation moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Roy Dixon, which motion prevailed.

Representative Sanford moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Kenneth Ray "Monk" McRaney, which motion prevailed.

Representative Yates moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Billy Ray Yates, which motion prevailed.

At 4:42 PM, on motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTY-SIXTH DAY, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023

(FIFTIETH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Otis Anthony.

Rep. Anthony led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Absent or those not voting--Deweese, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-3.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Deweese, Huddleston and Robinson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Boyd, R, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Haney and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 37: Standard Dedeaux Water District; delete provision on compensation of commissioners.

S. B. No. 2019: Sales tax; exempt sales of coins, currency and bullion.

S. B. No. 2151: Town of North Carrollton; extend repeal date on restaurant tourism tax.

S. B. No. 2518: City of Batesville; extend repealer on hotel/motel & restaurant tourism tax.

S. B. No. 2521: Town of Carrollton; extend repealer on provision of law authorizing to levy tax on sales of restaurants.

S. B. No. 2858: Mississippi Small Business Investment Company Act; increase the amount of investment tax credits that can be allocated under.

S. B. No. 2890: Lee County; authorize annual contributions to Sanctuary Hospice House.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 3000: Appropriation; IHL - General support. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3001: Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3002: Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural programs. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3003: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3004: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3005: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3006: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3007: Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3008: Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3009: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3010: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3011: Appropriation; Corrections, Department of. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3012: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3013: Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3014: Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock shows. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3015: Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3016: Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3017: Appropriation; Military Department. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3018: Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3019: Appropriation; Ethics Commission. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3020: Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3021: Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3022: Appropriation; Revenue, Department of. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3023: Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3024: Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3025: Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3026: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road Construction, Office of. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3027: Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3028: Appropriation; Chiropractic Examiners, Board of. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3029: Appropriation; Dental Examiners, Board of. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3030: Appropriation; Funeral Services Board. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3031: Appropriation; Massage Therapy, Board of. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3032: Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3033: Appropriation; Counselors, Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3034: Appropriation; Veterinary Examiners, Board of. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3035: Appropriation; Architecture, Board of. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3036: Appropriation; Gaming Commission. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3037: Appropriation; Geologists, Board of Registered Professional. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3038: Appropriation; Motor Vehicle Commission. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3039: Appropriation; Accountancy, Board of Public. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3040: Appropriation; Contractors, Board of. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3041: Appropriation; Audit, Department of. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3042: Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3043: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3044: Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3045: Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department of. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3046: Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3047: Appropriation; Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to the Mississippi Development Authority. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3048: Appropriation; Personnel Board. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3049: Appropriation; Secretary of State. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3050: Appropriation; Treasurer's Office. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3051: Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3052: Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund; FY2024 reappropriate to certain agencies. Appropriations.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2749: School board members; increase pay. Education.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2361: Mississippi Modified School Calendar Grant Program; establish and provide eligibility criteria. Education.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1723: (Representatives Lamar, Hulum, Williamson, Stamps, Eubanks, Boyd (19th)) Tax credits; authorize for business contributions to certain organizations supporting food pantries or soup kitchens. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1724: (Representative Kinkade) Sales Tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to Foundation for Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1725: (Representatives Boyd (37th), McLean, Stamps, Karriem) Lowndes County; authorize contribution to Prairie Land Water Association using ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1726: (Representatives Boyd (37th), McLean, Karriem) Lowndes County; authorize contributions to certain nonprofit organizations using ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1727: (Representatives Boyd (37th), McLean, Stamps, Karriem) Lowndes County; authorize contributions to any public utility/assoc. to expand, repair water/sewer infrastructure using ARPA funds. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1728: (Representatives Hines, Clark) Taxes; increase certain and use revenue to assist hospitals for uncompensated medical treatment services. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1729: (Representatives Haney, Hulum) Appropriation; Alfred Alleman VFW Post 2539 in Gulfport for improvements to its Post home building. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1730: (Representative Busby) Appropriation; MDOT for construction, repair, upgrading and improving of airports, ports and rail lines. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1731: (Representative Currie) Appropriation; Covich County for expanding broadband services to unserved areas within the county. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1732: (Representative Ford (73rd)) Appropriation; DFA for repair, renovation and improvements to the Bill Waller Craft Center. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1733: (Representatives Lamar, Stamps, Brown (20th), Hopkins, Williamson, Boyd (19th)) Income tax; revise deduction for depreciation for certain expenditures and property. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1734: (Representatives Lamar, Stamps, Reynolds, Boyd (19th)) Bonds; authorize for various purposes. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1735: (Representatives McLean, Currie, Felsher, Owen) Income tax; revise credit allowed for employers providing dependent care for employees. Ways and Means.

H. R. No. 86: (Representative Sanders) Elnora Littleton; commend leadership as Executive Director and Head Start Director for the Bolivar County Community Action Agency/Head Start in Cleveland. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AFFAIRS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2392: Fees for county garbage collection; revise provision related to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2734: County boards of supervisors; permit to expend federal funds during the last term of office of such board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

LARRY BYRD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FORESTRY

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2548: Motor vehicles; clarify that vehicle length restrictions are the same for day and night operation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

KEN MORGAN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPALITIES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2526: Pat Harrison Waterway District; authorize municipalities to join. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2839: Public Improvement District Act; amend to allow municipality to perform duties and exercise powers in certain circumstances. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

RANDY RUSHING, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2622: Mississippi Prior Authorization Reform Act; enact. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2323: Community hospitals; allow consolidation and collaboration involving other hospitals. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2575: State Department of Health; provide that health insurers may not deny the right to participate as a contract provider. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2576: Community Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Centers and Programs; bring forward code sections. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2781: Mississippi Access to Maternal Assistance Program; create and provide for duties and responsibilities. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2797: Mississippi State Asylum Records; provide procedures and exempt from confidentiality and privilege requirements. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2369: Department of Human Services; extend repealers and revise certain applicable sections. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

SAM C. MIMS, V, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2203: Public land in Rankin County; authorize DFA to assign property to state agencies and establish new Veterans Nursing Home. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2309: MS Department of Archives and History property; add parcel known as "The Old Magnolia Church" for transfer to U.S. Park Service. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2722: "North Forty" property; authorize DFA to purchase. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2723: Certain real property located in the Capitol Complex area; authorize DFA to purchase. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

TOM WEATHERSBY, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. R. No. 85: Council of State Governments Southern Office; commend on occasion of the 77th Southern Legislative Conference of CSG (South). Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 86: Elnora Littleton; commend leadership as Executive Director and Head Start Director for the Bolivar County Community Action Agency/Head Start in Cleveland. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 549: Sales Tax; exempt certain sales of property transported from this state and first used in another state. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1561: Ad valorem taxation; revise types of new enterprises eligible for tax exemption. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1668: Income tax; revise certain provisions regarding pass-through entities. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1702: Sales tax; exempt sales of books at the Mississippi Book Festival. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1723: Tax credits; authorize for business contributions to certain organizations supporting food pantries or soup kitchens. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 871: Ad valorem tax; extend time for partial exemption and fee-in-lieu of ad valorem tax agreement for certain renewable energy projects. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1734: Bonds; authorize for various purposes. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1733: Income tax; revise deduction for depreciation for certain expenditures and property. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2647: Real estate licensee; revise liability. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The Speaker announced the following committee assignments:

Representative Perry Baily has been appointed to following House Committees: Agriculture, Constitution, Forestry, and Judiciary B.

Representative Jerry Darnell has been appointed as Vice-Chairman of Forestry.

Representative Oscar Denton has been appointed as the Vice-Chairman of Tourism.

Representative Tracy Arnold has been removed from Agriculture and assigned to the Tourism Committee.

Representative Price Wallace has been removed from the Forestry Committee.

Representative Holloway introduced special guests, Alcorn State University - Purple and Gold Day at the Capitol.

Head Page, Hunter Lofton, introduced the following pages for the week:

Bryan Bell	Lena, MS
Khloe Braddock	Booneville, MS
Kailey Butler	Ripley, MS
Braxton Byrd	Florence, MS
Eli Eubanks	Walls, MS
Jacoby Johnson	Pass Christian, MS
Burkley King	Olive Branch, MS
Jaylen Ladner	Kiln, MS
Conner McCaffrey	Byram, MS
Isabella, Saums	Raymond, MS

Lane Stewart	Florence, MS
Emilee Swilley	Kiln, MS
Morgan Weathersby	Florence, MS

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 1715: Appropriation; Health Department for funding the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1715.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Deweese, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up:

H. B. No. 1716: Appropriation; DEQ for funding the MS Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1716.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Deweese, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up:

H. B. No. 1717: Appropriation; DFA - Office of Insurance for reimbursing the State Health Plan for eligible expenses incurred.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1717.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.
Absent or those not voting--Clark, Deweese, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up:

H. B. No. 1718: Appropriation; DFA Bureau of Building for completing capital projects at state-owned buildings and grounds.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1718.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.
Absent or those not voting--Deweese, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 1719: Appropriation; DFA to assist destination marketing organizations in paying for marketing activities.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1719.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--104.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Banks, Crudup, Deweese, Faulkner, Huddleston, Robinson, Summers, Young. Total-9.

Present--Scott. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Oliver called up:

H. B. No. 1720: Appropriation; UMMC for repair and renovation of the adolescent psychiatric program facility.

On motion of Rep. Scott, a request was made for the bill to be read, which motion prevailed.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1720.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.
Absent or those not voting--Deweese, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up:

H. B. No. 1722: Appropriation; UMMC for construction, repair and renovation of the School of Dentistry.

On motion of Rep. Scott, a request was made for the foregoing bill to be read, which motion prevailed.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1722.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.
Absent or those not voting--Deweese, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1661: Sales tax; exempt sales of coins, currency and bullion.

A committee substitute was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Scott, a request was made for the foregoing bill to be read, which motion prevailed.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1661.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill,

McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Deweese, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-3.

Present--Brown, B, Crudup, Evans, B, Summers. Total--4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 549: Sales Tax; exempt certain sales of property transported from this state and first used in another state.

On motion of Rep. Scott, a request was made for the foregoing bill to be read, which motion prevailed.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 549.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Deweese, Huddleston, Read, Robinson. Total-4.

Present--Boyd, R, Brown, B, Faulkner, Karriem, Summers. Total--5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1561: Ad valorem taxation; revise types of new enterprises eligible for tax exemption.

On motion of Rep. Scott, a request was made for the foregoing bill to be read, which motion prevailed.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1561.** On motion of Rep. Scott the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Brown, B, Summers. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Deweese, Huddleston, Robinson, Taylor. Total-4.

Present--Karriem. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1668: Income tax; revise certain provisions regarding pass-through entities.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Lamar:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 27-7-26, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-7-26. (1) (a) For calendar year 2022, and for each calendar year thereafter, any partnership, S corporation or similar pass-through entity may elect to be taxed as an electing pass-through entity and pay the tax imposed under this chapter at the entity level. For the purposes of this section, the term "electing pass-through entity" means a partnership, S corporation or similar pass-through entity that has made an election pursuant to this section.

(b) A partnership, S corporation or similar pass-through entity desiring to be taxed as an electing pass-through entity shall submit the appropriate form to the Department of Revenue at any time during the tax year or on or before the fifteenth day of the third month following the close of that taxable year for which the entity elects to be taxed as an electing pass-through entity. This election shall be binding for that taxable year and all taxable years thereafter and shall not be revoked unless the electing pass-through entity submits the appropriate form to the department at any time during a subsequent taxable year or on or before the fifteenth day of the third month following the close of that taxable year for which the entity elects to no longer be taxed as an electing pass-through entity. Both the election to become an electing pass-through entity and the revocation of that election shall be accomplished by a vote satisfying such threshold required for taking official action as may be specified within the entity's governing documents, within the time prescribed in this subsection. If the entity's governing documents do not contain any such provisions governing the approval of official actions, such election shall be accomplished by a vote by or written consent of the members of the governing body of the entity, if the entity shall have a governing body, as well as a vote by or written consent of the owners, members, partners or shareholders holding greater than fifty percent (50%) of the voting control of the entity, within the time prescribed in this subsection.

(c) Each owner, member, partner or shareholder of an electing pass-through entity shall report his or her pro rata or distributive share of the income of the electing pass-through entity * * * in computing such taxpayer's gross income tax liability. Each owner, member, partner or shareholder of an electing pass-through entity shall be allowed

a credit against the taxes imposed under this chapter in an amount equal to his or her pro rata or distributive share of tax paid by the electing pass-through entity with respect to the corresponding taxable year. Any additional income tax credits generated by the electing pass-through entity shall pass through to the owners, members, partners, or shareholders on a pro-rata basis and may be claimed on the returns of those taxpayers. In the event an owner's, member's, partner's or shareholder's aggregate credits shall exceed his or her income tax liability, such excess shall be carried forward as an overpayment or refunded at the election of such person. Any carryforward limitations applicable to credits generated by the electing pass-through entity, other than the credit provided by this section for income taxes paid by the electing pass-through entity, shall apply at the owner, member, partner, or shareholder level.

(2) The adjusted basis of the owners, members or partners of an electing pass-through entity in their ownership interests in the electing pass-through entity shall be calculated without regard to the election under this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 2023, and shall be applicable to any income tax returns the original due date of which are on or after such date.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-7-26, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH ALLOWS PARTNERSHIPS, S CORPORATIONS OR SIMILAR PASS-THROUGH ENTITIES TO ELECT TO BE TAXED AS AN ELECTING PASS-THROUGH ENTITY FOR STATE INCOME TAX PURPOSES AND PAY INCOME TAX AT THE ENTITY LEVEL, TO REVISE THE MANNER BY WHICH A PARTNERSHIP, S CORPORATION OR SIMILAR PASS-THROUGH ENTITY MAY ELECT TO BE TAXED AS AN ELECTING PASS-THROUGH ENTITY; TO PROVIDE THAT EACH OWNER, MEMBER, PARTNER OR SHAREHOLDER OF AN ELECTING PASS-THROUGH ENTITY SHALL REPORT HIS OR HER PRO RATA OR DISTRIBUTIVE SHARE OF THE INCOME OF THE ELECTING PASS-THROUGH ENTITY IN COMPUTING SUCH TAXPAYER'S GROSS INCOME TAX LIABILITY; TO PROVIDE THAT ANY ADDITIONAL INCOME TAX CREDITS GENERATED BY AN ELECTING PASS-THROUGH ENTITY SHALL PASS THROUGH TO THE OWNERS, MEMBERS, PARTNERS, OR SHAREHOLDERS ON A PRO-RATA BASIS AND MAY BE CLAIMED ON THE RETURNS OF THOSE TAXPAYERS; TO PROVIDE THAT IF AN OWNER'S, MEMBER'S, PARTNER'S OR SHAREHOLDER'S AGGREGATE INCOME TAX CREDITS EXCEED HIS OR HER INCOME TAX LIABILITY, SUCH EXCESS SHALL BE CARRIED FORWARD AS AN OVERPAYMENT OR REFUNDED AT THE ELECTION OF SUCH PERSON; TO PROVIDE THAT ANY CARRYFORWARD LIMITATIONS APPLICABLE TO CREDITS GENERATED BY THE PASS-THROUGH ENTITY, OTHER THAN THE CREDIT PROVIDED BY THIS SECTION FOR INCOME TAXES PAID BY THE PASS-THROUGH ENTITY, SHALL APPLY AT THE OWNER, MEMBER, PARTNER, OR SHAREHOLDER LEVEL; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

ADOPTED

On motion of Rep. Scott, a request was made for the foregoing bill to be read, which motion prevailed.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1668**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice,

Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Deweese, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-3.

Present--Evans, B, Karriem, Taylor. Total--3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1671: Tax credits; revise certain existing and authorize additional.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Lamar:

AMEND by striking Section 4 of the bill and inserting in lieu thereof:

"SECTION *. Section 27-7-22.41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows: 27-7-22.41. (1) For the purposes of this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Department" means the Department of Revenue.

(b) "Eligible charitable organization" means an organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is:

(i) Licensed by or under contract with the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services and provides services for:

1. The prevention and diversion of children from custody with the Department of Child Protection Services,

2. The safety, care and well-being of children in custody with the Department of Child Protection Services, or

3. The express purpose of creating permanency for children through adoption; or

(ii) Certified by the department as an educational services charitable organization that is accredited by a regional accrediting organization and provides services to:

1. Children in a foster care placement program established by the Department of Child Protection Services, children placed under the Safe Families for Children model, or children at significant risk of entering a foster care placement program established by the Department of Child Protection Services,

2. Children who have a chronic illness or physical, intellectual, developmental or emotional disability, or

3. Children eligible for free or reduced price meals programs under Section 37-11-7, or selected for participation in the Promise Neighborhoods Program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education.

(2) (a) The tax credit authorized in this section shall be available only to a taxpayer who is a business enterprise engaged in commercial, industrial or professional activities and operating as a corporation, limited liability company, partnership or sole proprietorship. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a credit is allowed against the taxes imposed by Sections 27-7-5, 27-15-103, 27-15-109 and 27-15-123, for voluntary cash contributions made by a taxpayer during the taxable year to an eligible charitable organization. From and after January 1, 2022, for a taxpayer that is not operating as a corporation, a credit is also allowed against ad valorem taxes assessed and levied on real property for voluntary cash contributions made by the taxpayer during the taxable year to an eligible charitable organization. The amount of credit that may be utilized by a taxpayer in a taxable year shall be limited to (i) an amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total tax liability of

the taxpayer for the taxes imposed by such sections of law and (ii) an amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total tax liability of the taxpayer for ad valorem taxes assessed and levied on real property. Any tax credit claimed under this section but not used in any taxable year may be carried forward for five (5) consecutive years from the close of the tax year in which the credits were earned.

(b) A contribution to an eligible charitable organization for which a credit is claimed under this section does not qualify for and shall not be included in any credit that may be claimed under Section 27-7-22.39.

(c) A contribution for which a credit is claimed under this section may not be used as a deduction by the taxpayer for state income tax purposes.

(3) Taxpayers taking a credit authorized by this section shall provide the name of the eligible charitable organization and the amount of the contribution to the department on forms provided by the department.

(4) An eligible charitable organization shall provide the department with a written certification that it meets all criteria to be considered an eligible charitable organization. An eligible charitable organization must also provide the department with written documented proof of its license and/or written contract with the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services. The organization shall also notify the department of any changes that may affect eligibility under this section.

(5) The eligible charitable organization's written certification must be signed by an officer of the organization under penalty of perjury. The written certification shall include the following:

(a) Verification of the organization's status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

(b) A statement that the organization does not provide, pay for or provide coverage of abortions and does not financially support any other entity that provides, pays for or provides coverage of abortions;

(c) A statement that the funds generated from the tax credit shall be used for educational resources, staff and expenditures and/or other purposes described in this section.

(d) Any other information that the department requires to administer this section.

(6) The department shall review each written certification and determine whether the organization meets all the criteria to be considered an eligible charitable organization and notify the organization of its determination. The department may also periodically request recertification from the organization. The department shall compile and make available to the public a list of eligible charitable organizations.

(7) Tax credits authorized by this section that are earned by a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation or other similar pass-through entity, shall be allocated among all partners, members or shareholders, respectively, either in proportion to their ownership interest in such entity or as the partners, members or shareholders mutually agree as provided in an executed document.

(8) (a) A taxpayer shall apply for credits with the department on forms prescribed by the department. In the application the taxpayer shall certify to the department the dollar amount of the contributions made or to be made during the calendar year. Within thirty (30) days after the receipt of an application, the department shall allocate credits based on the dollar amount of contributions as certified in the application. However, if the department cannot allocate the full amount of credits certified in the application due to the limit on the aggregate amount of credits that may be awarded under this section in a calendar year, the department shall so notify the applicant within thirty (30) days with the amount of credits, if any, that may be allocated to the applicant in the calendar year. Once the department has allocated credits to a taxpayer, if the contribution for which a credit is allocated has not been made as of the date of the allocation, then the contribution must be made not later than sixty (60) days from the date of the allocation. If the contribution is not made within such time period, the allocation shall be cancelled and returned to the department for reallocation. Upon final documentation of the contributions, if the actual dollar amount of the contributions is lower than the amount estimated, the department shall adjust the tax credit allowed under this section.

(b) A taxpayer who applied for a tax credit under this section during calendar year 2020, but who was unable to be awarded the credit due to the limit on the aggregate amount of credits authorized for calendar year 2020, shall be given priority for tax credits authorized to be allocated to taxpayers under this section by Section 27-7-22.39.

(c) For the purposes of using a tax credit against ad valorem taxes assessed and levied on real property, a taxpayer shall present to the appropriate tax collector the tax credit documentation provided to the taxpayer by the Department of Revenue, and the tax collector shall apply the tax credit against such ad valorem taxes. The tax collector shall forward the tax credit documentation to the Department of Revenue along with the amount of the tax credit applied against ad valorem taxes, and the department shall disburse funds to the tax collector for the amount of the tax credit applied against ad valorem taxes. Such payments by the Department of Revenue shall be made from current tax collections.

(9) The aggregate amount of tax credits that may be allocated by the department under this section during a calendar year shall not exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), and not more than fifty percent (50%) of tax credits allocated during a calendar year may be allocated for contributions to eligible charitable organizations described in subsection (1)(b)(ii) of this section. However, for calendar year 2021, the aggregate amount of tax credits that may be allocated by the department under this section during a calendar year shall not exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00), for calendar year 2022, the aggregate amount of tax credits that may be allocated by the department under this section during a calendar year shall not exceed Sixteen Million Dollars (\$16,000,000.00), and for calendar year 2023, and for each calendar year thereafter, the aggregate amount of tax credits that may be allocated by the department under this section during a calendar year shall not exceed Eighteen Million Dollars (\$18,000,000.00). For calendar year 2021, and for each calendar year thereafter, fifty percent (50%) of the tax credits allocated during a calendar year shall be allocated for contributions to eligible charitable organizations described in subsection (1)(b)(i) of this section and fifty percent (50%) of the tax credits allocated during a calendar year shall be allocated for contributions to eligible charitable organizations described in subsection (1)(b)(ii) of this section. For calendar year 2021, and for each calendar year thereafter, for credits allocated during a calendar year for contributions to eligible charitable organizations described in subsection (1)(b)(i) of this section, no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of such credits may be allocated for contributions to a single eligible charitable organization. Except as otherwise provided in this section, for calendar year 2021, and for each calendar year thereafter, for credits allocated during a calendar year for contributions to eligible charitable organizations described in subsection (1)(b)(ii) of this section, no more than four and one-half percent (4-1/2%) of such credits may be allocated for contributions to a single eligible charitable organization. "

AMEND further by deleting Section 8 of the bill and renumbering succeeding sections accordingly.

AMEND further on line 1281 by striking "5, 6, 7 and 8" and inserting in lieu thereof "5, 6 and 7".

AMEND title to conform.

ADOPTED

On motion of Rep. Lamar, a request was made for the foregoing bill to be read, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Johnson:

AMEND on line 1299 by inserting before the period the following:

"; however, this act shall not take effect unless a general bill is passed into law to extend Medicaid coverage for eligible women for twelve (12) months postpartum to the extent allowable under federal law"

Rep. Massengill moved that Amendment No. 2 be tabled, which motion prevailed.

The foregoing amendment was tabled by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Darnell, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McKnight, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Zuber. Total--70.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--46.

Absent or those not voting--Deweese, Huddleston, Robinson, Yates. Total-4.

Present--Evans, M. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

AMENDMENT NO. 3 BY REPRESENTATIVE Johnson:

AMEND on line 1299 by inserting before the period the following:

"; however, this act shall not take effect unless a general bill is passed into law increasing Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits as follows: for the first family member in a dependent child's budget to an amount not to exceed Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.000) per month; for the second family member in a dependent child's budget to an amount not to exceed Seventy-two Dollars (\$72.00) per month; and each additional family member in a dependent child's budget to an amount not to exceed Forty-eight Dollars (\$48.00) per month"

Rep. Massengill moved that Amendment No. 3 be tabled, which motion prevailed.

The foregoing amendment was tabled by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Zuber. Total--73.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--42.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Deweese, Evans, M, Huddleston, Robinson, Yates. Total-6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Representative Steverson moved the previous question on all pending matters and the motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Darnell, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rushing, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Zuber. Total--68.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCarty, McCray, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--46.

Absent or those not voting--Deweese, Evans, M, Hobgood-Wilkes, Huddleston, Robinson, Sanford, Yates. Total-7.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

On motion of Rep. Lamar, a request was made to withdraw his motion to have the foregoing bill read, which motion prevailed.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1671. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--104.

Nays--Clarke, Faulkner, Harness, Hines, Johnson, Osborne, Porter, Summers, Taylor. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Deweese, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-3.

Present--Banks, Brown, B, Crudup, Evans, B, Karriem. Total--5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1723: Tax credits; authorize for business contributions to certain organizations supporting food pantries or soup kitchens.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1723. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Deweese, Huddleston, Robinson, Summers. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 871: Ad valorem tax; extend time for partial exemption and fee-in-lieu of ad valorem tax agreement for certain renewable energy projects.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 871.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Osborne, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Deweese, Huddleston, Hulum, Newman, Robinson, Young. Total-6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1733: Income tax; revise deduction for depreciation for certain expenditures and property.

Strike all AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES CLARK, HARNESS, HINES AND JOHNSON: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Denton, Faulkner, Foster, Harness, Hines, Johnson, Karriem, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Sanders, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Young. Total--27.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--78.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Deweese, Evans, M, Huddleston, Jackson, Robinson, Scott, Watson. Total-8.

Present--Crudup, Evans, B, Gibbs, K, Holloway, Hulum, McCray, Rosebud, Stamps. Total--8.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--53

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1733. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Brown, B, Clarke, Osborne. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Blackmon, Deweese, Faulkner, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-5.

Present--Summers. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1734: Bonds; authorize for various purposes.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1734. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, B, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Deweese, Huddleston, McCarty, Robinson. Total-4.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Summers. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--69

Representative Johnson entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1671: Tax credits; revise certain existing and authorize additional.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 80: Will Lummus; commend extraordinary rodeo success and accomplishments.

H. R. No. 81: Henry Presley Posey; commend for his dedication to the preservation of Flora and Madison County, MS history and the renaming of the Flora Library to the Posey-Bowering Library.

H. R. No. 82: Colonel Denise Hall; commend distinguished service with the 183rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron.

H. R. No. 83: Honorable Debra Hendricks Gibbs; commend distinguished legislative career and congratulate on election as circuit.

H. R. No. 84: Sarah Lea Anglin; commend for being named the 2022 State Games of Mississippi Female Athlete of the Year.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. B. No. 37: Standard Dedeaux Water District; delete provision on compensation of commissioners.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

S. B. No. 2962: Appropriation; additional appropriations for various state agencies for FY2023 and FY2024.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Major General Alben Norris Hopkins, Jr., Jannie Lou Brown Malley, and Kerth Edwin "Pete" Northrop, which motion prevailed.

Representative Evans (91st) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ricky Barnes, Sr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Tullos moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jeffrey Wayne Batte, which motion prevailed.

Representative Felsher moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Raymond J. Carter, Col. USAR, Ret., which motion prevailed.

Representative Morgan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Tommy Elwood Thornhill, Nelda Jo Bass, and Sylvia Ann Forbes, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Morgan and Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Buddy Carroll Bracey, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Holloway and Johnson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Malcolm Kirkland, which motion prevailed.

At 4:35 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Wednesday, February 22, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023

(FIFTY-FIRST CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Pro Tempore White in the chair. Prayer by Reverend Sam Taylor, First Baptist Church, Florence, MS.

Rep. Weathersby led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Absent or those not voting--Foster, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-3.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Foster, Huddleston and Robinson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 1125: Regulate Experimental Adolescent Procedures (REAP) Act; create to regulate transgender procedures and surgeries.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2019: Sales tax; exempt sales of coins, currency and bullion. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2151: Town of North Carrollton; extend repeal date on restaurant tourism tax. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 2518: City of Batesville; extend repealer on hotel/motel & restaurant tourism tax. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 2521: Town of Carrollton; extend repealer on provision of law authorizing to levy tax on sales of restaurants. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 2858: Mississippi Small Business Investment Company Act; increase the amount of investment tax credits that can be allocated under. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2890: Lee County; authorize annual contributions to Sanctuary Hospice House. Local and Private Legislation.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2167: Early Intervention Task Force; establish. Education.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2384: Foster Care and Adoption Task Force; create. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2485: Early Intervention Act for Infants and Toddlers; add certain individuals to definition of qualified personnel. Education.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1736: (Representatives Goodin, Barnett, Burnett) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Perry County with making upgrades and improvements to three county roadways. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1737: (Representatives Goodin, Barnett, Burnett) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Perry County with construction of infrastructure to provide access to Perry County Industrial Park. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1738: (Representatives Goodin, Barnett, Burnett) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Perry County with upgrading Delta Pine Road to MS Hwy 15. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1739: (Representatives Goodin, Barnett, Burnett) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Perry County with several projects at Sportsman Lake. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1740: (Representative Arnold) Appropriation; Prentiss County for resurfacing roads, replacing a bridge and matching federal funds for those purposes. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1741: (Representatives Goodin, Burnett) Appropriation; Town of Leakesville for infrastructure improvements. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1742: (Representatives Goodin, Burnett) Appropriation; Greene County for new equipment for emergency 911 call center. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1743: (Representatives Goodin, Burnett) Appropriation; Greene County for improvements to Crenshaw Road. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1744: (Representatives Goodin, Burnett) Appropriation; Greene County for construction of a new MSU Extension Office. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1745: (Representatives Goodin, Burnett) Appropriation; Greene County for repairs and improvements to the Greene County Rural Events Center. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1746: (Representatives Goodin, Burnett) Appropriation; Greene County for construction of new voting precinct and community center. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1747: (Representatives Goodin, Burnett) Appropriation; Greene County for improvements to a segment of Old Highway 63. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1748: (Representatives Goodin, Burnett) Appropriation; Greene County for improvements to a segment of Old Highway 63. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1749: (Representatives Goodin, Burnett) Appropriation; Greene County for improvements to a segment of Old Highway 63 and Winborn Chapel Road. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1750: (Representatives Goodin, Burnett) Appropriation; Perry County for several projects at Sportsman Lake. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1751: (Representative Goodin) Appropriation; Perry County to upgrade Delta Pine Road to Hwy 15 and relocate the main water line. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1752: (Representative Goodin) Appropriation; Perry County for construction of a roadway and bridge to provide access to Perry County Industrial Park. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1753: (Representatives Goodin, Burnett) Appropriation; Perry County for upgrades and improvements to three county roadways. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1754: (Representative Calvert) Appropriation; City of Meridian for making road improvements to North Hill Street. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1755: (Representative Goodin) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist George County with drainage and safety improvements for Crenshaw Road. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1756: (Representatives Goodin, Burnett) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Richton with equipment upgrades for town's police department. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1757: (Representative Goodin) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Greene County with acquisition of new equipment for county emergency 911 call center. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1758: (Representatives Goodin, Burnett) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Greene County with overlay and drainage improvements for Crenshaw Road. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1759: (Representatives Goodin, Burnett) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of new MSU extension office in Greene County. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1760: (Representatives Goodin, Burnett) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Greene County with improvements to the Greene County Rural Events Center. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1761: (Representatives Goodin, Burnett) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Greene County with construction of new voting precinct and community center. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1762: (Representatives Goodin, Burnett) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Leakesville with infrastructure improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1763: (Representatives Goodin, Burnett) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Greene County with maintenance of Tung Oil Road and segment of Neely Avera Road. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1764: (Representatives Goodin, Burnett) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Greene County with overlay of a segment of Old Highway 63. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1765: (Representatives Goodin, Burnett) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Greene County with overlay of a segment of Old Highway 63. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1766: (Representatives Goodin, Burnett) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Greene County overlay of Winborn Chapel Road and Old Highway 63. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1767: (Representative Goodin) Appropriation; George County for drainage improvements and upgrades on Crenshaw Road. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1768: (Representatives Goodin, Burnett) Appropriation; Town of Richton for making improvements and upgrades for the police department. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1769: (Representatives Goodin, Burnett) Appropriation; Greene County for improvements to Tung Oil Road and a segment of Neely Avera Road. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1770: (Representatives Turner, Aguirre) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Saltillo with construction of a new fire station. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1771: (Representative Turner) Appropriation; City of Saltillo for construction of a new fire station. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1772: (Representative Paden) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Duncan with extending the walking trail in the town. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1773: (Representative Evans (91st)) Income tax; exclude forgiven, cancelled or discharged federal student loan debt under the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program from the definition of "gross income". Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1774: (Representative Huddleston) Appropriation; Pontotoc County Historical Society to improve accessibility to Pontotoc Town Square Museum and McMackin House. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1775: (Representative Huddleston) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Pontotoc County Historical Society with renovation of Pontotoc Town Square Museum and Post Office building and McMackin House. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1776: (Representative Karriem) Appropriation; City of Columbus for supporting its Parks and Recreation Department. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1777: (Representatives McLean, Boyd (37th), Karriem) Appropriation; Columbus Redevelopment Authority for development of the Parkview residential/commercial project. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1778: (Representatives McLean, Boyd (37th), Karriem) Appropriation; City of Columbus for completion of the Senator Terry Brown Amphitheater. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1779: (Representative Boyd (19th)) Appropriation; City of Tupelo for matching funds for federal grants for improvements for railway lines in the city. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1780: (Representative Boyd (19th)) Appropriation; City of Tupelo for upgrade of HVAC air filtration system for the city aquatic facility. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1781: (Representative Boyd (19th)) Appropriation; Mantachie Volunteer Fire Department for maintaining an existing building and constructing a new building. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1782: (Representative Boyd (19th)) Appropriation; Houston Palestine Water Association for making improvements to the water system. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1783: (Representative Boyd (19th)) Appropriation; Itawamba County School District to construct and equip a new building for the agriculture program at Mantachie High School. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1784: (Representative Boyd (19th)) Appropriation; Mooreville-Richmond Water Association for upgrades and improvements to its water systems. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1785: (Representative Boyd (19th)) Appropriation; Richmond Volunteer Fire Department in Lee County for purchase of a fire truck. Appropriations.

H. R. No. 87: (Representatives Boyd (19th), Turner) Harry Aubrey Martin; commend life, service and philanthropic legacy of upon his passing. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2215: State depositories; revise definition of "primary capital." Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JERRY R. TURNER, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AFFAIRS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2312: County-owned real estate; establish competitive bidding process for lease or sale. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

LARRY BYRD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2103: Definitions and penalties regarding regulation of gasoline and petroleum products; extend repealer on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2339: Provision of law establishing energy efficiency standards for building construction; extend repealer on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

BRENT POWELL, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY A

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2090: Board of Funeral Services; revise provisions related to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2653: Nonprofit corporations which receive public funds; require reporting to Secretary of State. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2073: Age of majority; lower to 18 for securing loans and entering contracts for real property. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2146: Uncrewed aircraft systems; regulate. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2382: Out-of-state lawyers; required to disclose whether licensed to practice law in Mississippi in television ads. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2379: Code books; revise number required to be ordered from publisher. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

ANGELA COCKERHAM, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2530: "Secretary of State Eric Clark Coastal Preserve" and "Gollott Island/Godfather Point"; Department of Marine Resources designate. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2544: Regulation of oyster beds and water bottoms by the MS Department of Marine Resources; bring forward authority. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2550: Commercial crabbing licenses; applicable to boat instead of each fisherman. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2551: Department of Marine Resources, Office of Marine Patrol; cooperate with federal law enforcement. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

TIMMY LADNER, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2138: Tourism; designate the Mississippi Opal as the state gemstone. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2137: "Mississippi Native Plant Month"; designate each April as. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

BECKY CURRIE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2002: Memorial highways; designate segments of highways to Bradford C. Freeman and Douglas Anderson. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2559: Transportation; extend repealer on harvest permit authorization and fees. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2561: Highways; make the MS Transportation Commission vote on use of ERBR Fund monies majority instead of unanimous. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2562: Transportation; allow public and private partnerships to establish electric vehicle charging stations. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2569: Transportation; allow and regulate autonomous vehicles. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2588: "Commissioner Dick Hall Hospitality Station"; MDOT to designate Warren County Welcome Center as. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2589: West Rankin Parkway; expand permission for use of federal funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2583: Small unmanned aircraft systems; require state purchase and servicing of from American companies only. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

CHARLES BUSBY, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2486: Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Act and the Mississippi Uniform Agents Act; bring forward sections. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2581: Commission on College Accreditation; revise technical provision related thereto. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2590: Mississippi State University authority to lease property for public-private partnership student housing; increase term. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

MAC HUDDLESTON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2595: ARPA Workforce Development and Retention Act; provide expiration date of grant funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2810: Office of Workforce Development; amend certain provisions relating to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

DONNIE BELL, Chairman

Representative Holloway introduced special guest, Ms. Verbia Cooper Harden, H. R. No. 55.

Rep. Roberson called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

S. C. R. No. 547: Mourn the loss of legendary Defensive Football Coach Jim Carmody and remembering his legacy.

S. C. R. No. 548: Congratulate Picayune High School "Maroon Tide" Football Team for back-to-back MHSAA Class 5A State Championship.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Foster, Huddleston, Read, Robinson. Total-5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Roberson called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

H. R. No. 85: Council of State Governments Southern Office; commend on occasion of the 77th Southern Legislative Conference of CSG (South).

H. R. No. 86: Elnora Littleton; commend leadership as Executive Director and Head Start Director for the Bolivar County Community Action Agency/Head Start in Cleveland.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. R. No. 85: Council of State Governments Southern Office; commend on occasion of the 77th Southern Legislative Conference of CSG (South).

H. R. No. 86: Elnora Littleton; commend leadership as Executive Director and Head Start Director for the Bolivar County Community Action Agency/Head Start in Cleveland.

S. C. R. No. 547: Mourn the loss of legendary Defensive Football Coach Jim Carmody and remembering his legacy.

S. C. R. No. 548: Congratulate Picayune High School "Maroon Tide" Football Team for back-to-back MHSAA Class 5A State Championship.

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1702: Sales tax; exempt sales of books at the Mississippi Book Festival.

A committee substitute was tabled.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Lamar:

AMEND on line 371 by inserting ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023" before the period.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Sanford:

AMEND by inserting the following after line 369:

" (bbb) Sales of tangible personal property or services to Veterans Outreach."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1702.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Home, Hulm, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Foster, Huddleston, Read, Robinson. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Wallace called up:

S. B. No. 2352: Elections; penalty for fraudulently requesting or submitting absentee ballots.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2352.** On motion of Rep. Wallace the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--81.

Nays--Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson. Total--36.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Foster, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Wallace called up:

S. B. No. 2353: Elections; increase wage range for poll workers.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2353.** On motion of Rep. Wallace the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos,

Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.
Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.
Absent or those not voting--Foster, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Wallace called up:

S. B. No. 2358: Ballot harvesting; ban.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 22 by striking "(*)" and inserting in lieu thereof "(2)".

ADOPTED

Rep. Hulum moved to table, which motion failed by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Miles, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--41.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--77.

Absent or those not voting--Foster, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Wallace the foregoing bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Rep. Rushing called up:

S. B. No. 2526: Pat Harrison Waterway District; authorize municipalities to join.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2526.** On motion of Rep. Rushing the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight,

McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, McCarty, Morgan, Owen, Pigott, Tubb. Total--10.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Foster, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Rushing called up:

S. B. No. 2839: Public Improvement District Act; amend to allow municipality to perform duties and exercise powers in certain circumstances.

On motion of Rep. Criswell the foregoing bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Rep. Byrd called up:

S. B. No. 2392: Fees for county garbage collection; revise provision related to.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Byrd:

AMEND on line 103 by striking the following: ", and shall stand repealed on June 29, 2023".

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2392.** On motion of Rep. Byrd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--101.

Nays--Banks, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Evans, B, Hines, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Williamson. Total--11.

Absent or those not voting--Crudup, Foster, Huddleston, Owen, Roberson, Robinson. Total-6.

Present--Clark, Porter, Stamps. Total--3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Byrd called up:

S. B. No. 2734: County boards of supervisors; permit to expend federal funds during the last term of office of such board.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2734**. On motion of Rep. Byrd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.
Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Foster, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 1721: Appropriation; Health Department for MS Baptist Medical Center in Jackson to establish a burn center or unit.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Oliver: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1721**. On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read,

Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--102.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, McCarty, McGee, Owen, Summers, Williamson, Yates. Total--11.

Absent or those not voting--Bell, C, Currie, Deweese, Foster, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-6.

Present--Anderson, J, Bailey. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Steverson called up:

S. B. No. 2647: Real estate licensee; revise liability.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2647**. On motion of Rep. Steverson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Evans, B, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Bell, C, Foster, Huddleston, Robinson, Yates. Total-5.

Present--Jackson, Karriem. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Representative Lamar called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1671:** (Tax credits; revise certain existing and authorize additional.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Timothy Montgomery, Martha Park, Rayford Thorne, Mary Sue Torrence, Sherrell Crout, Franklin Burnside, Dorothy Joy Sumerall, Infant Zayden Blake Havard, and Edward Earl Denton, which motion prevailed.

Representative Tullos moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ruby D. Matthews, Rayford D. Thorne, Charlotte Faye Newman, Betty H. James, and Jimmy Stringer, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hobgood-Wilkes moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Kenneth O'Neal "Bogan" Smith, which motion prevailed.

At 3:36 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Thursday, February 23, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTY-EIGHTH DAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2023

(FIFTY-SECOND CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Reverend Chad Williams, Pastor of Pleasant Springs Missionary Baptist Church, Magnolia, MS.

Rep. Porter led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Huddleston and Robinson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Haney and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2335: Income tax credit; allow for employer making direct payments to entity for dependent care on behalf of employee.

S. B. No. 2700: Homestead; provide full exemption for unremarried surviving spouse of U.S. military member killed on active duty or training.

S. B. No. 3101: Mississippi Full Expensing Tax Reform Act of 2023; create.

S. B. No. 3102: Income tax; revise certain provisions relating to electing pass-through entities.

S. B. No. 3113: Appropriation; additional to Office of Workforce Development for certain programs, ARPA funds.

S. B. No. 3114: Appropriation; additional to DEQ for Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program, ARPA funds.

S. B. No. 3115: Appropriation; additional to DOH for ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program.

S. B. No. 3116: Appropriation; additional to DFA for destination marketing organizations and Main Street Association, ARPA funds.

S. B. No. 3117: Appropriation; additional for DFA - Office of Insurance for State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan, ARPA funds.

S. B. No. 3118: Appropriation; additional to DFA - Bureau of Buildings, ARPA funds.

S. B. No. 3119: Appropriation; additional to DOH for Mississippi Hospital Sustainability Grant Program, ARPA funds.

S. B. No. 3120: Capital Expense Fund; FY2024 appropriation to MDOT for certain infrastructure expenses.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2082: Child support; administratively suspend obligations for incarcerated individuals. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2160: State Board of Cosmetology and Board of Barber Examiners; merge into one board. Public Health and Human Services.

S. B. No. 2212: Recipients of Medicaid; extend postpartum coverage up to 12 months. Medicaid.

S. B. No. 2603: Digital Asset Mining Protection Act; create. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2638: Ballot initiative measure process; revise the statutory provisions of. Constitution.

S. B. No. 2644: Divorce; authorize where marriage is irretrievably broken. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2817: Mississippi Burn Center; revise provisions related thereto. Public Health and Human Services.

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S. B. No. 2335: Income tax credit; allow for employer making direct payments to entity for dependent care on behalf of employee. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2700: Homestead; provide full exemption for unremarried surviving spouse of U.S. military member killed on active duty or training. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 3101: Mississippi Full Expensing Tax Reform Act of 2023; create. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 3102: Income tax; revise certain provisions relating to electing pass-through entities. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 3113: Appropriation; additional to Office of Workforce Development for certain programs, ARPA funds. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3114: Appropriation; additional to DEQ for Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program, ARPA funds. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3115: Appropriation; additional to DOH for ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3116: Appropriation; additional to DFA for destination marketing organizations and Main Street Association, ARPA funds. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3117: Appropriation; additional for DFA - Office of Insurance for State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan, ARPA funds. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3118: Appropriation; additional to DFA - Bureau of Buildings, ARPA funds. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3119: Appropriation; additional to DOH for Mississippi Hospital Sustainability Grant Program, ARPA funds. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 3120: Capital Expense Fund; FY2024 appropriation to MDOT for certain infrastructure expenses. Appropriations.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. R. No. 88: (Representative Clarke) Roy L. Dixon, Sr.; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY, EFFICIENCY, TRANSPARENCY

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2053: Deficit Prevention Act; require state agencies to notify certain officials when likelihood of a deficit exists. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2054: Appointed state officers; provide for the removal of for certain forms of willful neglect. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2514: Secretary of State; clarify authority to transfer land records to Department of Archives and History. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2538: Mississippi Regional Pre-Need Disaster Clean Up Act; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2673: Mississippi Real Estate Appraisal Board; make independent from Mississippi Real Estate Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2844: Bureau of Fleet Management; revise duties thereof. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

RANDY P. BOYD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DRUG POLICY

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2281: Mississippi Fentanyl and Drug Abuse Education Program; establish within Department of Mental Health. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2282: Pseudoephedrine; delete the automatic repealer on the provision that authorizes the distribution of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2336: Prevention of overdoses; authorize use of drug-testing equipment and expand use of opioid antagonists. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

LEE YANCEY, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2224: Insurance; prohibit insurer or third-party payors from setting maximum dollar amount of reimbursement for proper ventilation treatment. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2227: Federal Home Loan Banks; provide certain rights and procedures regarding collateral. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2228: Pet insurance; establish provisions for the sale and renewal of policies. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2615: Contract personnel; authorize to purchase base plan of the State and School Employees' Health Insurance Plan. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2623: Mississippi State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan Task Force; establish. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2649: Minority; remove for beneficiaries of certain insurance policies. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

HENRY ZUBER III, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY B

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2079: Mississippi School Protection Act; enact to allow armed educators. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2120: Firearms; authorize law enforcement officers to purchase at fair market value upon retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2199: County prosecuting attorney; clarify authorization to defend persons in criminal prosecutions in any other county. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2298: Bail agents; revise procedure for determining in municipal and justice courts. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2308: Municipalities; authorize to assess administrative or civil penalties for zoning violations. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2420: Public Funds Offender Registry; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

NICK BAIN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UTILITIES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2104: Mississippi Gulf Coast Region Utility Act; extend repealer on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2341: Electric transmission infrastructure; maintain state jurisdiction over integrity of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2717: Department of Information Technology Services; require to report ransomware incidents and revise provisions related thereto. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2728: Statewide master agreements and utilization of information technology acquisitions made by other entities; authorize. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2433: Regulation of public utilities; exempt distribution of water by eligible homeowners association to its own residents from. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2512: Counties; authorize to designate ARPA funds to rural water and sewer associations and municipalities for infrastructure projects. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

C. SCOTT BOUNDS, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UTILITIES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2102: Impending emergency excavation; define, establish advance notice requirements and require premarking for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

C. SCOTT BOUNDS, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. R. No. 87: Harry Aubrey Martin; commend life, service and philanthropic legacy of upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 88: Roy L. Dixon, Sr.; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

Representative Roberson introduced special guests from the Mississippi Horse Park, H. R. No. 48.

Rep. Rushing called up:

S. B. No. 2839: Public Improvement District Act; amend to allow municipality to perform duties and exercise powers in certain circumstances.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2839**. On motion of Rep. Rushing the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Owen. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Huddleston, Robinson, Scott. Total-4.

Present--Hines. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Weathersby called up:

S. B. No. 2203: Public land in Rankin County; authorize DFA to assign property to state agencies and establish new Veterans Nursing Home.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2203**. On motion of Rep. Weathersby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Owen. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Banks, Boyd, R, Currie, Huddleston, Robinson, Weathersby, Young. Total-7.

Present--Summers. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Weathersby called up:

S. B. No. 2309: MDAH property; authorize DFA to clarify donation if certain lands in Claiborne County to U.S. Park Service.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2309**. On motion of Rep. Weathersby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Banks, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Hobgood-Wilkes, Huddleston, Robinson, Young. Total-5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Crudup called up:

S. B. No. 2723: Former First Christian Church property within the Capitol Complex; authorize DFA to purchase.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2723.** On motion of Rep. Crudup the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Banks, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Osborne, Williamson. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Owen, Robinson, Young. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Weathersby called up:

S. B. No. 2722: "North Forty" property; authorize DFA to purchase.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2722.** On motion of Rep. Weathersby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Osborne, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson, Summers, Young. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Mims called up:

S. B. No. 2622: Mississippi Prior Authorization Reform Act; enact.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2622.** On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Ladner. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, K, Huddleston, Robinson, Scott, Williamson, Young. Total-6.

Present--Banks, Evans, B. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Cockerham called up:

S. B. No. 2090: Board of Funeral Services; revise provisions related to.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Rep. Cockerham called up:

S. B. No. 2146: Uncrewed aircraft systems; regulate.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2146.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Currie, Huddleston, Owen, Robinson, Williamson. Total-6.

Present--Brown, B, Evans, B. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Cockerham called up:

S. B. No. 2379: Code books; revise number required to be ordered from publisher.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on page 6 by deleting lines 140 through 144 in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(2) The sets of actual bound volumes of the Mississippi Code of 1972 * * * shall be provided to each person or entity listed in subsection (1) * * * unless the person or entity requests in writing to the Joint Committee on Compilation, Revision and Publication of Legislation not to receive one (1) or more of the sets that the person or entity is authorized to receive under subsection (1).

AMEND FURTHER the title by deleting lines 1 through 4 in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1-1-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE ACTUAL BOUND VOLUMES OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972 SHALL BE PROVIDED TO EACH PERSON OR ENTITY AS AUTHORIZED BY THIS SECTION UNLESS THE PERSON OR ENTITY REQUESTS IN WRITING NOT TO RECEIVE ANY OF THE VOLUMES; TO AMEND SECTION 1-1-33,"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2379.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter,

Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Currie called up:

S. B. No. 2138: Tourism; designate the Mississippi Opal as the state gemstone.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2138.** On motion of Rep. Currie the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Currie called up:

S. B. No. 2137: "Mississippi Native Plant Month"; designate each April as.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2137.** On motion of Rep. Currie the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Paden, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Busby called up:

S. B. No. 2002: Memorial highways; designate segments of highways to Bradford C. Freeman and Douglas Anderson.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Busby:

AMEND on line 29 by striking "June 30" and inserting in lieu thereof: "June 29".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2002.** On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.
Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Busby called up:

S. B. No. 2559: Transportation; delete repealer on harvest permit authorization and fees.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2559.** On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke,

Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Owen, Robinson. Total-3.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Busby called up:

S. B. No. 2561: Highways; make the MS Transportation Commission vote on use of ERBR Fund monies majority instead of unanimous.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2561.** On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Owen, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Busby called up:

S. B. No. 2562: Transportation; allow public and private partnerships to establish electric vehicle charging stations.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2562.** On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford,

Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, McLeod, Owen, Williamson. Total--

7.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson. Total-2.

Present--Evans, B, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Busby called up:

S. B. No. 2569: Transportation; allow and regulate autonomous vehicles.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2569.** On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Stamps. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Ladner, Robinson. Total-3.

Present--Crudup. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Busby called up:

S. B. No. 2588: "Commissioner Dick Hall Hospitality Station"; MDOT to designate Warren County Welcome Center as.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2588.** On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Ladner, Robinson, Young. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Busby called up:

S. B. No. 2589: West Rankin Parkway; expand permission for use of federal funds.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2589.** On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Busby called up:

S. B. No. 2853: Small unmanned aircraft systems; require state purchase and servicing of from American companies only.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2853**. On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson, Young. Total-3.

Present--Anderson, J, Clark, Crudup, Jackson, Karriem, Porter, Rosebud, Scott. Total--8.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--55

Rep. Byrd called up:

S. B. No. 2312: County-owned real estate; establish competitive bidding process for lease or sale.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2312**. On motion of Rep. Byrd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Scoggin called up:

S. B. No. 2486: Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Act and the Mississippi Uniform Agents Act; bring forward sections.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2486.** On motion of Rep. Scoggin the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Haney, McLeod. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Huddleston, McCarty, Robinson. Total--4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Scoggin called up:

S. B. No. 2581: Commission on College Accreditation; revise technical provision related thereto.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2581.** On motion of Rep. Scoggin the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.
Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Scoggin called up:

S. B. No. 2590: Mississippi State University authority to lease property for public-private partnership student housing; increase term.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2590. On motion of Rep. Scoggin the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.
Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bain called up:

S. B. No. 2199: County prosecuting attorney; clarify authorization to defend persons in criminal prosecutions in any other county.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2199. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson. Total-2.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bounds called up:

S. B. No. 2104: Mississippi Gulf Coast Region Utility Act; extend repealer on.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2104. On motion of Rep. Bounds the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Anderson (122nd) called up:

S. B. No. 2341: Electric transmission infrastructure; maintain state jurisdiction over integrity of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2341. On motion of Rep. Anderson (122nd) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Ladner, Robinson, Scott. Total-4.

Present--Clark. Total--1.
Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Bounds called up:

S. B. No. 2728: Statewide master agreements and utilization of information technology acquisitions made by other entities; authorize.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 118 by inserting the following language after the word "services":

"including cloud computing,"

AMEND FURTHER on line 124 by inserting the following language after the word "authorized":

"to consider new technologies, such as cloud computing,"

AMEND FURTHER on line 207 by inserting the following language after the word "services":

"including cloud computing,"

AMEND FURTHER on line 211 by inserting the following language after the word "services":

"including cloud computing,"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2728.** On motion of Rep. Bounds the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bounds called up:

S. B. No. 2717: Department of Information Technology Services; require to report ransomware incidents and revise provisions related thereto.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2717.** On motion of Rep. Bounds the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bailey, P, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bounds called up:

S. B. No. 2433: Regulation of public utilities; exempt distribution of water by eligible homeowners association to its own residents from.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2433. On motion of Rep. Bounds the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--77.

Nays--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Johnson, Karriem, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson. Total--36.

Absent or those not voting--Bailey, P, Foster, Haney, Huddleston, Jackson, Robinson, Young. Total-7.

Present--McCray. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Bounds called up:

S. B. No. 2512: Counties; authorize to designate ARPA funds to rural water and sewer associations for infrastructure projects.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2512. On motion of Rep. Bounds the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. R. No. 87: Harry Aubrey Martin; commend life, service and philanthropic legacy of upon his passing.

H. R. No. 88: Roy L. Dixon, Sr.; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

Representative Bounds entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

S. B. No. 2512: Counties; authorize to designate ARPA funds to rural water and sewer associations for infrastructure projects.

Representative Banks entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

S. B. No. 2433: Regulation of public utilities; exempt distribution of water by eligible homeowners association to its own residents from.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. B. No. 1125: Regulate Experimental Adolescent Procedures (REAP) Act; create to regulate transgender procedures and surgeries.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. C. R. No. 547: Mourn the loss of legendary Defensive Football Coach Jim Carmody and remembering his legacy.

S. C. R. No. 548: Congratulate Picayune High School "Maroon Tide" Football Team for back-to-back MHSAA Class 5A State Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 85: Council of State Governments Southern Office; commend on occasion of the 77th Southern Legislative Conference of CSG (South).

H. R. No. 86: Elnora Littleton; commend leadership as Executive Director and Head Start Director for the Bolivar County Community Action Agency/Head Start in Cleveland.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Bennett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ilene Mann Rucker, which motion prevailed.

Representative Evans (91st) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Reba Ann Evans Hammond, which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James Chester Sawyer, Jr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Bain moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Huey Cantrell, Billy Ray Briggs, Linda Gale Sanders, Eva Bright, Brenda Childs, Sidnette Carlisle, James Enos, Vernon Roberts, Jr. , and Donnie Gant, which motion prevailed.

Representative Smith moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Timothy Wade Graham, Daniel "Daddy Mack" Martin, William Wayne Grayson, Rebecca Fay Ainsworth, Helen Louise Dearman, Billy Gene Baxley, and John Allen Parker, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Horne and Smith moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Richard Joe Savell, Sr., which motion prevailed.

Representatives Hood and Rushing moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Terry Earl McMullan, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Tullos and Wallace moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Robert Larry Boone, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Felsher and Zuber moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Joseph St. Amant, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hood moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Walter Hale Gazaway, Edward Arthur Halfacre, Billy James Kelly, Peggy Ann Wade

Heard, Helen Street Cefalu, Thomas Edward Womack, Sammy Ozier Slay, Jerome Wolfe, Effie Lee Coleman, Mary Virginia Baswsell Arnett, Joe Douglas Edwards, Jewell Childs Hill, Alice Coburn, Tom Brown Bailey, Kathleen Garvin White, Ivie Dell "Idell" Oglesby, Sallie Hill, Margaret Barnhill Johnson, Jerry Richard Gilbert, James "Bill" Stewart, Sr., Dorothy Alene "Dottie" Mitchell, L. C. Austin, Lorraine Behling, Louise Brassfield, Willie Lee Swanigan, Quentin D. Walls, Ralph K. Duran, Janice Kay Fulgham, Dr. James Thomas Bryant, Sr., Wilma Snyder Davis, Faith LeJean Crowe Crimm, Shawn Perrigin, Ronald Wayne Peden, Faye C. Hodge, Jimmie Sue Hatcher, Linda Jones White, Kenneth Randle Prisock, Marcus Ellis Oswald, Harbert Stanley "Stan" Gilbert, Glyndale Weeks, Mary Joyce "Mae" Gladney, Junie Livingston "Bear" Fuller, Jack M. Nowell, Charlotte Burchfield, Jimmy Ralph Williams, Qullie Mae McDonald, Maxine McCulloch, Brenda Faye Mullins, Dana Marie Ross, Brenda LaJoyce Miller Seward, Edgar Baker Kinard, Cindy Melton Box, Walter Perry Eaves, Kevin W. Hitt, and Opal Shepherd McBrayer, which motion prevailed.

At 3:27 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, February 24, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTY-NINTH DAY, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2023

(FIFTY-THIRD CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Andy Boyd.

Rep. Boyd, A led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Huddleston and Robinson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Haney and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. C. R. No. 2: National Therapy Animal Day; celebrate in Mississippi on April 30, 2023.

H. C. R. No. 35: Ole Miss Baseball Team; commend for winning the 2022 NCAA Baseball National Championship.

H. C. R. No. 37: Booneville Lions Club; commend upon the 75th anniversary of its founding.

H. C. R. No. 38: Honorable Debra Hendricks Gibbs; commend distinguished legislative career and congratulate on election as circuit.

S. B. No. 2149: City of Guntown; authorize the use of side by side vehicles on certain public roads.

S. C. R. No. 549: Commemorate 77th Southern Legislative Conference of the Council of State Governments.

S. C. R. No. 550: Expressing the support of the Legislature for the plaintiffs in Harrison Co. et al. v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

S. C. R. No. 551: Honor the legacy of decorated WWII Army Corporal L.C. Jackson of Brookhaven, Mississippi, on his 100th Birthday.

S. C. R. No. 552: Mourn the loss of WWII and Korean War pilot Brigadier General Sam Forbert, Jr.

S. C. R. No. 553: Mourn the passing of Major Gen. Al Hopkins, Chairman of the MS Gaming Commission and respected Gulfport Attorney and Civic Leader.

S. C. R. No. 554: Commend University of Mississippi baseball Head Coach Mike Bianco as National Coach of the Year.

S. C. R. No. 555: Mourn passing and commend civic leadership of businessman Wirt Adams Yerger, Jr., of Jackson, MS.

S. C. R. No. 556: Congratulate Ole Miss Senior Offensive Lineman Nick Broeker as winner of 2022 Kent Hull Trophy and for postseason awards.

S. C. R. No. 557: Congratulate Neshoba County School District Superintendent Dr. Lundy Brantley as 2022-2023 "Superintendent of the Year."

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 1034: State Veterans Affairs Board; revise composition of.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2612: Construction; bring forward code sections concerning local permitting and State Board of Contractors licensing. Ways and Means.

Representative Massengill entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

S. B. No. 2569: Transportation; allow and regulate autonomous vehicles.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 87: Harry Aubrey Martin; commend life, service and philanthropic legacy of upon his passing.

H. R. No. 88: Roy L. Dixon, Sr.; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Karriem moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Valecia "Lisa" Perkins Harris, which motion prevailed.

Representative Ford (73rd) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jane C. Kelly, which motion prevailed.

At 9:04 AM, on motion of Rep. Massengill the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, February 27, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FORTIETH DAY, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2023

(FIFTY-SIXTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Gene Newman.

Rep. Newman led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins,

Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Turner. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Huddleston and Turner.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Monday, February 27, 2023

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bill:

H. B. No. 37: Standard Dedeaux Water District; delete provision on compensation of commissioners. Monday, February 27, 2023, 1:39 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 1162: Reciprocal insurance; revise sworn declaration requirements of and board of directors for.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 603: State budget; bring forward sections relating to.

H. B. No. 604: New programs funded with ARPA funds; revise certain provisions and bring forward sections of.

H. B. No. 1084: Insurance agents; revise the continuing education requirements of those who are 65 and have been licensed for 20 years.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. C. R. No. 533: Constitution; amend to revise ballot initiative process. Constitution.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. C. R. No. 549: Commemorate 77th Southern Legislative Conference of the Council of State Governments. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 550: Expressing the support of the Legislature for the plaintiffs in Harrison Co. et al. v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 551: Honor the legacy of decorated WWII Army Corporal L.C. Jackson of Brookhaven, Mississippi, on his 100th Birthday. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 552: Mourn the loss of WWII and Korean War pilot Brigadier General Sam Forbert, Jr. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 553: Mourn the passing of Major Genl. Al Hopkins, Chairman of the MS Gaming Commission and respected Gulfport Attorney and Civic Leader. Rules.

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S. C. R. No. 556: Congratulate Ole Miss Senior Offensive Lineman Nick Broeker as winner of 2022 Kent Hull Trophy and for postseason awards. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 557: Congratulate Neshoba County School District Superintendent Dr. Lundy Brantley as 2022-2023 "Superintendent of the Year." Rules.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. R. No. 89: (Representatives Powell, Yancey) Northwest Rankin High School Cheerleaders; commend upon winning back-to-back UCA Large Varsity Division I Game Day Cheerleading National Championships. Rules.

H. R. No. 90: (Representative Holloway) Jerry Sims; commend for exceptional success in business and outstanding legacy in track and field at Alcorn State University. Rules.

H. R. No. 91: (Representatives Creekmore IV, Massengill, Steverson) Coach Norris Ray Ashley; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY A

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2218: Third-party service; prohibit from using name, likeness, trademark or intellectual property of merchant without agreement. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2652: Mississippi Vulnerable Person Abuse Registry; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2140: National Security on State Devices and Networks Act; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2729: Limitation of liability requirements for information technology contracts; clarify. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

ANGELA COCKERHAM, Chairman

Rep. Mims called up:

S. B. No. 2323: Community hospitals; allow consolidation and collaboration involving other hospitals.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2323**. On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert,

Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McLeod, Mickens, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--90.

Nays--Anderson, J, Barnett, Bennett, Bomgar, Brown, C, Crawford, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Eubanks, Felsher, Ford, J, Hopkins, McCarty, McKnight, McLean, Miles, Morgan, Owen, Pigott, Smith, Tubb. Total--22.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Huddleston, Mims, Sanford, Tullos, Turner, Williamson, Young. Total-8.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--55

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. C. R. No. 2: National Therapy Animal Day; celebrate in Mississippi on April 30, 2023.

H. C. R. No. 35: Ole Miss Baseball Team; commend for winning the 2022 NCAA Baseball National Championship.

H. C. R. No. 37: Booneville Lions Club; commend upon the 75th anniversary of its founding.

H. C. R. No. 38: Honorable Debra Hendricks Gibbs; commend distinguished legislative career and congratulate on election as circuit.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

S. B. No. 2526: Pat Harrison Waterway District; authorize municipalities to join.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2138: Tourism; designate the Mississippi Opal as the state gemstone.

S. B. No. 2146: Uncrewed aircraft systems; regulate.

S. B. No. 2199: County prosecuting attorney; clarify authorization to defend persons in criminal prosecutions in any other county.

S. B. No. 2561: Highways; make the MS Transportation Commission vote on use of ERBR Fund monies majority instead of unanimous.

S. B. No. 2581: Commission on College Accreditation; revise technical provision related thereto.

S. B. No. 2589: West Rankin Parkway; expand permission for use of federal funds.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. B. No. 1162: Reciprocal insurance; revise sworn declaration requirements of and board of directors for.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Bennett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Willie Nathan Orr, Sr. , Ted Allen Molesworth, Robert Wayne Cuevas, Nancy Ann Sison, and James Lee Weeks, which motion prevailed.

Representative Denton moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Annie M. Jones , and Nelsie L. Mitchell, which motion prevailed.

Representative Robinson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Peggy Ellen Harville, which motion prevailed.

Representative Scoggin moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ricky Mitchell, and Pascal "Gus" Townsend, which motion prevailed.

Representative Aguirre moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Freddie Kennedy, and Teresa Turner, which motion prevailed.

Representative Reynolds moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Bobby Brunson, which motion prevailed.

At 4:16 PM, on motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, February 28, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FORTY-FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023

(FIFTY-SEVENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Donnie Scoggin.

Rep. Scoggin led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Turner, Wallace. Total-3.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Huddleston, Turner and Wallace.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Haney and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Tuesday, February 28, 2023

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bill:

H. B. No. 1125: Regulate Experimental Adolescent Procedures (REAP) Act; create to regulate transgender procedures and surgeries. Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 1:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2149: City of Guntown; authorize the use of side by side vehicles on certain public roads. Local and Private Legislation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1786: (Representative Harness) Town of Bude; authorize issuance of package retailer's permits in. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1787: (Representative Mims) Scenic Rivers Development Alliance; authorize to create special purpose entities. Local and Private Legislation.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2523: Pecan Harvesting Law; revise penalties for violating. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

BILL PIGOTT, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2372: Mississippi Hospital Sustainability Grant Program; establish and provide eligibility for funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2444: ARPA programs; bring forward provisions related to for possible amendment. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2446: Appropriations; revise certain transfers, fund authority, and FY2023 appropriations. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2454: Budget; bring forward code sections related to and provide for transfers. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2616: Real Estate Commission; decrease fees charged by. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2663: Mississippi Historic Site Preservation Fund; revise grant eligibility and require annual report. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2664: Appropriations; revise certain FY2023 appropriations and direct transfers. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2724: Department of Public Safety building project and contract; exempt from certain public purchasing requirements. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2727: Mississippi Office of Space and Technology; create and direct Mississippi Development Authority to administer. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

S. C. R. No. 533: Constitution; amend to revise ballot initiative process. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted As Amended.

FRED SHANKS, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON CORRECTIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2495: State inmates; require MDOC to pay increased rate to house inmates in county jails. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

KEVIN HORAN, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2333: Public schools; require staff training to assist with seizures. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2360: Agricultural high schools; revise board membership. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2524: Sixteenth Section land; authorize long-term contracts for sale of certain forest products. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2585: William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program; revise provisions of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2586: Computer science curriculum; clarify terminology to specify who may provide instruction in. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2751: Sixteenth section lands; no law, ordinance or regulation shall prohibit school districts from using for educational facilities. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2812: Board for administration of certain failing school district; extend date of repeal. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2364: Mississippi Adequate Education Program; bring forward provision related to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2749: School board members; increase pay. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2164: Real property owned by school districts; allow to be sold for development. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2167: Early Intervention Task Force; establish. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2361: Mississippi Modified School Calendar Grant Program; establish and provide eligibility criteria. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2485: Early Intervention Act for Infants and Toddlers; add certain individuals to definition of qualified personnel. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

RICHARD BENNETT, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
ENERGY AND WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2697: Oil and gas severance taxes; extend repealers on lower rate for production from horizontally drilled wells. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

BRENT POWELL, Chairman
JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, ChairmanREPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
FORESTRY AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2525: Forestry; create the Forestry Facility Grant Program. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

KEN MORGAN, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY A

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2197: Veteran service officers; authorize certain action on behalf of a veteran under a power of attorney, provide immunity to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2075: Birth certificate; adoptee may obtain certified copy of original after age 21. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2082: Child support; administratively suspend obligations for incarcerated individuals. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2077: Charitable Organizations; Raise audit threshold for contributions to \$750,000.00, and use a cash basis only. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2384: Foster Care and Adoption Task Force; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

ANGELA COCKERHAM, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY B

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2099: Motor vehicle theft; revise penalty for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2100: Receiving stolen property; revise the crime of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2101: Criminal law; revise crimes of fleeing a law enforcement officer, resisting arrest and carjacking. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2239: State law enforcement officers; authorize use of uniforms, weapons and vehicles off duty while performing security services. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2346: Material harmful to minors; provide for liability for any entity that distributes on the internet without age verification. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

NICK BAIN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY B

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2297: Forensics laboratory; require approval of model of intoxilyzer equipment that is readily available to law enforcement agencies. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2376: Youth court; clarify that disclosure of certain records in criminal matters do not require youth court approval. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2343: Capitol police; revise jurisdiction of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2634: Child support; allow criminal charges three years after the child turns twenty-one. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

NICK BAIN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY B

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2127: Terroristic threats; revise elements of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2347: Hospital police department; authorize for certain private entities. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2337: Conspiracy; revise statute of limitations. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

NICK BAIN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON JUDICIARY B AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2645: Circuit court districts; increase number of assistant district attorneys and criminal investigators. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

NICK BAIN, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee, having had under consideration the following, favorably reports same for the reason that the relief sought cannot be obtained by invoking the jurisdiction of the courts and by reason the local nature cannot be reached by a general law:

H. B. No. 1521: City of Brandon; extend repealer on tax on sales of prepared food and drink at restaurants and bars. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1540: Town of Coffeetown; authorize a tax on restaurants to provide funds for tourism, parks and recreation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1541: Tallahatchie County; authorize conveyance of public library to the Town of Webb. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1542: Tallahatchie County; authorize conveyance of public library to the Town of Tutwiler. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1583: City of Durant; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1662: City of Ripley; authorize expansion of water system in Tippah County except in certificated areas other than those in the city. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1703: Coahoma County; authorize reserve and trust fund trustees to use certain amount of fund to supplement county general fund. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1712: City of Vicksburg; authorize to contribute funds and in-kind services to Tate Cemetery. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2151: Town of North Carrollton; extend repeal date on restaurant tourism tax. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2518: City of Batesville; extend repealer on hotel/motel & restaurant tourism tax. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2521: Town of Carrollton; extend repealer on provision of law authorizing to levy tax on sales of restaurants. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2890: Lee County; authorize annual contributions to Sanctuary Hospice House. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

MANLY BARTON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEDICAID

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2613: Nonemergency transportation providers; extend date by which providers may provide service without a permit. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2212: Recipients of Medicaid; extend postpartum coverage up to 12 months. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JOEY HOOD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measures and report same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2750: Automated External Defibrillators in Public and Charter Schools Grant Program; establish. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2373: Skilled Nursing Home and Hospital Nurses Retention Loan Repayment Program; establish. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

SAM C. MIMS, V, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UTILITIES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2889: Mississippi Capitol Region Utility Act; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

C. SCOTT BOUNDS, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. R. No. 89: Northwest Rankin High School Cheerleaders; commend upon winning back-to-back UCA Large Varsity Division I Game Day Cheerleading National Championships. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 90: Jerry Sims; commend for exceptional success in business and outstanding legacy in track and field at Alcorn State University. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

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S. C. R. No. 551: Honor the legacy of decorated WWII Army Corporal L.C. Jackson of Brookhaven, Mississippi, on his 100th Birthday. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 552: Mourn the loss of WWII and Korean War pilot Brigadier General Sam Forbert, Jr. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 553: Mourn the passing of Major Genl. Al Hopkins, Chairman of the MS Gaming Commission and respected Gulfport Attorney and Civic Leader. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 554: Commend University of Mississippi baseball Head Coach Mike Bianco as National Coach of the Year. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 555: Mourn passing and commend civic leadership of businessman Wirt Adams Yerger, Jr., of Jackson, MS. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 556: Congratulate Ole Miss Senior Offensive Lineman Nick Broeker as winner of 2022 Kent Hull Trophy and for postseason awards. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 557: Congratulate Neshoba County School District Superintendent Dr. Lundy Brantley as 2022-2023 "Superintendent of the Year." Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
TOURISM AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measures and report same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2139: Mississippi USA Semiquincentennial Commission and Mississippi Semiquincentennial Celebration Fund; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2359: Tourism; Mississippi Main Street Revitalization Grant Program. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2511: Destination marketing organizations; bring forward provision related to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

BECKY CURRIE, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
TRANSPORTATION AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measures and report same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2003: Highways; Dedicate a section of Highway 12 to G. Louis Jones. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2545: Highways; Dedicate a section of Highway 35 to Constable Raye Hawkins. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2546: Highways; dedicate a section of Highway 51 to Deputy Joe Kenneth Cosby. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2547: Highways; Dedicate a section of Highway 315 to Nolan Mettetal. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2602: Highway Memorials; designate segment of Highway 25 to Kash McGraw and Bridge to Stacey Ricks. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

CHARLES BUSBY, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2487: Mississippi Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program; establish. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

MAC HUDDLESTON, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2603: Digital Asset Mining Protection Act; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2700: Homestead; provide full exemption for unremarried surviving spouse of U.S. military member killed on active duty or training. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2006: Festival wine permits; remove repealers and reverters on provisions relating to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2011: Sales tax; exempt motor vehicle transfers to and from trusts, corporations, partnerships and limited liability companies. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2018: Sales tax; remove tax on wholesale sales of beer. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2181: Distinctive motor vehicle license tags; authorize for 2021 and 2022 National Championship Rebels. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2187: Disabled veterans motor vehicle license tags; revise certain provisions regarding disability rating. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2306: Flood and drainage control districts; revise number of directors for certain municipalities. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2335: Income tax credit; allow for employer making direct payments to entity for dependent care on behalf of employee. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2449: Sales and use taxes; bring forward code sections for the purpose of possible amendment. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2612: Construction; bring forward code sections concerning local permitting and State Board of Contractors licensing. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2681: Mississippi Development Authority; clarify time trigger for tax exemption cutoff under Growth and Prosperity Act. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2692: Bonds; repeal authorization for unissued bonds and replace with cash funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2695: Tourism Project Incentive Program; extend deadline for MDA issuance of certificates approving participants. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2698: Ad valorem tax; extend fee-in-lieu qualifying period for renewable energy project. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2703: Driver's license fees; waive for applicants in MDCPS custody. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2841: Law enforcement officers & fire fighters death benefits black tag; authorize black version of regular tag. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2842: Use tax; revise standards for municipality's eligibility to receive monies from special infrastructure assistance fund. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2851: Technology-based capital assistance programs; revise certain terms and amounts of assistance. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2887: State Treasurer; modify certain provisions concerning the deposit and investment of excess state funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2534: Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; require additional regulation of freshwater fishing guides. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2556: Qualifications for appointment as a conservation officer; clarify. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

BILL KINKADE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2371: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Nurse/Allied Health Workforce Development and Retention Act; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

DONNIE BELL, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

Head Page, Benjamin Adams, introduced the following pages for the week:

Madilynn Averett	D'Iberville, MS
Taryn Boyd	Mantachie, MS
Mary Ella Brooks	Bentonia, MS
Brandon Cole	Corinth, MS

Jadyn Collier	Preston, MS
Taylor Domino	Jackson, MS
Rebekah Formby	Picayune, MS
Breanna Haynes	Georgetown, MS
Chloe Hillyer	Louisville, MS
Bailey Holly	Winona, MS
Josi Johnson	Decatur, MS
Autum Lishman	Kilmichael, MS
Swayze Marquardt	Vaiden, MS
Cailey McBride	Durant, MS
Landon McConnell	Decatur, MS
Kirven McCrory	Carrollton, MS
Layton Nowell	Louisville, MS
Neely Nowell	Louisville, MS
Marshall L. Reeves	Brandon, MS
Mary E. Robinson	Brandon, MS
Harper Scott	Madison, MS
Asher Shanks	Brandon, MS
Caroline Shappley	Hattiesburg, MS
Kendall Stewart	Jackson, MS
Ivy Wallace	Clinton, MS
Jaden Wilson	Crystal Springs, MS

Representative Sanders introduced special guest, Dr. Pam Chatman. H. R. No 68.

On motion of Rep. Carpenter the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1034: State Veterans Affairs Board; revise composition of.

Representative Bounds called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2512:** (Counties; authorize to designate ARPA funds to rural water and sewer associations for infrastructure projects.) passed, and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Bounds called up:

S. B. No. 2512: Counties; authorize to designate ARPA funds to rural water and sewer associations for infrastructure projects.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bounds:

AMEND on line 20 by deleting the following language: ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2512.** On motion of Rep. Bounds the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson,

Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Turner, Wallace. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Representative Bounds called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2433**: (Regulation of public utilities; exempt distribution of water by eligible homeowners association to its own residents from.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Mims called up:

S. B. No. 2575: State Department of Health; provide that health insurers may not deny the right to participate as a contract provider.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2575**. On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Summers, Turner, Wallace. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Mims called up:

S. B. No. 2781: Mississippi Access to Maternal Assistance Program; create and provides for duties and responsibilities.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Mims:

AMEND on line 75 by inserting the following before the period: ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2781**. On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.
Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Turner, Wallace. Total-3.

Present--Summers. Total--1.
Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Mims called up:

S. B. No. 2797: Mississippi State Asylum Records; provide procedures and exempt from confidentiality and privilege requirements.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2797**. On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Summers, Turner, Wallace. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Mims called up:

S. B. No. 2750: Automated External Defibrillators in Public Places Grant Program; establish.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES FORD (54TH) AND MIMS:

AMEND by deleting Section 2 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2750.** On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson, Turner, Wallace. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Mims called up:

S. B. No. 2373: Skilled Nursing Home and Hospital Nurses Retention Loan Repayment Program; establish.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2373.** On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Calvert, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem,

Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Byrd, Carpenter, Eubanks, Huddleston, Turner, Wallace. Total-6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Zuber called up:

S. B. No. 2224: Commissioner of Insurance; authorize to adopt rules and regulations regarding certain provider reimbursement rates.

A motion to table the strike all committee amendment prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Ford (54th): This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2224.** On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Paden, Turner, Wallace. Total-4.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Zuber called up:

S. B. No. 2227: Federal Home Loan Banks; provide certain rights and procedures regarding collateral.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2227.** On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, B, Holloway, Huddleston, Turner, Wallace.
Total-5.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Zuber called up:

S. B. No. 2228: Pet insurance; establish provisions for the sale and renewal of policies.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2228.** On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--103.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Clark, Criswell, Hopkins, Owen, Scott, Summers, Williamson. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Currie, Huddleston, Turner, Wallace.
Total-5.

Present--Bailey, Crudup, Evans, B, Faulkner. Total--4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Zuber called up:

S. B. No. 2615: Contract personnel; authorize to purchase base plan of the State and School Employees' Health Insurance Plan.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2615**. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--89.

Nays--Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Brown, C, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Johnson, McLean, McLeod, Osborne, Owen, Stamps, Summers, Williamson. Total--17.

Absent or those not voting--Horne, Huddleston, Thompson, Turner, Wallace. Total-5.

Present--Bailey, Clark, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Holloway, McCray, Porter, Scott, Young. Total--10.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--53

Rep. Zuber called up:

S. B. No. 2623: Mississippi State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan Task Force; establish.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2623**. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Turner, Wallace. Total-3.

Present--Brown, B, Evans, B. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Zuber called up:

S. B. No. 2649: Minority; remove for beneficiaries of certain insurance policies.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2649.** On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Turner, Wallace. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Roberson called up:

S. C. R. No. 550: Expressing the support of the Legislature for the plaintiffs in Harrison Co. et al. v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Huddleston, Turner, Wallace, Young. Total-5.

Present--Evans, B, Porter, Rosebud, Summers. Total--4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

S. C. R. No. 550: Expressing the support of the Legislature for the plaintiffs in Harrison Co. et al. v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2104: Mississippi Gulf Coast Region Utility Act; extend repealer on.

S. B. No. 2137: "Mississippi Native Plant Month"; designate each April as.

S. B. No. 2341: Electric transmission infrastructure; maintain state jurisdiction over integrity of.

S. B. No. 2562: Transportation; allow public and private partnerships to establish electric vehicle charging stations.

S. B. No. 2588: "Commissioner Dick Hall Hospitality Station"; MDOT to designate Warren County Welcome Center as.

S. B. No. 2590: Mississippi State University authority to lease property for public-private partnership student housing; increase term.

S. B. No. 2717: Department of Information Technology Services; require to report ransomware incidents and revise provisions related thereto.

S. B. No. 2722: "North Forty" property; authorize DFA to purchase.

S. B. No. 2839: Public Improvement District Act; amend to allow municipality to perform duties and exercise powers in certain circumstances.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

At 2:51 PM on motion of Rep. McKnight the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 4:01 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

At 4:02 PM on motion of Rep. Boyd, A the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 5:00 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

On request of Rep. Busby, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in **S. B. No. 2561**:

Remove the reverse repealer on line 94.

Representative Owen entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

S. B. No. 2323: Community hospitals; allow consolidation and collaboration involving other hospitals.

Representative Foster moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Vertis Lee Riles, which motion prevailed.

Representative Brown (70th) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Robert A. Stokes, and Bobbie Jo Hartfield, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Horan and Reynolds moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Don Larson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Creekmore IV moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of William Carson Grisham, Mark Roy Burcham, John Young, Lewis Adkison, Bing Wilemon, Wanda Coleman, Stanley Dillon, Frances Busby Stroud Hill, Jean Lee Davis, Marshall Wayne Robbins, Michael Hale, Richard H. Russell, Jimmy Glen Wilder, Charles Grady Scoggins, and Rosalyn Whitmire Kelly, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Creekmore IV and Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Mary Ellen Olson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hobgood-Wilkes moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sherry Ann Willis, which motion prevailed.

At 5:07 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Wednesday, March 1, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FORTY-SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023

(FIFTY-EIGHTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Brother David Hays, Union Baptist Church, Raleigh, MS.

Rep. Tullos led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, K, Huddleston. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Ford, K and Huddleston.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1788: (Representatives Morgan, Pigott) City of Columbia; extend repeal date on hotel/motel and restaurant tourism tax. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1789: (Representative Burnett) Tunica County Utility District; authorize to set its own rates for water and sewer services. Local and Private Legislation.

H. R. No. 92: (Representative Aguirre) American Red Cross Month; designate month of March 2023 as. Rules.

H. R. No. 93: (Representative Roberson) Suddenly Sleepy Saturday; designate Saturday, March 11, 2023, as. Rules.

H. R. No. 94: (Representatives Denton, Ford (54th), Harness) Nicholas Anderson; commend academic and athletic success of. Rules.

H. R. No. 95: (Representatives Massengill, Faulkner) Benton County Courthouse; commend upon its 150th anniversary. Rules.

H. R. No. 96: (Representatives Stamps, Bell (65th), Clark, Sanders, Yates) Dwanna L. Stanley; commend and congratulate upon her career success in real estate. Rules.

H. R. No. 97: (Representative Currie) L.C. Jackson, WW II Veteran; recognize upon the occasion of his 100th birthday. Rules.

H. R. No. 98: (Representative Robinson) Dell Dickens Scoper; honor life and legacy upon her passing. Rules.

H. R. No. 99: (Representative Robinson) Mary Jo Wedgeworth; commend her life upon her passing. Rules.

H. R. No. 100: (Representative Paden) Swan Lake Missionary Baptist Association; commend upon occasion of 150th anniversary. Rules.

H. R. No. 101: (Representative Paden) Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church; commend and congratulate upon its 122nd anniversary. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

H. R. No. 92: American Red Cross Month; designate month of March 2023 as. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. R. No. 93: Suddenly Sleepy Saturday; designate Saturday, March 11, 2023, as. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 94: Nicholas Anderson; commend academic and athletic success of. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 95: Benton County Courthouse; commend upon its 150th anniversary. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 96: Dwanna L. Stanley; commend and congratulate upon her career success in real estate. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 97: L.C. Jackson, WW II Veteran; recognize upon the occasion of his 100th birthday. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 98: Dell Dickens Scoper; honor life and legacy upon her passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 99: Mary Jo Wedgeworth; commend her life upon her passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

Representative Tullos introduced special guests, the Raleigh High School football team. H. R. No. 71.

On motion of Rep. Zuber the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1084: Insurance agents; revise the continuing education requirements of those who are 65 and have been licensed for 20 years.

Representative Mims called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2323:** (Community hospitals; allow consolidation and collaboration involving other hospitals.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Mims called up:

S. B. No. 2369: Department of Human Services; extend repealers and revise certain applicable sections.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2369. On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hines, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--77.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Brown, C, Clark, Criswell, Denton, Eubanks, Evans, B, Faulkner, Ford, J, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Johnson, Karriem, McCarty, McCray, McLean, Mickens, Osborne, Owen, Porter, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Williamson, Young. Total--36.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, K, Holloway, Huddleston. Total-3.

Present--Clarke, Crudup, Foster, Jackson, Rosebud. Total--5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--55

Rep. Morgan called up:

S. B. No. 2548: Motor vehicles; clarify that vehicle length restrictions are the same for day and night operation.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2548. On motion of Rep. Morgan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yates, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Evans, B. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett, Felsher, Ford, K, Guice, Huddleston, Yancey. Total-6.

Present--Anderson, J, Young. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Morgan called up:

S. B. No. 2525: Forestry; create the Forestry Facility Grant Program.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2525.** On motion of Rep. Morgan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, K, Hobgood-Wilkes, Huddleston. Total-3.

Present--Faulkner. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Cockerham called up:

S. B. No. 2218: Third-party service; prohibit from using logo or intellectual property belonging to a restaurant without agreement.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2218.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Owen. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Ford, K, Huddleston. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Cockerham called up:

S. B. No. 2652: Mississippi Vulnerable Person Abuse Registry; create.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2652.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, K, Huddleston. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Cockerham called up:

S. B. No. 2140: National Security on State Devices and Networks Act; create.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2140.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell,

Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, K, Huddleston. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Cockerham called up:

S. B. No. 2729: Limitation of liability requirements for information technology contracts; clarify.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2729.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, K, Huddleston. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Ladner called up:

S. B. No. 2530: "Secretary of State Eric Clark Coastal Preserve" and "Gollott Island/Godfather Point"; Department of Marine Resources designate.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2530.** On motion of Rep. Ladner the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bennett, Bomgar, Criswell. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Deweese, Ford, K, Huddleston. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Ladner called up:

S. B. No. 2544: Department of Marine Resources; update authority regarding regulation of oyster beds and water bottoms.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2544.** On motion of Rep. Ladner the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, K, Huddleston. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Felsher called up:

S. B. No. 2550: Commercial crabbing licenses; applicable to boat instead of each fisherman.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2550. On motion of Rep. Felsher the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, K, Huddleston. Total-2.

Present--Brown, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Felsher called up:

S. B. No. 2551: Department of Marine Resources, Office of Marine Patrol; cooperate with federal law enforcement.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Felsher:

AMEND on line 156 by inserting the following language after "2023": ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2551. On motion of Rep. Felsher the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, K, Huddleston. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. R. No. 92: American Red Cross Month; designate month of March 2023 as.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

Rep. Turner called up:

S. B. No. 2215: State depositories; revise definition of "primary capital."

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2215.** On motion of Rep. Turner the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Crudup, Ford, K, Huddleston. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bounds called up:

S. B. No. 2102: Excavations; provide for impending emergencies and extend notification period for.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2102.** On motion of Rep. Bounds the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill,

McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, K, Huddleston. Total-2.

Present--Rosebud. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Yancey called up:

S. B. No. 2282: Pseudoephedrine; delete the automatic repealer on the provision that authorizes the distribution of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2282.** On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, K, Hines, Huddleston. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Yancey called up:

S. B. No. 2336: Prevention of overdoses; authorize administration of opioid antagonists by certain persons, provide immunity to.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2336.** On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A,

Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, K, Huddleston. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Boyd (19th) called up:

S. B. No. 2053: Deficit Prevention Act; require state agencies to notify certain officials when likelihood of a deficit exists.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Roberson:

AMEND on line 36 by inserting the following language after "2023":
", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2053.** On motion of Rep. Boyd (19th) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--98.

Nays--Clark, Clarke, Harness, Hines, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Scott, Summers, Walker. Total--10.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Ford, K, Huddleston, Read, Tubb. Total-5.

Present--Banks, Brown, B, Denton, Foster, Mickens, Porter, Rosebud, Stamps. Total--8.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--55

Rep. Boyd (19th) called up:

S. B. No. 2054: Appointed state officers; provide for the removal of for certain forms of willful neglect.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 55 by inserting the following language after the word "appointed": "unless circumstances exist that justify the absence".

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Hood:

AMEND by adding the following at the end of the effective date section before the period: ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2054**. On motion of Rep. Boyd (19th) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Johnson, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Blackmon, Clark, Osborne, Scott, Summers, Taylor. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, K, Huddleston. Total--2.

Present--Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Porter, Stamps. Total--5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Boyd (19th) called up:

S. B. No. 2514: Secretary of State; clarify authority to transfer land records to Department of Archives and History.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Hood:

AMEND by adding the following at the end of the effective date section before the period: ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2514**. On motion of Rep. Boyd (19th) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, K, Huddleston, Roberson. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Boyd (19th) called up:

S. B. No. 2673: Mississippi Real Estate Appraisal Board; make independent from Mississippi Real Estate Commission.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Hood:

AMEND by adding the following at the end of the effective date section before the period: ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023"

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Byrd, Calvert, Creekmore, Criswell, Darnell, Eure, Evans, M, Ford, J, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McGee, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullis, Weathersby, White, Zuber. Total--49.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Blackmon, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Guice, Harness, Hines, Hopkins, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, McCray, McKnight, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Williamson, Yancey, Young. Total--59.

Absent or those not voting--Barton, Bell, C, Bounds, Felsher, Ford, K, Holloway, Huddleston, Ladner, McCarty, Miles, Rosebud, Yates. Total-12.

Present--Mickens. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--55

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2673.** On motion of Rep. Boyd (19th) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Ford, K, Huddleston. Total-3.

Present--Hines, Johnson, Stamps, Summers. Total--4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Tubb called up:

S. B. No. 2844: Bureau of Fleet Management; revise duties thereof.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Anderson (122nd):

AMEND by adding the following at the end of the effective date section before the period: ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2844.** On motion of Rep. Tubb the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, B, Clark, Criswell, Eubanks, Evans, B, Karriem, Scott, Summers, Walker. Total--10.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, B, Ford, K, Huddleston. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. R. No. 93: Suddenly Sleepy Saturday; designate Saturday, March 11, 2023, as.

H. R. No. 94: Nicholas Anderson; commend academic and athletic success of.

H. R. No. 95: Benton County Courthouse; commend upon its 150th anniversary.

H. R. No. 96: Dwanna L. Stanley; commend and congratulate upon her career success in real estate.

H. R. No. 97: L.C. Jackson, WW II Veteran; recognize upon the occasion of his 100th birthday.

H. R. No. 98: Dell Dickens Scoper; honor life and legacy upon her passing.

H. R. No. 99: Mary Jo Wedgeworth; commend her life upon her passing.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. R. No. 92: American Red Cross Month; designate month of March 2023 as.

H. R. No. 93: Suddenly Sleepy Saturday; designate Saturday, March 11, 2023, as.

H. R. No. 94: Nicholas Anderson; commend academic and athletic success of.

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H. R. No. 98: Dell Dickens Scoper; honor life and legacy upon her passing.

H. R. No. 99: Mary Jo Wedgeworth; commend her life upon her passing.

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. R. No. 89: Northwest Rankin High School Cheerleaders; commend upon winning back-to-back UCA Large Varsity Division I Game Day Cheerleading National Championships.

H. R. No. 90: Jerry Sims; commend for exceptional success in business and outstanding legacy in track and field at Alcorn State University.

H. R. No. 91: Coach Norris Ray Ashley; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

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H. R. No. 91: Coach Norris Ray Ashley; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

Rep. Roberson called up:

S. C. R. No. 549: Commemorate 77th Southern Legislative Conference of the Council of State Governments.

S. C. R. No. 551: Honor the legacy of decorated WWII Army Corporal L.C. Jackson of Brookhaven, Mississippi, on his 100th Birthday.

S. C. R. No. 552: Mourn the loss of WWII and Korean War pilot Brigadier General Sam Forbert, Jr.

S. C. R. No. 553: Mourn the passing of Major Genl. Al Hopkins, Chairman of the MS Gaming Commission and respected Gulfport Attorney.

S. C. R. No. 554: Commend University of Mississippi baseball Head Coach Mike Bianco as National Coach of the Year.

S. C. R. No. 555: Mourn passing and commend civic leadership of businessman Wirt Adams Yerger, Jr., of Jackson, MS.

S. C. R. No. 556: Congratulate Ole Miss Senior Offensive Lineman Nick Broeker as winner of 2022 Kent Hull Trophy and for postseason awards.

S. C. R. No. 557: Congratulate Neshoba County School District Superintendent Dr. Lundy Brantley as 2022-2023 "Superintendent of the Year."

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, K, Huddleston, Summers. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

S. C. R. No. 549: Commemorate 77th Southern Legislative Conference of the Council of State Governments.

S. C. R. No. 551: Honor the legacy of decorated WWII Army Corporal L.C. Jackson of Brookhaven, Mississippi, on his 100th Birthday.

S. C. R. No. 552: Mourn the loss of WWII and Korean War pilot Brigadier General Sam Forbert, Jr.

S. C. R. No. 553: Mourn the passing of Major Genl. Al Hopkins, Chairman of the MS Gaming Commission and respected Gulfport Attorney.

S. C. R. No. 554: Commend University of Mississippi baseball Head Coach Mike Bianco as National Coach of the Year.

S. C. R. No. 555: Mourn passing and commend civic leadership of businessman Wirt Adams Yerger, Jr., of Jackson, MS.

S. C. R. No. 556: Congratulate Ole Miss Senior Offensive Lineman Nick Broeker as winner of 2022 Kent Hull Trophy and for postseason awards.

S. C. R. No. 557: Congratulate Neshoba County School District Superintendent Dr. Lundy Brantley as 2022-2023 "Superintendent of the Year."

Representative Carpenter entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

S. B. No. 2224: Commissioner of Insurance; authorize to adopt rules and regulations regarding certain provider reimbursement rates.

Representative Zuber entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

S. B. No. 2673: Mississippi Real Estate Appraisal Board; make independent from Mississippi Real Estate Commission.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 89: Northwest Rankin High School Cheerleaders; commend upon winning back-to-back UCA Large Varsity Division I Game Day Cheerleading National Championships.

H. R. No. 90: Jerry Sims; commend for exceptional success in business and outstanding legacy in track and field at Alcorn State University.

H. R. No. 91: Coach Norris Ray Ashley; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

H. R. No. 93: Suddenly Sleepy Saturday; designate Saturday, March 11, 2023, as.

H. R. No. 94: Nicholas Anderson; commend academic and athletic success of.

H. R. No. 95: Benton County Courthouse; commend upon its 150th anniversary.

H. R. No. 96: Dwanna L. Stanley; commend and congratulate upon her career success in real estate.

H. R. No. 97: L.C. Jackson, WW II Veteran; recognize upon the occasion of his 100th birthday.

H. R. No. 98: Dell Dickens Scoper; honor life and legacy upon her passing.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. R. No. 99: Mary Jo Wedgeworth; commend her life upon her passing.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Zuber moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Col. Raymond J. Carter, and Joseph Paul Hans, which motion prevailed.

Representative Lancaster moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Conrad "Rad" Clark, and Charles Wray Brent, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Bailey (23rd) and Lancaster moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Oaklee Brasher, which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Vallie R. Gilbert, Mary Frances Johnson, Jo Nell Stringer, and Ben Robinson, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Bell (65th) and Johnson and the Hinds County Legislative Delegation moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sgt. Terry Dismuke, which motion prevailed.

Representative Horan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Floyd Lewis Turner, Jr. , Kenneth Wayne Nail, Virginia Lee Dowdle Rutland, Dr. James Ward Fite, Mr. Victor Jerry Finkley, Paula Kaye Simmons, Lelia Martin Williams, Tommy Lee Kendall, Sr. , Wayne Hodo, Virginia Elenore Dezell, Sarah Ann Roberts Moorman, Janie Elizabeth Thornton Ashley, John Kermit Ashley, Donald Lee Vining, Harold L. "Hard Luck" Horton, Floyd Thomas "Tommy" Jones, Mary Jane Williams Horton, Gerry Paul Kendall, Dorris Marie Winter Holland, Lillian Juanita Brower, Emma Lena Gentry Brown, SSG Colby Lane Marlow, Clarence Hurd, Jr. , Sherry Lynn Hubbard Tolbert, Charles Lindberg Lott, Willie C. Spencer, Jr. , Robert Joseph Dickey, Brenda Leigh Russell, Arnold Wayne Carothers, Ivy Lynn Loftin, Jearl Wayne Zachery, Larry Wayne Hipps, Mary Jane Johnson, Alice Virginia White Stogner, Bobby Wayne Dye, Paul Wayne Jobe, James Lewis Walker, Doris Porter Massie, and Mary Sue Hayward, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dr. Warren Couvillion, which motion prevailed.

Representative Denton moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Yvonne Foster Williams, which motion prevailed.

At 11:44 AM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Thursday, March 2, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FORTY-THIRD DAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2023

(FIFTY-NINTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Pastor Jason Dillon, Parkway Pentecostal Church, Madison, MS.

Rep. Ford (73rd) led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Representative Porter introduced special guest, Tee Burns, who led the House in the National Anthem.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eubanks, Huddleston. Total-3.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Brown, C, Eubanks and Huddleston.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 2002: Memorial highways; designate segments of highways to Bradford C. Freeman and Douglas Anderson.
Senators Branning, Williams, Younger

S. B. No. 2559: Transportation; extend repealer on harvest permit authorization and fees.

Senators Branning, Williams, Whaley

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 371: Bonds; revise purposes for which proceeds of bonds authorized for City of Union.

H. B. No. 390: Historic property income tax credit; revise certain provisions regarding.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 261: Income tax; extend credit for qualified contributions to an endowed fund at qualified community foundations.

H. B. No. 535: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

H. B. No. 602: District Attorneys; increase the operating allowance of.

H. B. No. 787: Mississippi Board of Registration for Foresters; bring forward all code sections and authorize to suspend license of licensee for failure to satisfy judgement.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1790: (Representatives Hines, Bailey, Stamps) Washington County; reenact and extend repeal date on hotel and motel tax supporting a sports complex. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1791: (Representatives Creekmore IV, Stamps) Union County; authorize assessments on misdemeanor convictions and nonadjudications for capital improvements. Local and Private Legislation.

H. R. No. 102: (Representative Faulkner) Alva Beck; commend his life upon his passing. Rules.

Representative Powell introduced special guests, the Northwest Rankin High School Cheerleaders. H. R. No. 89.

Representative Zuber called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2224**: (Commissioner of Insurance; authorize to adopt rules and regulations regarding certain provider reimbursement rates.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Read called up:

S. B. No. 2372: Mississippi Hospital Sustainability Grant Program; establish and provide eligibility for funds.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2372**. On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eubanks, Huddleston, Johnson, Mims. Total-5.

Present--Stamps. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Read called up:

S. B. No. 2444: ARPA programs; revise provisions related to certain programs.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2444**. On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eubanks, Hines, Huddleston, Jackson. Total-5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Cockerham called up:

S. B. No. 2446: Appropriations; revise certain transfers, fund authority, and FY2023 appropriations.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2446.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eubanks, Huddleston, Jackson. Total-4.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Cockerham called up:

S. B. No. 2454: Budget; revise provisions related to and provide for transfers.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2454.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eubanks, Huddleston, Jackson. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up:

S. B. No. 2616: Real Estate Commission; decrease fees charged by.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND by inserting the following new Section 2 after line 88 and renumbering the succeeding section:

"SECTION 2. During fiscal year 2024, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) from the Real Estate License Fund (Fund No. 3383200000) to the Real Estate Appraiser License Fund (Fund No. 3383700000)."

AMEND FURTHER the title by inserting the following after the semicolon on line 3: "TO DIRECT THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER A CERTAIN SUM FROM THE REAL ESTATE LICENSE FUND TO THE REAL ESTATE APPRAISER LICENSE FUND DURING FISCAL YEAR 2024;"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2616.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford,

Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eubanks, Huddleston, Jackson. Total-4.

Present--Barnett, Ford, J, Haney, McLean. Total--4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Oliver called up:

S. B. No. 2663: Mississippi Historic Site Preservation Fund; revise grant eligibility and require annual report.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2663.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Barton, Brown, C, Eubanks, Felsher, Huddleston, Jackson. Total-6.

Present--Stamps. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Read called up:

S. B. No. 2664: Appropriations; revise certain FY2023 appropriations and direct transfers.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Cockerham:

AMEND by deleting Section 10 and renumbering the succeeding sections.

AMEND FURTHER the title by deleting all of the language beginning after the semicolon on line 30 through the semicolon on line 33.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2664**. On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eubanks, Huddleston, Jackson, Owen.
Total-5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Cockerham called up:

S. B. No. 2724: Department of Public Safety building project and contract; exempt from certain public purchasing requirements.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2724**. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, B, Criswell, Hopkins, Summers, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eubanks, Huddleston, Scott. Total-4.

Present--Crudup, Stamps. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Lamar called up:

S. B. No. 2700: Homestead; provide full exemption for unremarried surviving spouse of U.S. military member killed on active duty or training.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2700.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eubanks, Huddleston, McCarty. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Lamar called up:

S. B. No. 2006: Festival wine permits; remove repealers and reverters on provisions relating to.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2006.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Arnold, Bomgar, Criswell, Darnell, Evans, B, Newman. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eubanks, Ford, J, Huddleston, Williamson. Total-5.

Present--Crudup, Stamps. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Lamar called up:

S. B. No. 2011: Sales tax; exempt motor vehicle transfers to and from trusts, corporations, partnerships and limited liability companies.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2011.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Summers. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eubanks, Huddleston. Total-3.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Lamar called up:

S. B. No. 2018: Sales tax; remove tax on wholesale sales of beer.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2018.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Boyd, R, Evans, B, Newman, Summers. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Brown, C, Eubanks, Ford, J, Huddleston, Read. Total-6.

Present--Anthony, Crudup, Stamps. Total--3.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Lamar called up:

S. B. No. 2181: Distinctive motor vehicle license tags; authorize for 2021 and 2022 National Championship Rebels.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2181**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Newman. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eubanks, Huddleston, McKnight. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Lamar called up:

S. B. No. 2335: Income tax credit; allow for employer making direct payments to entity for dependent care on behalf of employee.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE McLean: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

AMEND by striking Section 1 of the bill and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. Section 57-73-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-73-23. (1) A * * * seventy-five percent (75%) income tax credit shall be granted to any employer providing dependent care for employees during the employee's work hours, and to any employer who provides a child care stipend of at least six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) to only be used for child care during the employee's work hours.

(2) In order for an employer who provides a child care stipend under this section to be eligible for the tax credit, the employer shall certify to the Mississippi Department of Revenue:

- (a) The names of the employees receiving the stipend; and
- (b) The amount of the stipend received by each of those employees; and
- (c) The names, addresses, and taxpayer identification numbers or social security numbers of the child care providers paid by the employees with the child care stipend; and
- (d) Such other information as may be required by the Department of Revenue to ensure that credits under this section are granted only to employers who provide stipends that are used by the employees only for child care.

(3) For an employer providing dependent care itself and for an employer contracting for dependent care for its employees during the employee's work hours, the credit is applied to the net cost of any contract executed by the employer for another entity to provide dependent care; or, if the employer elects to provide dependent care itself, to expenses of dependent care staff, learning and recreational materials and equipment, and the construction and maintenance of a facility; or if the employer elects to provide a child care stipend, the credit is applied to the amount of the stipend provided. Additional eligible expenses include net costs assumed by the employer which increase the quality, availability and affordability of dependent care in the community used by employees during the employee's work hours. This cost is net of any reimbursement. A deduction shall not be allowed for any expenses which serve as the basis for an income tax credit. The credits allowed under this section shall not be used by any business enterprise or corporation other than the business enterprise actually qualifying for the credits.

Credit may be carried forward for the five (5) successive years if the amount allowable as credit exceeds income tax liability in a tax year; however, thereafter, if the amount allowable as a credit exceeds the tax liability, the amount of excess shall not be refundable or carried forward to any other taxable year.

The facility must have an average daily enrollment for the taxable year of no less than six (6) children who are twelve (12) years of age or less and be licensed according to the regulations governing licensure of child care facilities in Mississippi; or must serve five (5) or fewer children and/or elderly adults in a family child care/elder care home approved by the Department of Health for participation in the United States Department of Agriculture child and adult nutrition program; or must serve children over twelve (12) years of age but less than eighteen (18) years of age in either a community-based facility or a facility at the employment site; or must serve adult relatives of employees in either a community-based elder care facility or a facility at the employment site; or must serve children or adult dependents having physical, emotional or mental disabilities in either a community-based facility or a facility at the employment site.

Employers will be certified as eligible for the tax credit by the * * * State Department of Health for programs serving children twelve (12) years of age or younger and for programs serving elderly adults and by the * * * Department of Revenue for programs serving other dependents older than twelve (12) years of age."

AMEND FURTHER by striking the title and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 57-73-23, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH AUTHORIZES AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR EMPLOYERS PROVIDING DEPENDENT CARE FOR EMPLOYEES DURING WORK HOURS, TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE TAX CREDIT; TO AUTHORIZE AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR EMPLOYERS WHO PROVIDE A CHILD CARE STIPEND TO BE USED FOR CHILD CARE DURING EMPLOYEES' WORK HOURS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2335**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham,

Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eubanks, Huddleston. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Lamar called up:

S. B. No. 2612: Residential builders and remodelers; revise license examination for certain license applicants.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2612.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bounds, Brown, C, Eubanks, Huddleston, Shanks, Wallace. Total-6.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Lamar called up:

S. B. No. 2681: Mississippi Development Authority; clarify time trigger for tax exemption cutoff under Growth and Prosperity Act.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2681**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eubanks, Ford, K, Huddleston, Johnson.
Total-5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Lamar called up:

S. B. No. 2692: Bonds; repeal authorization for unissued bonds and replace with cash funds.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2692**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eubanks, Huddleston, McCarty. Total-4.

Present--Owen. Total--1.
Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Lamar called up:

S. B. No. 2695: Tourism Project Incentive Program; extend deadline for MDA issuance of certificates approving participants.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2695.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--5.
Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eubanks, Huddleston. Total-3.

Present--Brown, B. Total--1.
Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Lamar called up:

S. B. No. 2698: Ad valorem tax; extend time for partial exemption and fee-in-lieu of ad valorem tax agreement for certain renewable energy projects.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2698.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney,

Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--6.
Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eubanks, Huddleston. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Lamar called up:

S. B. No. 2703: Driver's license fees; waive for applicants in MDCPS custody.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Roberson:

AMEND on lines 78 and 79 by deleting ", intermediate license,"
AMEND Further the title on line 3 by deleting ", INTERMEDIATE LICENSE".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2703.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.
Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eubanks, Huddleston. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Lamar called up:

S. B. No. 2842: Use tax; revise provisions regarding special infrastructure assistance funds for municipalities and counties.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2842. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Currie, Eubanks, Huddleston. Total-4.

Present--Paden, Yates. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Lamar called up:

S. B. No. 2851: Technology-based capital assistance programs; revise certain terms and amounts of assistance.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2851. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Eubanks, Huddleston. Total-5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1521: City of Brandon; extend repealer on tax on sales of prepared food and drink at restaurants and bars.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1521**. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eubanks, Huddleston, Ladner, Read, Scott, Tullos. Total-7.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1540: Town of Coffeerville; authorize a tax on restaurants to provide funds for tourism, parks and recreation.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1540**. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Brown, C, Eubanks, Huddleston, Ladner, Tullos. Total-6.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1541: Tallahatchie County; authorize conveyance of public library to the Town of Webb.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1541.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eubanks, Huddleston, Ladner, Tullos. Total-5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1542: Tallahatchie County; authorize conveyance of public library to the Town of Tutwiler.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1542.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eubanks, Huddleston, Ladner, Tullos. Total-5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1583: City of Durant; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1583.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Brown, C, Eubanks, Huddleston, Ladner, Tullos. Total-6.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1662: City of Ripley; authorize expansion of water system in Tippah County except in certificated areas other than those in the city.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1662.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eubanks, Huddleston, Ladner, Read, Tullos. Total-6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1703: Coahoma County; authorize reserve and trust fund trustees to use certain amount of fund to supplement county general fund.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1703.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eubanks, Huddleston, Ladner, Read, Tullos. Total-6.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1712: City of Vicksburg; authorize to contribute funds and in-kind services to Tate Cemetery.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1712.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Currie, Eubanks, Huddleston, Ladner, Tullos. Total-6.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--76

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 2151: Town of North Carrollton; extend repeal date on restaurant tourism tax.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2151. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--106.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Eubanks, Huddleston, Ladner, Tullos. Total-7.

Present--Brown, B, Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--66

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 2518: City of Batesville; extend repealer on hotel/motel & restaurant tourism tax.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2518. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Eubanks, Huddleston, Ladner, Tullos, Williamson. Total-8.

Present--Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--66

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 2521: Town of Carrollton; extend repealer on provision of law authorizing to levy tax on sales of restaurants.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2521.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--106.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Eubanks, Huddleston, Ladner, Tullos, Williamson. Total-8.

Present--Brown, B, Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--66

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 2890: Lee County; authorize annual contributions to Sanctuary Hospice House.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2890.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Currie, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.
Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Calvert, Eubanks, Huddleston, Ladner,
Rushing, Tullos. Total-7.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--2.
Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--75

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. R. No. 92: American Red Cross Month; designate month of March 2023
as.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 371: Bonds; revise purposes for which proceeds of bonds authorized for City of Union.

H. B. No. 390: Historic property income tax credit; revise certain provisions regarding.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Bennett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Taylor Eugene Bass, which motion prevailed.

At 11:21 AM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, March 3, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FORTY-FOURTH DAY, FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023

(SIXTIETH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Randy Boyd.

Rep. Boyd (19th) led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne,

Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eubanks, Huddleston, McCarty, Owen.
Total-5.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Brown, C, Eubanks, Huddleston, McCarty and Owen.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Haney and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Friday, March 3, 2023

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bill:

H. B. No. 1162: Reciprocal insurance; revise sworn declaration requirements of and board of directors for. Friday, March 3, 2023, 1:53 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 1089: State budget; revise provisions of several FY 23 bills and create special funds.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. R. No. 103: (Representatives Osborne, Holloway) Charles "Cliff" Wilson Collins; mourn loss and commemorate life, service and legacy upon his passing. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. R. No. 100: Swan Lake Missionary Baptist Association; commend upon occasion of 150th anniversary. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 101: Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church; commend and congratulate upon its 122nd anniversary. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 102: Alva Beck; commend his life upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 103: Charles "Cliff" Wilson Collins; mourn loss and commemorate life, service and legacy upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

Rep. Currie called up:

H. R. No. 100: Swan Lake Missionary Baptist Association; commend upon occasion of 150th anniversary.

H. R. No. 101: Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church; commend and congratulate upon its 122nd anniversary.

H. R. No. 102: Alva Beck; commend his life upon his passing.

H. R. No. 103: Charles "Cliff" Wilson Collins; mourn loss and commemorate life, service and legacy upon his passing.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Currie unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. R. No. 100: Swan Lake Missionary Baptist Association; commend upon occasion of 150th anniversary.

H. R. No. 101: Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church; commend and congratulate upon its 122nd anniversary.

H. R. No. 102: Alva Beck; commend his life upon his passing.

H. R. No. 103: Charles "Cliff" Wilson Collins; mourn loss and commemorate life, service and legacy upon his passing.

Representative Massengill entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

S. B. No. 2181: Distinctive motor vehicle license tags; authorize for 2021 and 2022 National Championship Rebels.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2433: Regulation of public utilities; exempt distribution of water by eligible homeowners association to its own residents from.

S. C. R. No. 550: Expressing the support of the Legislature for the plaintiffs in Harrison Co. et al. v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

S. C. R. No. 552: Mourn the loss of WWII and Korean War pilot Brigadier General Sam Forbert, Jr.

S. C. R. No. 555: Mourn passing and commend civic leadership of businessman Wirt Adams Yerger, Jr., of Jackson, MS.

S. C. R. No. 557: Congratulate Neshoba County School District Superintendent Dr. Lundy Brantley as 2022-2023 "Superintendent of the Year."

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2649: Minority; remove for beneficiaries of certain insurance policies.

S. C. R. No. 549: Commemorate 77th Southern Legislative Conference of the Council of State Governments.

S. C. R. No. 554: Commend University of Mississippi baseball Head Coach Mike Bianco as National Coach of the Year.

S. C. R. No. 556: Congratulate Ole Miss Senior Offensive Lineman Nick Broeker as winner of 2022 Kent Hull Trophy and for postseason awards.

S. C. R. No. 551: Honor the legacy of decorated WWII Army Corporal L.C. Jackson of Brookhaven, Mississippi, on his 100th Birthday.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2373: Skilled Nursing Home and Hospital Nurses Retention Loan Repayment Program; establish.

S. C. R. No. 553: Mourn the passing of Major Gen. Al Hopkins, Chairman of the MS Gaming Commission and respected Gulfport Attorney.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

S. B. No. 2561: Highways; make the MS Transportation Commission vote on use of ERBR Fund monies majority instead of unanimous.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 100: Swan Lake Missionary Baptist Association; commend upon occasion of 150th anniversary.

H. R. No. 101: Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church; commend and congratulate upon its 122nd anniversary.

H. R. No. 102: Alva Beck; commend his life upon his passing.

H. R. No. 103: Charles "Cliff" Wilson Collins; mourn loss and commemorate life, service and legacy upon his passing.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Felsher moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Paulette Felsher, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Norma Hammack, which motion prevailed.

Representative Holloway moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Charles Wilson Collins, which motion prevailed.

At 9:19 AM, on motion of Rep. Evans (45th) the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, March 6, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FORTY-FIFTH DAY, MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023

(SIXTY-THIRD CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Revered Keith Burney, Water Valley Assembly of God, Water Valley, MS.

Rep. Reynolds led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Home, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Huddleston.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 49: Resident lifetime hunting and fishing license; authorize Department of Wildlife to issue if parent was born in the state and was on active military service at the time of applicant's birth.

H. B. No. 231: Tobacco education, prevention and cessation program; add fentanyl and drug abuse prevention education.

H. B. No. 276: State Board of Physical Therapy, authorize to issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents.

H. B. No. 288: Public Utilities Staff; authorize certain personnel to be filled by consulting contract.

H. B. No. 383: Oil and gas severance taxes; extend repealer on lower rate for production from horizontally drilled wells.

H. B. No. 401: Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission Law; revise certain provisions relating to a manufacturer's ownership of motor vehicle dealership.

H. B. No. 516: Conservation officer; decrease minimum years of law enforcement experience required to be appointed a.

H. B. No. 722: Controlled substances; exclude fentanyl testing materials from definition of "paraphernalia" under.

H. B. No. 877: USM; clarify authority to enter into insurance agreement for protection of property at the state port at Gulfport.

H. B. No. 894: Violations of local zoning ordinances; authorize governing authorities to pursue administrative or civil penalties for.

H. B. No. 904: Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District; authorize to transfer Kemper Lake to Kemper County Board of Supervisors.

H. B. No. 1016: Memorial highway; designate segment of MS Hwy 8 in Chickasaw County as the "Deputy Jeremy Allen Voyles Memorial Highway".

H. B. No. 1017: Memorial intersection; designate intersection of U.S. 45 and CR 110 in Clarke County as the "Army Spc. Terry Kishaun Dantez Gordon Memorial Intersection".

H. B. No. 1027: State Fruit; designate the blueberry as.

H. B. No. 1060: Electric vehicles; authorize charging by nonutilities.

H. B. No. 1170: Motor vehicles and manufactured homes; authorize Department of Revenue to issue electronic liens and titles.

H. B. No. 1190: Health benefit plan; authorize plan sponsor of to consent, on behalf of covered pensions, to delivery of all communications by electronic means.

H. B. No. 1217: Court interpreters; revise program under the Administration of the Administrative Office of Courts.

H. B. No. 1218: Rivers McGraw Mental Health Treatment Court Act; revise.

H. B. No. 1244: Memorial highway; designate a segment of MS Highway 365 in Prentiss County as the "Howard Tillman Bobo Memorial Highway".

H. B. No. 1245: Memorial highway; designate a segment of MS Highway 364 in Prentiss County as the "James Millard Jourdan Memorial Highway".

H. B. No. 1246: Memorial highway; designate a segment of MS Highway 365 in Prentiss County as the "Leland L. Holland Memorial Highway".

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

S. B. No. 2309: MS Department of Archives and History property; add parcel known as "The Old Magnolia Church" for transfer to U.S. Park Service.

S. B. No. 2312: County-owned real estate; establish competitive bidding process for lease or sale.

S. B. No. 2728: Statewide master agreements and utilization of information technology acquisitions made by other entities; authorize.

S. B. No. 2734: County boards of supervisors; permit to expend federal funds during the last term of office of such board.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 252: Festival wine permits; extend repealers on authority to issue and certain provisions relating to.

H. B. No. 281: Law enforcement officers killed in line of duty; clarify that beneficiaries may receive sidearm of.

H. B. No. 691: Memorial highway; designate a portion of U.S. Highway 45 in Wayne County, MS, as the "Army Sergeant Eric C. Newman Memorial Highway."

H. B. No. 799: Inmate Welfare Fund; increase portion of the fund that is utilized to fund Inmate Incentive to Work Program.

H. B. No. 917: Mississippi Worker's Comp commission office building; place under the supervision and care of DFA.

H. B. No. 979: Hunting; provide exception for recovering mortally wounded animals at night with use of light.

H. B. No. 1111: County court jurisdiction for termination of parental rights; authorize for both involuntary and voluntary termination.

H. B. No. 1136: Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of the Mississippi Road Builders Association.

H. B. No. 1157: Vehicle rental; require those engaged in to disclose total charges, including all additional mandatory charges.

H. B. No. 1169: Income tax; revise method of collecting delinquent tax from public officers and employees.

H. B. No. 1225: Telephone solicitation; bring forward provisions of law relating to.

H. B. No. 1477: Harvest permits; extend repealer on authority of MDOT to issue.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by

the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. C. R. No. 39: (Representative Paden) Panny Flautt Mayfield; commend upon being named a 2023 Noel Polk Lifetime Achievement Award Nominee. Rules.

H. R. No. 104: (Representative Calvert) Lamar Academy "Raiders" Girls Volleyball Team; congratulate on winning MAIS 5A State Championship. Rules.

Rep. Steverson called up:

S. B. No. 2841: Law enforcement officers & fire fighters death benefits black tag; authorize black version of regular tag.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2841**. On motion of Rep. Steverson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Steverson called up:

S. B. No. 2887: State Treasurer; modify certain provisions concerning the deposit and investment of excess state funds.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Steverson:

AMEND on line 635 by striking "its passage" and inserting in lieu thereof "July 1, 2023, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2887**. On motion of Rep. Steverson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--101.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Clark, Criswell, Currie, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Ladner, Owen, Summers. Total--10.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Goodin, Horne, Huddleston, McCarty, Young. Total--6.

Present--Brown, B, Faulkner, Scott, Thompson. Total--4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Cockerham called up:

S. B. No. 2653: Nonprofit corporations which receive public funds; require reporting to Secretary of State.

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Rep. Cockerham called up:

S. B. No. 2073: Age of majority; lower to 18 for securing loans and entering contracts for real property.

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Rep. Cockerham called up:

S. B. No. 2382: Out-of-state lawyers; disclosure required in certain advertisements if not licensed to practice law in Mississippi.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2382**. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R,

Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Owen. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Byrd, Currie, Huddleston. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Cockerham moved that the following bill which had been laid on the table subject to call, be called off the table:

S. B. No. 2073: Age of majority; lower to 18 for securing loans and entering contracts for real property.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES COCKERHAM AND FELSHER:

AMEND the effective date by adding the following: ", and shall stand repealed June 30, 2023".

AMEND further by deleting Section 10 in its entirety and renumbering the succeeding sections.

AMEND title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2073.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Present--Young. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Powell called up:

S. B. No. 2103: Definitions and penalties regarding regulation of gasoline and petroleum products; extend repealer on.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2103.** On motion of Rep. Powell the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Huddleston. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Powell called up:

S. B. No. 2339: Provision of law establishing energy efficiency standards for building construction; extend repealer on.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2339.** On motion of Rep. Powell the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter,

Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Huddleston, Sanford, Tullos. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Currie called up:

S. B. No. 2139: Mississippi USA Semiquincentennial Commission and Mississippi Semiquincentennial Celebration Fund; create.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2139.** On motion of Rep. Currie the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Huddleston, Williamson. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Currie called up:

S. B. No. 2359: Tourism; Mississippi Main Street Revitalization Grant Program.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES CREEKMORE IV AND CURRIE:

AMEND on line 29 by inserting "Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status or" before "Section". AMEND further on line 34 by striking "previous years" and inserting in lieu thereof "the previous year".

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2359**. On motion of Rep. Currie the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.
Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Paden, Taylor. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Currie called up:

S. B. No. 2511: Destination marketing organizations; bring forward provision related to.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2511**. On motion of Rep. Currie the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--7.
Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Paden. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Pigott called up:

S. B. No. 2523: Pecan Harvesting Law; revise penalties for violating.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Owen:

Amend on line 19 by striking "brough forward" and inserting in lieu thereof: "amended".
Further, amend on line 31 by inserting the following after the period:
"Any person found to be in violation of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined an amount not exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or be imprisoned for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days in jail, or both such fine and imprisonment."
Further, amend on line 52 by inserting after the word "who", the following:
", without the owner's permission, enters upon the private property of an owner of lands upon which pecan trees are growing for the purpose of removing pecans from the premises thereof, whether from the grounds or within any facility thereon where the pecans are stored, for his or her own financial benefit which causes financial detriment and other damages or hardships to the owner of the pecan trees,".
Further, amend on line 61 by inserting after the period, the following:
"Whether the felonious crime is prosecuted as petit larceny or grand larceny shall be determined by the amount of the pecan's fair market value at the time the theft of the pecans occurred."
Further, amend on line 63 by striking ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023".
Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety, and inserting in lieu thereof:
"AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 69-33-1, 639-33-3 AND 69-33-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE CRIMINAL AND CIVIL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING THE PROVISIONS OF THE PECAN HARVESTING LAW; TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 69-33-5 AND 69-33-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES."

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

POINT OF ORDER

A written point of order was raised by Representative Hines as follows:

I raise a Point of Order that Senate Bill 2523 violates House Rule 106, by amending section 97-17-43 by reference. House Rule 106 provides that no law shall be reviewed or amended by reference to its title only, but the sections shall be inserted: 97-17-41 and 97-17-43 are the statutes that provide the definition and penalties for various forms of larceny. Senate Bill 2523 provides that certain removal of pecans shall also be larceny, but the bill only makes reference to the larceny statutes. Both 97-17-41 and 97-17-43 should have been brought forward and inserted in the bill and amended.

The bill was set aside pending a Speaker's Ruling.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Howell "Hal" Milo Robinson, III, which motion prevailed.

At 4:43 PM, on motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Tuesday, March 7, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FORTY-SIXTH DAY, TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023

(SIXTY-FOURTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Reverend Taylor Chism, Arbor Grove Baptist Church.

Rep. Lancaster led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Representative Felsher introduced Miss Biloxi, Katelyn Perry, who led the House in the National Anthem.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Huddleston.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. C. R. No. 560: Suspend rules; introduction of bill to require Public Service Commission to change boundaries of certain utility district.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by

the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. R. No. 105: (Representative Creekmore IV) John Stroud; commend career and athletic accomplishments of. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 3021: Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3024: Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3028: Appropriation; Chiropractic Examiners, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3029: Appropriation; Dental Examiners, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3031: Appropriation; Massage Therapy, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3032: Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3033: Appropriation; Counselors, Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3034: Appropriation; Veterinary Examiners, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3035: Appropriation; Architecture, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3037: Appropriation; Geologists, Board of Registered Professional. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3038: Appropriation; Motor Vehicle Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3039: Appropriation; Accountancy, Board of Public. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3040: Appropriation; Contractors, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3042: Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3050: Appropriation; Treasurer's Office. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3051: Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3000: Appropriation; IHL - General support. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3001: Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3002: Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural programs. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3003: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3004: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3005: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3006: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3007: Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3008: Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3044: Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3048: Appropriation; Personnel Board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3016: Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3046: Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3047: Appropriation; Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to the Mississippi Development Authority. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3049: Appropriation; Secretary of State. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3009: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3010: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3043: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3022: Appropriation; Revenue, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3023: Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3041: Appropriation; Audit, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3045: Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3025: Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3013: Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3014: Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock shows. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3015: Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3027: Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3017: Appropriation; Military Department. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3018: Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3030: Appropriation; Funeral Services Board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3036: Appropriation; Gaming Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3012: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3019: Appropriation; Ethics Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3020: Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3026: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road Construction, Office of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3120: Capital Expense Fund; FY2024 appropriation to MDOT for certain infrastructure expenses. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3011: Appropriation; Corrections, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3052: Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund; FY2024 reappropriate to certain agencies. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3113: Appropriation; additional to Office of Workforce Development for certain programs, ARPA funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3114: Appropriation; additional to DEQ for Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program, ARPA funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3115: Appropriation; additional to DOH for ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3116: Appropriation; additional to DFA for destination marketing organizations and Main Street Association, ARPA funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3117: Appropriation; additional for DFA - Office of Insurance for State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan, ARPA funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3118: Appropriation; additional to DFA - Bureau of Buildings, ARPA funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3119: Appropriation; additional to DOH for Mississippi Hospital Sustainability Grant Program, ARPA funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. C. R. No. 39: Panny Flautt Mayfield; commend upon being named a 2023 Noel Polk Lifetime Achievement Award Nominee. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 104: Lamar Academy "Raiders" Girls Volleyball Team; congratulate on winning MAIS 5A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 105: John Stroud; commend career and athletic accomplishments of. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

Head Page, Alexandria Williams, introduced the following pages for the week:

Anna Alexander	Picayune, MS
Travis Collins	Jackson, MS

Emma Dunhurst	Carriere, MS
Winston Fant	Holly Springs, MS
Samuel Generette	Jackson, MS
Kaylynn Green	Diamondhead, MS
Maurice Haralson, Jr.	Byram, MS
Ella Hobson	Ripley, MS
Gracie Hobson	Ripley, MS
Khalilah Karriem	Columbus, MS
Andrew Lott	Richton, MS
Mason McLellan	West, MS
Dalton Scruggs	Canton, MS
Brianna Shelton	Columbus, MS
Morgan Smith	Diamondhead, MS
Ingrid Soto	Picayune, MS
Isabel Sullivan	Pascagoula, MS
Kade Upchurch	Brandon, MS
Mary Wilson	Picayune, MS
Allie Windham	Beaumont, MS

Representative Miles introduced special guest, Judge Constance Harvey Slaughter. H. R. No. 37.

Representative Stamps introduced special guest, Dwanna Stanley. H. R. No. 96.

Representative Creekmore IV introduced special guest, Mr. John Stroud. H. R. No. 105.

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. R. No. 105: John Stroud; commend career and athletic accomplishments of.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. R. No. 105: John Stroud; commend career and athletic accomplishments of.

Rep. Wallace called up:

S. B. No. 2358: Ballot harvesting; ban.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2358. On motion of Rep. Wallace the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Zuber. Total--73.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCarty, McCray,

Mickens, Miles, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Yates, Young. Total--44.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, M, Huddleston, McLean, Stamps. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Pigott called up the following bill which had been set aside pending speaker's ruling:

S. B. No. 2523: Pecan Harvesting Law; revise penalties for violating.

The Speaker ruled the point of order by Rep. Hines not well taken.

SPEAKER'S RULING
(Senate Bill No. 2523 - Amend by Reference)

The Gentleman from Washington, Representative Hines, raised a point of order that SB 2523 amends Sections 97-17-41 and 97-17-43 by reference.

The point of order is not well taken because the penalties for the crimes of larceny in SB 2523 are not being changed, but are referred to and clearly states "subject" to certain code sections listed in the bill.

Previous Speaker's rulings are clear that referring to code sections that set forth other crimes do not enlarge, modify, restrict or amend those laws and code sections. Referring to sections by using the phrase "subject to" incorporates the language without repeating the sections in their entirety.

Also, creating a new criminal offense in addition to any other criminal offense does not amend other criminal offense code sections by reference.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Owen:

Amend on line 19 by striking "brough forward" and inserting in lieu thereof: "amended".

Further, amend on line 31 by inserting the following after the period:

"Any person found to be in violation of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined an amount not exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or be imprisoned for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days in jail, or both such fine and imprisonment."

Further, amend on line 52 by inserting after the word "who", the following:

", without the owner's permission, enters upon the private property of an owner of lands upon which pecan trees are growing for the purpose of removing pecans from the premises thereof, whether from the grounds or within any facility thereon where the pecans are stored, for his or her own financial benefit which causes financial detriment and other damages or hardships to the owner of the pecan trees,".

Further, amend on line 61 by inserting after the period, the following:

"Whether the felonious crime is prosecuted as petit larceny or grand larceny shall be determined by the amount of the pecan's fair market value at the time the theft of the pecans occurred."

Further, amend on line 63 by striking ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023".

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

"AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 69-33-1, 639-33-3 AND 69-33-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE CRIMINAL AND CIVIL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING THE PROVISIONS OF THE PECAN HARVESTING LAW; TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 69-33-5 AND 69-33-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES."

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2523**. On motion of Rep. Pigott the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--104.

Nays--Bomgar, Horne, Karriem, McCarty, Walker, Young. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, M, Hines, Huddleston, Massengill. Total-4.

Present--Anderson, J, Banks, Bell, C, Brown, B, Faulkner, Summers, Thompson. Total--7.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--55

Rep. Bell (21st) called up:

S. B. No. 2595: ARPA Workforce Development and Retention Act; provide expiration date of grant funds.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bell (21st):

AMEND on line 26 by striking "its passage" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "July 1, 2023, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2595**. On motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson,

Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.
Absent or those not voting--Bain, Huddleston. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bell (21st) called up:

S. B. No. 2810: MS Workforce Training and Education Act; extend repealer on the act and in 2004 chapter law for conforming sections.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bell (21st):

AMEND on line 1863 by inserting the following language after "2023": "and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023".

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2810**. On motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.
Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Kinkade. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bell (21st) called up:

S. B. No. 2371: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Nurse/Allied Health Workforce Development and Retention Act; create.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND by inserting the following new section after line 332 and renumbering the succeeding sections:

" SECTION 10. (1) The Office of Workforce Development shall establish and administer the Mississippi Allied Health College and Career Navigator Grant Program for the purpose of hiring professionals, or navigators, to provide individual assistance and guidance to students to assist them in many areas, from maneuvering challenges while enrolled in college programs and understanding the job market to working through course challenges, and to help retain and graduate nursing and allied health students, at community and junior colleges. Such navigators must be at least a registered nurse with at least two (2) years of experience in nursing. The grant program shall be funded from monies appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose.

(2) The Office of Workforce Development shall prescribe the terms and conditions of the grant program. To be eligible to receive a grant from the Office of Workforce Development under the grant program, a community college shall provide the following information:

(a) The number of nursing or allied health students who will be served by the program;

(b) A plan to provide data on participation and outcomes of the program, including a plan to report outcomes to the office throughout the funding commitment; and

(c) Any other information that the office determines is necessary.

(3) The Office of Workforce Development may use a maximum of five percent (5%) of funds appropriated for the program for the administration of the program.

(4) The Office of Workforce Development shall submit an annual report on the grant program to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chair of the House Workforce Development Committee and the Chair of the Senate Economic and Workforce Development Committee. The report shall contain a detailed explanation of how many community or junior colleges applied for the grants, how many navigator positions were filled and whether the retention rate for allied health workers has improved since implementing a navigator. The community or junior college that received grants from the program shall assist the office in completing the reporting requirement."

AMEND further by striking "9" on line 333 and inserting in lieu thereof "10".

AMEND title to conform.

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bell (21st):

AMEND by striking the effective date section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
"SECTION *. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023".

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 3 BY REPRESENTATIVE Carpenter:

AMEND by inserting the following new sections as Sections 11 through 15 immediately before the effective date section and renumbering the succeeding section:

" SECTION 11. Sections 11 through 15 of this act shall be known and cited as the "Paramedics Recruitment and Retention Scholarship Grant Program Act."

SECTION 12. (1) The Legislature finds the following:

(a) The public health crisis related to COVID-19 resulted in a general disruption in the Mississippi economy and workforce, particularly in the healthcare industry.

(b) COVID-19 and the closing of or reduction in services at rural hospitals created an unprecedented demand on emergency medical response providers.

(c) Consequently, the number of paramedics decreased in the State of Mississippi by approximately nineteen percent (19%).

(d) The lack of paramedics directly impacts all Mississippians ability to rely on quality emergency care.

(2) Therefore, the intent of the Legislature is:

(a) To provide funding to the Office of Workforce Development to establish a grant program for the purposes outlined herein.

(b) To provide funding for grants to cover the full cost of tuition, fees, books and any required uniforms for qualified applicants to attend an accredited paramedic program.

(c) To provide funding for grants to reimburse the cost of a qualified applicant's fee for the successful completion of the National Registry Paramedic cognitive and psychomotor examinations.

(d) To gauge the effectiveness of this program by gathering data related to the participation and employment outcomes in order to replicate successful efforts in future workforce development programs.

SECTION 13. (1) There is established the Paramedics Recruitment and Retention Scholarship Grant Program ("the program"). The grant program shall be used by the Office of Workforce Development, with the Mississippi Department of Employment Security acting as the fiscal agent, for the purpose of providing funding for grants to cover the full cost of tuition, fees, books and any required uniforms for qualified applicants to attend an accredited paramedic program and to reimburse the cost of a qualified applicant's fee for the successful completion of the National Registry Paramedic cognitive and psychomotor examinations. The grant program shall be funded from monies appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose.

(2) For the purposes of Sections 11 through 15 of this act, a "paramedic" means a certified healthcare professional who specializes in providing emergency medical treatment to people who are injured or ill, typically in a setting outside of a hospital.

(3) The Office of Workforce Development shall prescribe the terms and conditions of grants awarded under the program. To qualify for a grant under this program, an applicant must:

- (a) Be a certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT);
- (b) Have the necessary requisites for an accredited paramedic program;
- (c) Commit to locate in the State of Mississippi for a minimum of three (3) years;

and

(d) Meet any other conditions for receipt as prescribed by the Office of Workforce Development.

(4) The Office of Workforce Development may use a maximum of five percent (5%) of funds appropriated for the program for the administration of the program.

SECTION 14. The office shall enter into a grant contract agreement with each recipient of a grant under the program that incorporates the following obligations and conditions:

(a) The recipient of a grant shall commit to serving as a paramedic for three (3) continuous years in the State of Mississippi;

(b) If any recipient of a grant under the program does not engage in serving as a paramedic in accordance with the terms of Sections 11 through 15 of this act, the recipient shall be obligated to repay the grant amounts received, together with interest thereon at the maximum rate allowed by Mississippi law or the federal discount rate plus five percent (5%) per year, whichever is less, the interest to accrue from the date that each payment of funds was received by the recipient;

(c) No interest shall accrue and there shall be no obligation to repay the principal sums accrued during any one (1) period of time that the recipient involuntarily serves on active duty in the United States Armed Forces; and

(d) Repayment of the principal with interest shall be due and payable in full immediately on the occurrence of either of the following events:

(i) Failure to remain in the State of Mississippi for three (3) continuous years for any reason other than temporary personal illness; or

(ii) Failure to serve as a paramedic on a regularly sustained basis as provided in the eligibility requirements of Section 13 of this act.

SECTION 15. The Office of Workforce Development shall submit an annual report on the grant program to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chair of the House Workforce Development Committee and the Chair of the Senate Economic and Workforce Development Committee. The report shall contain a detailed explanation of how the funds appropriated for the program were

awarded and how many paramedics have participated in the grant program and their employment outcomes.

AMEND title to conform.

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 4 BY REPRESENTATIVES ARNOLD AND TURNER:

AMEND by inserting the following after line 1861 and renumbering the succeeding sections:

" SECTION 8. The following shall be codified as Section 25-61-11.1, Mississippi Code of 1972:

25-61-11.1. Sections 8 through 17 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the "Mississippi Consumer Privacy Act for State Agencies".

SECTION 9. The following shall be codified as Section 25-61-11.3, Mississippi Code of 1972:

25-61-11.3. (1) Any records that include the address, telephone number, electronic mail address, date of birth, or social security number of any professional or occupational licensee, and are held by a state agency that licenses professions or occupations, shall not be deemed public records as provided in Section 25-61-3, unless the licensee has consented to the release of such records.

(2) The provisions of this section shall not prohibit the agency from posting information on an Internet site that the agency deems necessary to inform consumers of disciplinary proceedings filed against the licensee.

SECTION 10. The following shall be codified as Section 25-61-11.4, Mississippi Code of 1972:

25-61-11.4. For purposes of Sections 8 through 17 of this act, the following terms have the meanings as defined in this section, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Agency" includes any agency or political subdivision of this state, or an authorized agent or contractor of an agency or political subdivision of this state, that compiles or maintains motor vehicle records.

(b) "Authorized recipient" means a person who is permitted to receive and use personal information from an agency in a manner authorized by this chapter.

(c) "Disclose" means to make available or make known personal information contained in a motor vehicle record about a person to another person, by any means of communication.

(d) "Individual record" means a motor vehicle record obtained by an agency containing personal information about an individual who is the subject of the record as identified in a request.

(e) "Motor vehicle record" means a record that pertains to a motor vehicle operator's or driver's license or permit, motor vehicle traffic citations, motor vehicle registration, motor vehicle title, or identification document issued by an agency of this state or a local agency authorized to issue an identification document. The term "motor vehicle record" does not include:

(i) A record that pertains to a motor carrier; or

(ii) An accident report prepared in accordance with law.

(f) "Person" means an individual, organization, or entity, but does not include this state or an agency of this state.

(g) "Personal information" means information that identifies a person, including a person's photograph or computerized image, social security number, date of birth, driver identification number, name, address, email address, telephone number, or medical or disability information. The term "personal information" does not include information on vehicle accidents, driving or equipment-related violations, or driver's license or registration status, or information contained in an accident report prepared under law.

(h) "Record" means any book, paper, photograph, photostat, card, film, tape, recording, electronic data, printout, or other documentary material regardless of physical form or characteristics.

SECTION 11. The following shall be codified as Section 25-61-11.5, Mississippi Code of 1972:

25-61-11.5. An agency shall not knowingly disclose personal information about any person obtained by the agency in connection with a motor vehicle record, except as provided by Sections 8 through 17 of this act. An agency that maintains motor vehicle records that contain personal information is authorized to adopt rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

SECTION 12. The following shall be codified as Section 25-61-11.6, Mississippi Code of 1972:

25-61-11.6. (1) Personal information obtained by an agency in connection with a motor vehicle record shall be disclosed for use in connection with any matter of:

- (a) Motor vehicle or motor vehicle operator safety;
- (b) Motor vehicle theft;
- (c) Motor vehicle product alterations, recalls, or advisories;
- (d) Performance monitoring of motor vehicles or motor vehicle dealers by a motor vehicle manufacturer;

(e) Removal of nonowner records from the original owner records of a motor vehicle manufacturer to carry out the purposes of:

- (i) The Automobile Information Disclosure Act, 15 USC Section 1231

et seq.;

- (ii) 49 USC Chapters 301, 305, 323, 325, 327, 329, and 331;

(iii) The Anti Car Theft Act of 1992, 18 USC Sections 553, 981, 982, 2119, 2312, 2313, and 2322, 19 USC Sections 164Gb and 1646c, and 42 USC Section 375 Oa et seq., all as amended;

- (iv) The Clean Air Act, 42 USC Section 7401 et seq., as amended;

and

(v) Any other statute or regulation enacted or adopted under, or in relation to, a law included in this section.

- (f) Child support enforcement activities as provided in Section 93-11-155;

- (g) Voter registration matters, as provided in Section 23-15-169 et seq.; or

- (h) Motor vehicle emissions information.

(2) Personal information obtained by an agency in connection with a motor vehicle record shall be disclosed to a requestor who:

- (a) Is the subject of the information; or

(b) Demonstrates, in such form and manner as the agency requires, that the requestor has obtained the written consent of the person who is the subject of the information.

(3) Personal information obtained by an agency in connection with a motor vehicle record may be disclosed to any requestor by an agency if the requestor:

(a) Provides his or her name and address, and any proof of that information as required by the agency; and

(b) Represents that the use of the personal information will be strictly limited to use by:

(i) A government agency, including any court or law enforcement agency, in carrying out its functions;

(ii) A private person or entity acting on behalf of a government agency in carrying out the functions of the agency;

- (iii) Use in connection with a matter of:

1. Motor vehicle or motor vehicle operator safety;
2. Motor vehicle theft;
3. Motor vehicle product alterations, recalls, or advisories;
4. Performance monitoring of motor vehicles, motor vehicle parts, or motor vehicle dealers; or

5. Removal of nonowner records from the original owner records of motor vehicle manufacturers.

(iv) Use in the normal course of business by a legitimate business, or an authorized agent of the business, but only:

1. To verify the accuracy of personal information submitted by the individual to the business or the agent of the business; and

2. If the information is not correct, to obtain the correct information for the sole purpose of preventing fraud by pursuing a legal remedy against or recovering on a debt or security interest against the individual.

(v) Use in conjunction with a civil, criminal, administrative, or arbitral proceeding in any court or government agency or before any self-regulatory body, including service of process, investigation in anticipation of litigation, execution or enforcement of a judgment or order, or under an order of any court;

(vi) Use by a motor vehicle manufacturer, dealership, or distributor, or an agent of or provider of services to a motor vehicle manufacturer, dealership, or distributor, for motor vehicle market research activities, including survey research, but only if the personal information is not published, redisclosed, or used to contact any individual;

(vii) Use by an insurer, insurance support organization, or self-insured entity, or an authorized agent of an insurer, insurance support organization, or self-insured entity, in connection with claims processing or investigation activities, antifraud activities, rating, or underwriting;

(viii) Use in providing notice to an owner or lien holder of a vehicle that was towed or impounded, and is in the possession of a vehicle storage facility;

(ix) Use by an employer or an agent or insurer of the employer to obtain or verify information relating to a holder of a commercial driver's license that is required under 49 USC Chapter 313;

(x) Use by a consumer reporting agency, as defined by the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 USC Section 1681 et seq.), for a purpose permitted under that act;

(xi) In the normal course of business by a person, or authorized agent of a person, who holds a license from the Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission, or is regulated by the Department of Banking and Consumer Finance, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, or the National Credit Union Administration;

(xii) In connection with the operation of private toll transportation facilities.

(4) Subsection (3)(b)(iv) of this section does not authorize the disclosure of personal information to a person who is not a business licensed by, registered with, or subject to regulatory oversight by a government agency.

(5) The only personal information an agency may release under subsection (3) of this section is the person's

name, address, date of birth, email address, telephone number, medical or disability information and driver's license number.

SECTION 13. The following shall be codified as Section 25-61-11.7, Mississippi Code of 1972:

25-61-11.7. (1) Any requestor who misrepresents his or her purpose for seeking motor vehicle information, or who has violated any provision of this act, or any rules of an agency promulgated to carry out the provisions of this act, shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction, shall be sentenced to the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections for not more than five (5) years. Any corporation, association, firm or other entity that has violated the provisions of this act shall be fined in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for each violation.

(2) Whenever the agency provides a requestor access to personal information in bulk as provided under Section 12 of this act, the agency shall enter into a contract with the requestor which shall require:

(a) That the requestor post a performance bond in an amount of not more than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00);

(b) A prohibition on the sale or redistribution of the personal information for the purpose of marketing extended vehicle warranties by telephone;

(c) That the requestor provide proof of general liability and cyber-threat insurance coverage in an amount specified by the contracting agency, that is at least Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00), and reasonably related to the risks associated with unauthorized access and use of the records;

(d) That if a requestor experiences a breach of system security that includes data obtained under authority of this section, the requestor shall notify the agency of the breach not later than forty-eight (48) hours after the discovery of the breach;

(e) That the requestor include in each contract with a third-party that receives the personal information from the requestor, that the third-party must comply with federal and state laws regarding the records;

(f) That the requester, and any third-party receiving the personal information from the requestor, protect the personal information with appropriate and accepted industry standard security measures for the type of information and the known risks from unauthorized access and use of the information; and

(g) That the requestor annually provides to the agency a report of all third-parties to which the personal information was disclosed under this act and the purpose of the disclosure.

Nothing in this subsection (5) shall bar an agency from adopting a rule that prohibits the bulk transfer of data.

(6) The bond and insurance requirements of this act shall not apply to a government agency, including a court of law or law enforcement agency.

(7) An agency that discloses any motor vehicle records in bulk shall include in the records at least two (2) records that are created solely for the purpose of monitoring compliance with this act and detecting by receipt of certain forms of communications or actions directed at the subjects of the created records, potential violations of this act or contract terms required by this act.

(8) An agency that discloses motor vehicle records shall designate an employee to be responsible for:

(a) Monitoring compliance with this act and contract terms required by this act;

(b) Referring potential violations of this act to law enforcement agencies; and

(c) Making recommendations to the administrative head of the agency or his or her designee on the eligibility of a person under this act to receive personal information.

(9) This act does not affect any rights or remedies available under a contract or any other law. If an agency determines that a person has violated the terms of a contract with the agency that authorized the disclosure of personal information in connection with a motor vehicle record, the agency may:

(a) Cease disclosing personal information to that person; and

(b) Allow the person to remedy the violation and continue receiving personal information.

(10) Nothing in this act shall be construed to prohibit the Mississippi Department of Revenue from providing information to a private firm for the management and upkeep of a tax lien registry.

SECTION 14. The following shall be codified as Section 25-61-11.8, Mississippi Code of 1972:

25-61-11.8. (1) A person who sells to a person who is not an authorized recipient of personal information obtained by an agency in connection with a motor vehicle record is liable to the person who is the subject of the information for:

(a) Actual damages;

(b) If the actual damages to the person are less than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00), an additional amount so that the total amount of damages equals Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00); and

(c) Court costs incurred by the person who is the subject of the information in bringing the action.

(2) A person whose personal information has been disclosed for compensation to a person who is not an authorized recipient of such information may sue for:

(i) The damages, costs, and fees authorized under paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of this section;

(ii) Injunctive relief; and

(iii) Any other equitable remedy determined to be appropriate by the

court.

SECTION 15. The following section shall be codified as Section 25-61-11.9, Mississippi Code of 1972:

25-61-11.9. (1) An authorized recipient of personal information may redisclose the information, including redisclosure for compensation, only for a use permitted under Section 12 of this act.

(2) An authorized recipient who rediscloses personal information obtained from an agency shall be required by that agency to:

(a) Maintain for a period of not less than five (5) years, records as to any person or entity receiving that information and the permitted use for which it was obtained; and

(b) Provide copies of those records to the agency upon request.

(3) A person who receives personal information under subsection (2) of this section may not redisclose the personal information, including redisclosure for compensation, to a person who is not an authorized recipient of such information.

(4) An authorized recipient shall notify each person who receives such personal information that the person may not redisclose the personal information to a person who is not an authorized recipient of such information.

(5) A person commits an offense if he or she violates this section. The penalties established in Section 13, subsection (1) of this act shall apply to violations of this section.

SECTION 16. The following shall be codified as Section 25-61-11.10, Mississippi Code of 1972:

25-61-11.10. In addition to the records of licensees exempted from the Public Records Act of 1983, by Section 49-7-4, any records held by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks that include the addresses, telephone numbers, electronic mail addresses, dates of birth, or social security numbers of any person who has done business with the department shall not be public records as defined by Section 25-61-3.

SECTION 17. The following shall be codified as Section 25-61-11.11, Mississippi Code of 1972:

25-61-11.11. In addition to any penalties provided for under this act, persons who violate the provisions of this act by using information that was unlawfully obtained to contact individuals by telephone, may also be investigated and sanctioned under the provisions of the Mississippi Telephone Solicitation Act.

SECTION 18. Section 49-7-4, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

49-7-4. The records of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks relating to applications for and sales of any resident or nonresident licenses issued under this chapter, and all records related to holders of such licenses, are exempt from the provisions of the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983, in accordance with Section 25-61-11, and shall be released only upon order of a court having proper jurisdiction over a petition for release of the record or records. However, upon request, the records specified in this section shall be available to all law enforcement agencies.

SECTION 19. Section 77-3-725, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

77-3-725. The commission may investigate alleged violations and initiate proceedings relative to a violation of this article or any rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this article. Such proceedings include, without limitation, proceedings to issue a cease and desist order, and to issue an order imposing a civil penalty not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for each violation. The commission shall afford an opportunity for a fair hearing to the alleged violator(s) after giving written notice of the time and place for said hearing. Failure to appear at any such hearing may result in the commission finding the alleged violator(s) liable by default. Any telephone solicitor found to have violated this article, pursuant to a hearing or by default, may be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for each violation to be assessed and collected by the commission. Each telephonic communication shall constitute a separate violation.

All penalties collected by the commission shall be deposited in the special fund created under Section 77-3-721 for the administration of this article.

The commission may issue subpoenas, require the production of relevant documents, administer oaths, conduct hearings, and do all things necessary in the course of investigating, determining and adjudicating an alleged violation.

The remedies, duties, prohibitions and penalties set forth under this article shall not be exclusive and shall be in addition to all other causes of action, remedies and penalties provided by law, including, but not limited to, the penalties provided by Section 77-1-53."

AMEND title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2371**. On motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bain called up:

S. B. No. 2079: MS School Safety Guardian Act; create.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Sanford:

AMEND on line 67 after "(6)" by inserting the following: "(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection,".

AMEND further on line 69, after the period by inserting the following: "(b) The stipend described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall not be construed to apply to personnel hired by a third-party vendor in subsection (11)."

AMEND further after line 139 by inserting the following new subsection:

" (11) The governing body of a school may contract with a third-party vendor to authorize such vendor to provide personnel who will participate in the School Safety Guardian Program, provided that each participant shall meet all requirements adopted/created by the department to act as a School Safety Guardian."

AMEND further on line 384 by inserting before the period: ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023".

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Owen:

Amend on line 69 by inserting the following before the period:

", however no funds received by school districts under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) shall be used to pay the stipends authorized under this subsection in accordance with the prohibition on the use of such funds as prescribed in Section 13401

of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, Public Law 117-159, 117th Congress of the United States, which amends the ESEA (20 USCS Section 7906 (Supp. 2022)).

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2079**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--80.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Faulkner, Foster, Harness, Hines, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--35.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, A, Calvert, Hobgood-Wilkes, Huddleston, McGee. Total-5.

Present--Holloway. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Bain called up:

S. B. No. 2120: Firearms; authorize law enforcement officers to purchase at fair market value upon retirement.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Hobgood-Wilkes:

AMEND after line 41 by inserting the following new section, and renumbering the succeeding section.

Section 4: (1) The State Department of Health, in cooperation with the Department of Archives and History and the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management and subject to funds being made available, shall design and cause to be constructed and maintained on state-owned lands at some suitable and appropriate place in or near the City of Jackson, an Emergency Medical Services Memorial to honor those Emergency Medical Services personnel who have given their lives in the performance of their official duties and those who have made a dramatic impact on or substantial contribution to emergency medical services in Mississippi.

The Department of Health shall consult with organizations and communities of interest relating to emergency medical services in designing the memorial, and the memorial shall be designed and constructed not later than July 1, 2024.

(2) The Department of Health shall form, and/or collaborate with a private foundation or nonprofit corporation to maintain the memorial in perpetuity and determine the eligibility of those persons to be included on the memorial. The foundation or nonprofit corporation shall solicit and receive funds from public and private sources and donations to carry out its responsibilities under this section.

Amend the effective date by adding; "and shall stand repealed June 30, 2023".

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

On request of Rep. Bain, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in **S. B. No. 2120**:

Change the word "colonel" to corporal.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2120**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bailey, Faulkner, Thompson. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Huddleston, Stamps. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bain called up:

S. B. No. 2298: Bail agents; revise procedure for determining in municipal and justice courts.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2298**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin,

Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, K, Huddleston, Stamps. Total-3.

Present--Newman. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bain called up:

S. B. No. 2420: Public Funds Offender Registry; create.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2420.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--103.

Nays--Anthony, Bailey, Blackmon, Denton, Mickens, Porter, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Burnett, Calvert, Harness, Huddleston. Total-5.

Present--Brown, B, Foster, Hulum, Summers. Total--4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--56

Representative Bailey (49th) entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

S. B. No. 2358: Ballot harvesting; ban.

At 11:48 AM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed until 1:30 PM.

At 1:31 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Hood called up:

S. B. No. 2212: Recipients of Medicaid; extend postpartum coverage up to 12 months.

Rep. Hopkins moved to table, which motion lost.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2212. On motion of Rep. Hood the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Osborne, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Turner, Walker, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young. Total--92.

Nays--Bomgar, Bounds, Brown, C, Crawford, Criswell, Eubanks, Ford, J, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horne, Ladner, Mangold, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Rushing, Shanks, Smith, Tubb, Tullos, Wallace, Williamson, Zuber. Total--27.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Mims. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Hood called up:

S. B. No. 2613: Nonemergency transportation providers; extend date by which providers may provide service without a permit.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Hobgood-Wilkes:

AMEND after line 80 by inserting the following new section, and renumbering the succeeding section.

" SECTION *. (1) The State Department of Health, in cooperation with the Department of Archives and History and the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management and subject to funds being made available, shall design and cause to be constructed and maintained on state-owned lands at some suitable and appropriate place in or near the City of Jackson, an Emergency Medical Services Memorial to honor those Emergency Medical Services personnel who have given their lives in the performance of their official duties and those who have made a dramatic impact on or substantial contribution to emergency medical services in Mississippi. The Department of Health shall consult with organizations and communities of interest relating to emergency medical services in designing the memorial, and the memorial shall be designed and constructed not later than July 1, 2024.

(2) The Department of Health shall form, and/or collaborate with a private foundation or nonprofit corporation to maintain the memorial in perpetuity and determine the eligibility of those persons to be included on the memorial. The foundation or nonprofit corporation shall solicit and receive funds from public and private sources and donations to carry out its responsibilities under this section."

AMEND Further on 82 by inserting before the period the following:

", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2613**. On motion of Rep. Hood the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Blackmon, Huddleston, McLean. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bain called up:

S. B. No. 2127: Terroristic threats; revise elements of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2127**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates. Total--104.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Bomgar, Criswell, Summers, Young. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Eure, Harness, Huddleston, Watson, Zuber. Total-5.

Present--Banks, Clark, Crudup, Hines, Johnson, Scott. Total--6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--55

Rep. Bain called up:

S. B. No. 2347: Hospital police department; authorize for certain private entities.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2347.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--99.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, B, Clark, Criswell, Crudup, Denton, Harness, Hines, Hopkins, Horne, Johnson, Summers, Walker. Total--13.

Absent or those not voting--Bell, C, Brown, C, Clarke, Eubanks, Huddleston, Rosebud. Total-6.

Present--Foster, Porter, Scott. Total--3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Bain called up:

S. B. No. 2337: Conspiracy; revise statute of limitations.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2337.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Crawford, Currie, Huddleston. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bain called up:

S. B. No. 2376: Youth court; clarify that disclosure of certain records in criminal matters do not require youth court approval.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2376**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Huddleston. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bain called up:

S. B. No. 2634: Child support; allow criminal charges three years after the child turns twenty-one.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2634**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--100.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Blackmon, Bomgar, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Criswell, Crudup, Hopkins, Osborne, Walker, Young. Total--14.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Huddleston. Total-2.

Present--Banks, Clark, Hines, Hulum, Summers. Total--5.
Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Bain called up:

S. B. No. 2645: Circuit court districts; increase number of assistant district attorneys and criminal investigators.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES BAIN AND HORAN:

AMEND on line 367 by inserting the following before the period: ", and shall stand repealed on December 31, 2023"

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2645.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bailey, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.
Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Huddleston. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Horan called up:

S. B. No. 2495: State inmates; require MDOC to pay increased rate to house inmates in county jails.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2495. On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Huddleston. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Busby called up:

S. B. No. 2003: Highways; dedicate a section of Highway 12 to G. Louis Jones.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2003. On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Arnold called up:

S. B. No. 2545: Highways; dedicate a section of Highway 35 to Constable Raye Hawkins.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2545. On motion of Rep. Arnold the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Arnold called up:

S. B. No. 2546: Highways; dedicate a section of Highway 51 to Deputy Joe Kenneth Cosby.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2546. On motion of Rep. Arnold the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Arnold called up:

S. B. No. 2547: Highways; dedicate a section of Highway 315 to Nolan Mettetal.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2547. On motion of Rep. Arnold the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Criswell, Huddleston. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Arnold called up:

S. B. No. 2602: Highway Memorials; designate segment of Highway 25 to Kash McGraw and Bridge to Stacey Ricks.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2602.** On motion of Rep. Arnold the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Criswell, Huddleston. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Kinkade called up:

S. B. No. 2534: Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; require additional regulation of freshwater fishing guides.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2534. On motion of Rep. Kinkade the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Huddleston, Taylor. Total-3.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Kinkade called up:

S. B. No. 2556: Qualifications for appointment as a conservation officer; clarify.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2556. On motion of Rep. Kinkade the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Huddleston. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Scoggin called up:

S. B. No. 2487: Mississippi Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program; establish.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2487.** On motion of Rep. Scoggin the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Calvert, Huddleston. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bain called up for consideration the following bills and was read for the third time:

S. B. No. 2099: Motor vehicle theft; revise penalty for.

S. B. No. 2100: Receiving stolen property; revise the crime of.

S. B. No. 2101: Criminal law; revise crimes of fleeing a law enforcement officer and carjacking.

Rep. Bain called up:

S. B. No. 2239: Department of Public Safety; authorize officer use of uniforms, weapons and vehicles off duty while performing security services.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2239.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--104.

Nays--Brown, C, Clark, Crawford, Criswell, Currie, Hopkins, Ladner, Owen, Rushing, Williamson, Young. Total--11.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Huddleston. Total-2.

Present--Brown, B, Porter, Scott, Summers. Total--4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Bain called up for consideration the following bill and was read for the third time:

S. B. No. 2346: Material harmful to minors; provide for liability for any entity that distributes on the internet without age verification.

Rep. Cockerham called up:

S. B. No. 2197: Veteran service officers; authorize certain action on behalf of a veteran under a power of attorney, provide immunity to.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2197.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Huddleston. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Cockerham called up:

S. B. No. 2075: Birth certificate; adoptee may obtain certified copy of original after age 21.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2075.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Crawford, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Clark, Hines, Huddleston, Scott. Total-5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Cockerham called up:

S. B. No. 2082: Child support; administratively suspend obligations for incarcerated individuals.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2082.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders,

Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--97.

Nays--Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Brown, C, Carpenter, Crawford, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Eubanks, Ford, J, Haney, Hopkins, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, McKnight, McLeod, Newman, Scoggin, Williamson. Total--21.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Huddleston. Total-2.

Present--Boyd, R. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Cockerham called up:

S. B. No. 2077: Charitable Organizations; Raise audit threshold for contributions to \$750,000.00, and use a cash basis only.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2077.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Currie, Huddleston. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Cockerham called up:

S. B. No. 2384: Foster Care and Adoption Task Force; create.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2384.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans,

M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, McLeod, Williamson. Total--6.
Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Huddleston. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bennett called up:

S. B. No. 2333: Public schools; require staff training to assist with seizures.

A motion by Rep. Hines to table AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 by committee LOST.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Byrd:

Amend on lines 349, 383, 433 and 548 by inserting after the word "therapist", the following:

"who holds a State Department of Education License No. 203 and has been trained in a department-approved Orton-Gillingham based dyslexia therapy training program".

Further, amend on line 463 by inserting after the word "instructor", the following:

"who holds a State Department of Education License No. 203 and has been trained in a department-approved Orton-Gillingham based dyslexia therapy training program".

LOST

AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Byrd:

AMEND on line 609 by inserting the following before the period:
"and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023"

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2333.** On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham,

Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Huddleston. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. McCarty called up:

S. B. No. 2360: Agricultural high schools; revise board membership.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2360.** On motion of Rep. McCarty the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, B, Calvert, Clark, Huddleston, Scott, Summers.
Total-6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Bennett called up:

S. B. No. 2524: Sixteenth Section land; authorize long-term contracts for sale of certain forest products.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Owen:

AMEND on line 237 by inserting the following before the period:
", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2524**. On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--102.

Nays--Aguirre, Arnold, Barnett, Bomgar, Criswell, Currie, Horne, Ladner, Miles, Morgan, Newman, Powell, Rushing, Shanks, Smith, Turner. Total--16.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Huddleston, Young. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bennett called up:

S. B. No. 2585: William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program; revise provisions of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2585**. On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Eubanks, Huddleston. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Felsher called up:

S. B. No. 2586: Computer science curriculum; clarify terminology to specify who may provide instruction in.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES BENNETT AND FELSHER:

AMEND on line 97 by inserting the following before the period: ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2586. On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Huddleston. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bennett called up:

S. B. No. 2751: Sixteenth Section lands; no law, ordinance or regulation shall prohibit school districts from using for educational facilities.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2751. On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

7. Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--
Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Huddleston, Turner, Watson. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bennett called up:

S. B. No. 2812: Board for administration of certain failing school district; extend date of repeal.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2812.** On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bailey, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--7.
Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Crudup, Huddleston. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bennett called up:

S. B. No. 2749: School board members; increase pay.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2749.** On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines,

Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Horne, Owen, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Calvert, Eubanks, Huddleston, Paden.
Total-5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Bennett called up:

S. B. No. 2164: Real property owned by school districts; allow to be sold for development.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2164.** On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Huddleston. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. McCarty called up:

S. B. No. 2167: Early Intervention Task Force; establish.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES BENNETT AND MCCARTY:

AMEND on line 133 by striking "its passage" and inserting in lieu thereof, the following:
"July 1, 2023, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2167.** On motion of Rep. McCarty the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Crudup, Huddleston, Scott. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bennett called up:

S. B. No. 2361: Mississippi Modified School Calendar Grant Program; establish and provide eligibility criteria.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2361.** On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.
Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Huddleston. Total-2.

Present--Banks. Total--1.
Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bennett called up:

S. B. No. 2485: Early Intervention Act for Infants and Toddlers; add certain individuals to definition of qualified personnel.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2485**. On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--6.
Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Huddleston. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--60

Representative Boyd (19th) called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2673**: (Mississippi Real Estate Appraisal Board; make independent from Mississippi Real Estate Commission.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bain entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

S. B. No. 2376: Youth court; clarify that disclosure of certain records in criminal matters do not require youth court approval.

Rep. Bain called up for consideration the following bills and was read for the third time:

S. B. No. 2297: Forensics laboratory and Chickasawhay Natural Gas District; revise provisions of.

S. B. No. 2343: Department of Public Safety; revise jurisdiction of.

Representative Hopkins entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

S. B. No. 2212: Recipients of Medicaid; extend postpartum coverage up to 12 months.

Representative McCarty entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

S. B. No. 2485: Early Intervention Act for Infants and Toddlers; add certain individuals to definition of qualified personnel.

Representative Cockerham entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

S. B. No. 2075: Birth certificate; adoptee may obtain certified copy of original after age 21.

Rep. Boyd (19th) called up for consideration the following bill and was read for the third time:

S. B. No. 2538: Mississippi Regional Pre-Need Disaster Clean Up Act; create.

Rep. Lamar called up for consideration the following bills and was read for the third time:

S. B. No. 2603: Digital Asset Mining Protection Act; create.

S. B. No. 2187: Disabled veterans license tags; revise provisions regarding disability rating and persons eligible for.

S. B. No. 2306: Flood and drainage control districts; revise number of directors for certain municipalities.

S. B. No. 2449: Sales and use taxes; specify for computer software services and products delivered electronically in Mississippi.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2011: Sales tax; exempt motor vehicle transfers to and from trusts, corporations, partnerships and limited liability companies.

S. B. No. 2018: Sales tax; remove tax on wholesale sales of beer.

S. B. No. 2151: Town of North Carrollton; extend repeal date on restaurant tourism tax.

S. B. No. 2215: State depositories; revise definition of "primary capital."

S. B. No. 2282: Pseudoephedrine; delete the automatic repealer on the provision that authorizes the distribution of.

S. B. No. 2518: City of Batesville; extend repealer on hotel/motel & restaurant tourism tax.

S. B. No. 2521: Town of Carrollton; extend repealer on provision of law authorizing to levy tax on sales of restaurants.

S. B. No. 2525: Forestry; create the Forestry Facility Grant Program.

S. B. No. 2548: Motor vehicles; clarify that vehicle length restrictions are the same for day and night operation.

S. B. No. 2623: Mississippi State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan Task Force; establish.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2681: Mississippi Development Authority; clarify time trigger for tax exemption cutoff under Growth and Prosperity Act.

S. B. No. 2700: Homestead; provide full exemption for unremarried surviving spouse of U.S. military member killed on active duty or training.

S. B. No. 2724: Department of Public Safety building project and contract; exempt from certain public purchasing requirements.

S. B. No. 2851: Technology-based capital assistance programs; revise certain terms and amounts of assistance.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2227: Federal Home Loan Banks; provide certain rights and procedures regarding collateral.

S. B. No. 2228: Pet insurance; establish provisions for the sale and renewal of policies.

S. B. No. 2550: Commercial crabbing licenses; applicable to boat instead of each fisherman.

S. B. No. 2797: Mississippi State Asylum Records; provide procedures and exempt from confidentiality and privilege requirements.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. R. No. 105: John Stroud; commend career and athletic accomplishments of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 288: Public Utilities Staff; authorize certain personnel to be filled by consulting contract.

H. B. No. 516: Conservation officer; decrease minimum years of law enforcement experience required to be appointed a.

H. B. No. 894: Violations of local zoning ordinances; authorize governing authorities to pursue administrative or civil penalties for.

H. B. No. 1016: Memorial highway; designate segment of MS Hwy 8 in Chickasaw County as the "Deputy Jeremy Allen Voyles Memorial Highway".

H. B. No. 1017: Memorial intersection; designate intersection of U.S. 45 and CR 110 in Clarke County as the "Army Spc. Terry Kishaun Dantez Gordon Memorial Intersection".

H. B. No. 1060: Electric vehicles; authorize charging by nonutilities.

H. B. No. 1170: Motor vehicles and manufactured homes; authorize Department of Revenue to issue electronic liens and titles.

H. B. No. 1190: Health benefit plan; authorize plan sponsor of to consent, on behalf of covered pensions, to delivery of all communications by electronic means.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 1217: Court interpreters; revise program under the Administration of the Administrative Office of Courts.

H. B. No. 1218: Rivers McGraw Mental Health Treatment Court Act; revise.

H. B. No. 1244: Memorial highway; designate a segment of MS Highway 365 in Prentiss County as the "Howard Tillman Bobo Memorial Highway".

H. B. No. 1245: Memorial highway; designate a segment of MS Highway 364 in Prentiss County as the "James Millard Jourdan Memorial Highway".

H. B. No. 1246: Memorial highway; designate a segment of MS Highway 365 in Prentiss County as the "Leland L. Holland Memorial Highway".

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 49: Resident lifetime hunting and fishing license; authorize Department of Wildlife to issue if parent was born in the state and was on active military service at the time of applicant's birth.

H. B. No. 276: State Board of Physical Therapy, authorize to issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents.

H. B. No. 401: Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission Law; revise certain provisions relating to a manufacturer's ownership of motor vehicle dealership.

H. B. No. 722: Controlled substances; exclude fentanyl testing materials from definition of "paraphernalia" under.

H. B. No. 877: USM; clarify authority to enter into insurance agreement for protection of property at the state port at Gulfport.

H. B. No. 904: Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District; authorize to transfer Kemper Lake to Kemper County Board of Supervisors.

H. B. No. 1027: State Fruit; designate the blueberry as.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. B. No. 383: Oil and gas severance taxes; extend repealer on lower rate for production from horizontally drilled wells.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Felsher moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Michael Clement, which motion prevailed.

Representative Evans (45th) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Bonnie Jean Sanderson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Busby moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Tom Paulsen, which motion prevailed.

Representative Crudup moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dr. Joe Martin, which motion prevailed.

Representative Patterson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Lance Covington, which motion prevailed.

Representative Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Brother Terry Hall, which motion prevailed.

Representative Tullos moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jean Arthur Barnyard, which motion prevailed.

Representative Oliver moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dan Beardain, Curtis Palmertree, Rosa Nell Huggins, and William Dennis Keenum, which motion prevailed.

Representative Horne moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Edwin Glenn Gibson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Horan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Clara Nadene Webster Dye, Billy Rodger Hillhouse, Ladelle Robinson, Joyce Claire Knudson, Patsy "Pat" M. Cosby, Imogene Underwood, Harry Wilson Neal, Shirley Mae Defer, Jesse Harold Hamby, Jeffrey Jerome White, Mark Steven Hollister, Reverend James Robert Townsend, William Russell "Will" Hartley, Margaret Jean White McCluskey, Timothy Wayne Moore, Katie Sue Patterson, Bobbie Jean Allbritton, Mary Jane Stewart, Hattie Inez Anderson, and Egbert Bailey Walker, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Deweese and Horan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Don Alan Larson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bain moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Earl McGehee, Ruth Sample, Steven Watson, Marie Culver, and Henry Foster, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bailey (23rd) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Zackery Andrew Buchanan, and Kenny Hamilton, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Virginia Burris, which motion prevailed.

At 3:39 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Wednesday, March 8, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FORTY-SEVENTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023

(SIXTY-FIFTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Amy Whitten, President of International Women's Forum of Mississippi.

Rep. Robinson led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens,

Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Huddleston.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Wednesday, March 8, 2023

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 371: Bonds; revise purposes for which proceeds of bonds authorized for City of Union. Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 3:04 PM

H. B. No. 390: Historic property income tax credit; revise certain provisions regarding. Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 3:07 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 388: Income tax; revise local governmental entities that may collect debt by a setoff against a debtor's refund.

H. B. No. 517: Guide and outfitter services licenses; revise annual fee for both residents and nonresidents.

H. B. No. 685: Deeds to married couples; create a rebuttable presumption of joint tenancy with rights of survivorship.

H. B. No. 968: Sales tax and use tax; revise provisions regarding computer software, computer software service and computer service.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

S. B. No. 2652: Mississippi Vulnerable Person Abuse Registry; create.

S. B. No. 2703: Driver's license fees; waive for applicants in MDCPS custody.

S. B. No. 2723: Certain real property located in the Capitol Complex area; authorize DFA to purchase.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

S. B. No. 2224: Insurance; prohibit insurer or third-party payors from setting maximum dollar amount of reimbursement for proper ventilation treatment.

S. B. No. 2336: Prevention of overdoses; authorize use of drug-testing equipment and expand use of opioid antagonists.

S. B. No. 2622: Mississippi Prior Authorization Reform Act; enact.

S. B. No. 2698: Ad valorem tax; extend fee-in-lieu qualifying period for renewable energy project.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 232: Dairy show; relocate the show held in Lee County, MS, to Pontotoc County, MS.

H. B. No. 395: MS Major Economic Impact Act; extend deadline for issuance of bonds for certain automotive parts manufacturing plant projects.

H. B. No. 518: Local Provider Innovation Grant Program; revise certain provisions of.

H. B. No. 809: Executive Director of Public Utilities Staff; remove Public Service Commission from the process of appointing.

H. B. No. 922: Alcorn State University; update references to in code to reflect current name designation.

H. B. No. 1276: State officers; provide for a runoff election for.

S. C. R. No. 558: Extending condolences of Legislature to surviving family of Motown recording artist/songwriter Barrett Strong of West Point.

S. C. R. No. 559: Congratulate Ricky Stenhouse from Olive Branch for winning the Daytona 500.

S. C. R. No. 561: Designate March 2023 as "American Red Cross Month in Mississippi."

S. C. R. No. 562: Designate October 2023 as "Walker Montgomery National Catfishing Awareness Month in Mississippi."

S. C. R. No. 563: Designate March 5-11, 2023, as "National School Social Work Week in Mississippi."

S. C. R. No. 564: Designate March 2023 as "Brain Injury Awareness Month in Mississippi" to promote treatment and prevention.

S. C. R. No. 565: Recognize Walthall County Constable Raymond Gutter on his retirement and three-decade law enforcement service.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1792: (Representative Roberson) City of Starkville; revise the definitions of the terms "hotel" and "motel" under the city's motel-hotel tax. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1793: (Representative Bounds) Neshoba County; authorize contribution to Philadelphia Transit. Local and Private Legislation.

H. C. R. No. 40: (Representative Paden) Josephine Pradia Rhymes; commend for her outstanding community service and contributions. Rules.

H. R. No. 106: (Representatives Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, Owen) Picayune High School Football Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 5A State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 107: (Representative Banks) Robert Earl Dow, Sr.; honor life and legacy upon his passing. Rules.

H. R. No. 108: (Representative Weathersby) Colleen Hartfield; commend distinguished career, service and contributions to Hinds Community College. Rules.

H. R. No. 109: (Representatives Rushing, Smith) Newton County High School Cheerleading Team; commend for outstanding achievements. Rules.

H. R. No. 110: (Representative Paden) Coahoma County High School Red Panthers Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning the MHSAA Class 2A State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 111: (Representative Crudup) Illinois State Representative Cyril Nichols; commend for outstanding service and contributions to the City of Jackson. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee, having had under consideration the following, favorably reports same for the reason that the relief sought cannot be obtained by invoking the jurisdiction of the courts and by reason the local nature cannot be reached by a general law:

H. B. No. 1711: City of Vicksburg; authorize contributions of funds and in-kind maintenance services to Beulah Cemetery. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1725: Lowndes County; authorize contribution to Prairie Land Water Association using ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1726: Lowndes County; authorize contributions to certain nonprofit organizations using ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1727: Lowndes County; authorize contributions to any public utility/assoc. to expand, repair water/sewer infrastructure using ARPA funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1787: Scenic Rivers Development Alliance; authorize to create special purpose entities. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1788: City of Columbia; extend repeal date on hotel/motel and restaurant tourism tax. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1790: Washington County; reenact and extend repeal date on hotel and motel tax supporting a sports complex. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1791: Union County; authorize assessments on misdemeanor convictions and nonadjudications for capital improvements. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2149: City of Guntown; authorize the use of side by side vehicles on certain public roads. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

MANLY BARTON, Chairman

Representative Massengill introduced special guests, the Mississippi Trucking Association..

Representative Bennett entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

S. B. No. 2524: Sixteenth Section land; authorize long-term contracts for sale of certain forest products.

On motion of Rep. Read the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 603: Budget; provide for various transfers of funds, and create various special funds.

H. B. No. 604: New programs funded with ARPA funds; revise certain provisions and bring forward sections of.

H. B. No. 602: District Attorneys; increase the operating allowance of.

H. B. No. 1089: State budget; revise provisions of several FY 23 funds and authorize reimbursement of certain costs of MDA.

Rep. Morgan moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 787: Mississippi Board of Registration for Foresters; bring forward all code sections and authorize to suspend license of licensee for failure to satisfy judgement.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Barnett, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins. Total--6.
Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Huddleston, Mangold, Smith. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--59

On motion of Rep. Weathersby the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 917: Mississippi Worker's Comp commission office building; place under the supervision and care of DFA.

Rep. Kinkade moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 979: Hunting; provide exception for recovering mortally wounded animals at night with use of light.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett, Huddleston, Yancey. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Massengill the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 691: Memorial highways; designate various throughout the state.

H. B. No. 1477: Harvest permits; extend repealer on authority of MDOT to issue.

Representative Bain called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2376:** (Youth court; clarify that disclosure of certain records in criminal matters do not require youth court approval.) Strike-all passed, and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Bain moved that Strike-all AMENDMENT NO. 1 by Committee be tabled, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bain: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2376.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson,

Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--106.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Busby, Evans, M, Horne, Huddleston, Massengill, Steverson. Total-6.

Present--Crudup, Evans, B, Summers. Total--3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Representative Wallace called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2358**: (Ballot harvesting; ban.) passed, and moved to table, which motion lost.

Representative Hood called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2212**: (Recipients of Medicaid; extend postpartum coverage up to 12 months.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Guice, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Oliver, Osborne, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--84.

Nays--Bailey, P, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Byrd, Crawford, Criswell, Eubanks, Eure, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Ladner, Mangold, McKnight, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Read, Rushing, Smith, Tubb, Williamson. Total--29.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, J, Horne, Huddleston, Mims, Paden, Robinson, Scoggin, Tullos. Total-8.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. C. R. No. 39: Panny Flautt Mayfield; commend upon being named a 2023 Noel Polk Lifetime Achievement Award Nominee.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Ford, J, Huddleston, Mangold, Robinson. Total-7.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. C. R. No. 39: Panny Flautt Mayfield; commend upon being named a 2023 Noel Polk Lifetime Achievement Award Nominee.

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. R. No. 104: Lamar Academy "Raiders" Girls Volleyball Team; congratulate on winning MAIS 5A State Championship.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. R. No. 104: Lamar Academy "Raiders" Girls Volleyball Team; congratulate on winning MAIS 5A State Championship.

Representative Cockerham called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2090:** (Board of Funeral Services; revise provisions related to.) Strike-all passed, and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Reynolds:

AMEND by deleting all language on lines 632 to 634 after the "(c)" and inserting in lieu thereof, the following:

"A surviving child who is at least eighteen (18) years of age."

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2090.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford,

Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Banks, Denton, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Huddleston, Oliver, Robinson. Total-7.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Boyd (19th) called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

S. B. No. 2538: Mississippi Regional Pre-Need Disaster Clean Up Act; create.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 1017 by deleting the word "its passage" and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"July 1, 2023, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023".

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Boyd (19th):

AMEND on line 960 by inserting "at least" before "nine".

AMEND further on line 1004 by inserting the following after the period:

"During the public procurement selection process, Mississippi-based companies shall be granted a ten percent (10%) bid preference over non-Mississippi based companies."

Further, amend the title to conform.

LOST

Rep. Boyd (19th) moved to lay on table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bell (65th) introduced special guests, Jackson State University Alumni, Blue and White Day at the Capitol.

Rep. Bain called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

S. B. No. 2297: Forensics laboratory and Chickasawhay Natural Gas District; revise provisions of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bain:

AMEND after line 97 by adding the following language:

SECTION 3. The Mississippi Department of Public Safety Headquarters' Office, to be constructed and located in Pearl, Rankin County, Mississippi, shall be named the "David R. Huggins Headquarters of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety." The Department of Finance and Administration shall prepare or have prepared a distinctive plaque, to be approved by the Mississippi Department of Public Safety, to be placed in a prominent place within the building, that states the background, accomplishments and service to the state by Commissioner David R. Huggins. The Department of Finance and Administration, in conjunction with the Mississippi Department of Public Safety, shall erect or cause to be erected proper lettering or signage on the outdoor facade of the building displaying the official name of the building as the "David R. Huggins Headquarters of the

Mississippi Department of Public Safety." Any and all funds necessary to accomplish this act will be appropriated by the Legislature for such purpose.

SECTION 4. The Mississippi State Crime Laboratory of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety located in Pearl, Rankin County, Mississippi, shall be named the "Tom Weathersby State Crime Laboratory." The Department of Finance and Administration shall prepare or have prepared a distinctive plaque, to be approved by the Mississippi Department of Public Safety and the Mississippi House of Representatives, to be placed in a prominent place within the building, that states the background, accomplishments and service to the state by the Honorable Tom Weathersby. The Department of Finance and Administration, in conjunction with the Mississippi Department of Public Safety, shall erect or cause to be erected proper lettering or signage on the outdoor facade of the building displaying the official name of the building as the "Tom Weathersby State Crime Laboratory." Any and all funds necessary to accomplish this act will be appropriated by the Legislature for such purpose.

AMEND Further the title by inserting the following language after "AMENDMENT;":
"TO NAME THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY HEADQUARTERS' OFFICE, LOCATED IN PEARL, RANKIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, THE "DAVID R. HUGGINS HEADQUARTERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY"; TO NAME THE MISSISSIPPI STATE CRIME LABORATORY IN PEARL, RANKIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, THE "TOM WEATHERSBY STATE CRIME LABORATORY"; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ERECT THE PROPER LETTERING OR SIGNAGE ON THE OUTDOOR FACADE OF THE BUILDINGS DISPLAYING THE OFFICIAL NAMES AS THE "DAVID R. HUGGINS HEADQUARTERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY" AND THE "TOM WEATHERSBY STATE CRIME LABORATORY";"

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Hines:

AMEND after line 97 with the following language:

AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTIONS 9-23-101, 9-23-103, 9-23-105, 9-23-107, 9-23-109, 9-23-111, 9-23-113 AND 9-23-115, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE AUTHORITY FOR A CHANCERY OR COUNTY COURT TO ESTABLISH A DOMESTIC ABUSE COURT AND TO PROVIDE AUTHORITY FOR JUSTICE AND MUNICIPAL COURTS TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH A COURT; TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ENACTMENT OF STANDARDS OF OPERATION TO GOVERN THE OPERATION OF DOMESTIC ABUSE COURTS BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF COURTS; TO CREATE THE DOMESTIC ABUSE COURT SPECIAL FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 99-19-73, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE AN ASSESSMENT TO FUND DOMESTIC ABUSE COURTS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 9-5-81 AND 9-9-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. The Legislature finds that:

(a) Domestic violence is a serious issue that causes substantial damage to victims and children as well as to the community. Families experiencing domestic violence are often involved in more than one (1) court proceeding including divorce and custody cases, civil and criminal proceedings regarding domestic violence, substance abuse and child protection. Substantial state and county resources are required each year for the incarceration, supervision and treatment of batterers.

(b) Domestic abuse courts hold offenders accountable, increase victim safety, provide greater judicial monitoring, and coordinate information to provide effective interaction and use of resources among the courts, justice system personnel and community agencies. Effective case management and coordination ensures that

decisions in one (1) case do not conflict with existing orders in other civil and criminal cases and provide courts with the necessary information to protect victims and families.

(c) Domestic abuse courts have proven effective in reducing recidivism and increasing victim safety. It is in the best interests of the citizens of this state to authorize the establishment of domestic abuse courts.

SECTION 2. The following shall be codified as Section 9-23-101, Mississippi Code of 1972:

9-23-101. (1) A domestic abuse court is a court focused on the safety of the victim and the accountability of the offender by:

(a) Bringing together criminal justice professionals, local social programs and intensive judicial monitoring;

(b) Linking victims to programs and services by effective collaboration with social service providers and other stakeholders to refer victims to appropriate and available community services based on risk and need;

(c) Linking eligible civil respondents to programs and services by effective collaboration with social service providers and other stakeholders to refer such individuals to appropriate and available community services based on risk and need;

(d) Linking eligible criminal defendants to programs and services by effective collaboration with social service providers and other stakeholders to refer defendants to appropriate and available community services based on risk and need; and

(e) Providing centralized monitoring of participants to ensure compliance with any civil domestic abuse protection orders or with any treatment orders or other orders issued by the court.

(2) For the purposes of this act, "domestic abuse" and "domestic violence" shall have the meanings ascribed to "abuse" by Section 93-21-3 and to "misdemeanor which is an act of domestic violence" in Section 99-3-7.

SECTION 3. The following shall be codified as Section 9-23-103, Mississippi Code of 1972:

9-23-103. Any chancery or county court may establish a domestic abuse court program. Any municipal and justice court is authorized to participate in a domestic abuse court program established in the county.

SECTION 4. The following shall be codified as Section 9-23-105, Mississippi Code of 1972:

9-23-105. (1) A domestic abuse court and accompanying services of the domestic abuse court shall be available only to individuals over whom the court has established jurisdiction.

(2) A domestic abuse court that does not have felony jurisdiction may assume jurisdiction over an individual convicted of a felony from another court within the county upon entry of an appropriate order by the criminal court referring that individual to the domestic abuse court for the purpose of participation in the domestic abuse court program.

SECTION 5. The following shall be codified as Section 9-23-107, Mississippi Code of 1972:

9-23-107. (1) The Administrative Office of Courts shall develop uniform standards for operation of a domestic abuse court. Any domestic abuse court shall operate pursuant to those standards. Such standards shall, at a minimum, include provisions for:

(a) Establishment and coordination of the domestic abuse court;

(b) Funding for the domestic abuse court;

(c) Procedural matters;

(d) Referral protocols;

(e) Participant eligibility;

(f) Services to be made available to participants referred to the court; and

(g) Roles and duties of the court, which shall include, but not be limited to, assessment, referral, case management, supervision and evaluation.

(2) Any court wishing to adopt local rules for the coordination of services and to address court procedures that may vary from those established by the Administrative Office of Courts shall submit those rules to the Administrative Office of Courts for approval prior to implementation.

SECTION 6. The following shall be codified as Section 9-23-109, Mississippi Code of 1972:

9-23-109. A domestic abuse court may hire employees necessary to carry out the functions of the court, including, but not limited to, an administrator, case manager, counselor or clerical staff.

SECTION 7. The following shall be codified as Section 9-23-111, Mississippi Code of 1972:

9-23-111. Nothing herein shall be construed to guarantee any individual the right to participate in a domestic abuse court program.

SECTION 8. The following shall be codified as Section 9-23-113, Mississippi Code of 1972:

9-23-113. (1) All monies received from any source by the domestic abuse court shall be accumulated in a fund to be used only for domestic abuse court purposes. Any funds remaining in this fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into any general fund, but shall be retained in the Domestic Abuse Court

Fund for the funding of further activities by the domestic abuse court.

(2) A domestic abuse court may apply for and receive the following:

(a) Gifts, bequests and donations from private sources.

(b) Grant and contract money from governmental sources.

(c) Other forms of financial assistance approved by the court to supplement the budget of the domestic abuse court.

SECTION 9. The following shall be codified as Section 9-23-115, Mississippi Code of 1972:

9-23-115. There is created in the State Treasury a special interest-bearing fund to be known as the Domestic Abuse Court Fund. The purpose of the fund shall be to provide supplemental funding to all domestic abuse courts in the state. Monies from the fund shall be distributed by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by the Administrative Office of Courts to assist domestic abuse courts. The fund shall be expended by the Administrative Office of Courts upon appropriation by the Legislature, and shall consist of: (a) monies appropriated by the Legislature for the purposes of funding domestic abuse courts; (b) the interest accruing to the fund; (c) monies received under the provisions of Section 99-19-73; (d) monies received from the federal government; and (e) monies received from such other sources as may be provided by law.

SECTION 10. Section 99-19-73, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

99-19-73. (1) Traffic violations. In addition to any monetary penalties and any other penalties imposed by law, there shall be imposed and collected the following state assessment from each person upon whom a court imposes a fine or other penalty for any violation in Title 63, Mississippi Code of 1972, except offenses relating to the Mississippi Implied Consent Law (Section 63-11-1 et seq.) and offenses relating to vehicular parking or registration:

FUND

AMOUNT

State Court Education Fund	[Deleted]
State Prosecutor Education Fund	[Deleted]
Vulnerable Persons Training, Investigation and Prosecution Trust Fund	[Deleted]
Child Support Prosecution Trust Fund	[Deleted]
Driver Training Penalty Assessment Fund	[Deleted]
Law Enforcement Officers Training Fund	[Deleted]
Spinal Cord and Head Injury Trust Fund (for all moving violations)	[Deleted]
Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund	[Deleted]
Mississippi Leadership Council on Aging Fund	[Deleted]
Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Death Benefits Trust Fund	[Deleted]
Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Disability Benefits Trust Fund	[Deleted]
State Prosecutor Compensation Fund for the purpose of providing additional compensation for district attorneys and their legal assistants	[Deleted]
Crisis Intervention Mental Health Fund	[Deleted]

Intervention Court Fund [Deleted]
Judicial Performance Fund [Deleted]
Capital Defense Counsel Fund [Deleted]
Indigent Appeals Fund [Deleted]
Capital Post-Conviction Counsel Fund [Deleted]
Victims of Domestic Violence Fund [Deleted]
Public Defenders Education Fund [Deleted]
Domestic Violence Training Fund [Deleted]
Attorney General's Cyber Crime Unit [Deleted]
Children's Safe Center Fund [Deleted]
DuBard School for Language Disorders Fund [Deleted]
Children's Advocacy Centers Fund [Deleted]
Judicial System Operation Fund [Deleted]
GENERAL FUND \$ 90.50

(2) Implied Consent Law violations. In addition to any monetary penalties and any other penalties imposed by law, there shall be imposed and collected the following state assessment from each person upon whom a court imposes a fine or any other penalty for any violation of the Mississippi Implied Consent Law (Section 63-11-1 et seq.):

FUND

AMOUNT

Crime Victims' Compensation Fund [Deleted]
State Court Education Fund [Deleted]
State Prosecutor Education Fund [Deleted]
Vulnerable Persons Training,
Investigation and Prosecution Trust Fund [Deleted]
Child Support Prosecution Trust Fund [Deleted]
Driver Training Penalty Assessment Fund [Deleted]
Law Enforcement Officers Training Fund [Deleted]
Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund [Deleted]
Mississippi Alcohol Safety Education Program Fund [Deleted]
Federal-State Alcohol Program Fund [Deleted]
Mississippi Forensics Laboratory
Implied Consent Law Fund [Deleted]
Spinal Cord and Head Injury Trust Fund [Deleted]
Capital Defense Counsel Fund [Deleted]
Indigent Appeals Fund [Deleted]
Capital Post-Conviction Counsel Fund [Deleted]
Victims of Domestic Violence Fund [Deleted]
Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters
Death Benefits Trust Fund [Deleted]
Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters
Disability Benefits Trust Fund [Deleted]
State Prosecutor Compensation Fund for the purpose
of providing additional compensation for
district attorneys and their legal assistants [Deleted]
Crisis Intervention Mental Health Fund [Deleted]
Intervention Court Fund [Deleted]
Statewide Victims' Information and
Notification System Fund [Deleted]
Public Defenders Education Fund [Deleted]
Domestic Violence Training Fund [Deleted]
Attorney General's Cyber Crime Unit [Deleted]
Domestic Abuse Court Fund \$1.00
General Fund \$243.50
***TOTAL STATE ASSESSMENT \$ ** *244.50

(3) Game and Fish Law violations. In addition to any monetary penalties and any other penalties imposed by law, there shall be imposed and collected the following state assessment from each person upon whom a court imposes a fine or other penalty for any violation of the game and fish statutes or regulations of this state:

FUND

AMOUNT

State Court Education Fund [Deleted]
 State Prosecutor Education Fund [Deleted]
 Vulnerable Persons Training,
 Investigation and Prosecution Trust Fund [Deleted]
 Law Enforcement Officers Training Fund[Deleted]
 Hunter Education and Training Program Fund [Deleted]
 Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters
 Death Benefits Trust Fund [Deleted]
 Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters
 Disability Benefits Trust Fund [Deleted]
 State Prosecutor Compensation Fund for the purpose
 of providing additional compensation for district
 attorneys and their legal assistants [Deleted]
 Crisis Intervention Mental Health Fund [Deleted]
 Intervention Court Fund [Deleted]
 Capital Defense Counsel Fund [Deleted]
 Indigent Appeals Fund [Deleted]
 Capital Post-Conviction Counsel Fund [Deleted]
 Victims of Domestic Violence Fund [Deleted]
 Public Defenders Education Fund [Deleted]
 Domestic Violence Training Fund [Deleted]
 Attorney General's Cyber Crime Unit [Deleted]
 Domestic Abuse Court Fund \$1.00
 General Fund \$89.00
 ***TOTAL STATE ASSESSMENT \$ ***90.00

(4) [Deleted]

(5) Speeding, reckless and careless driving violations. In addition to any assessment imposed under subsection (1) or (2) of this section, there shall be imposed and collected the following state assessment from each person upon whom a court imposes a fine or other penalty for driving a vehicle on a road or highway:

- (a) At a speed that exceeds the posted speed limit by at least ten (10) miles per hour but not more than twenty (20) miles per hour \$10.00
- (b) At a speed that exceeds the posted speed limit by at least twenty (20) miles per hour but not more than thirty (30) miles per hour \$20.00
- (c) At a speed that exceeds the posted speed limit by thirty (30) miles per hour or more \$30.00
- (d) In violation of Section 63-3-1201, which is the offense of reckless driving \$10.00
- (e) In violation of Section 63-3-1213, which is the offense of careless driving \$10.00

All assessments collected under this subsection shall be deposited into the State General Fund.

(6) Other misdemeanors. In addition to any monetary penalties and any other penalties imposed by law, there shall be imposed and collected the following state assessment from each person upon whom a court imposes a fine or other penalty for any misdemeanor violation not specified in subsection (1), (2) or (3) of this section, except offenses relating to vehicular parking or registration:

FUND

AMOUNT

Crime Victims' Compensation Fund [Deleted]
 State Court Education Fund [Deleted]
 State Prosecutor Education Fund [Deleted]
 Vulnerable Persons Training, Investigation
 and Prosecution Trust Fund [Deleted]
 Child Support Prosecution Trust Fund [Deleted]
 Law Enforcement Officers Training Fund[Deleted]
 Capital Defense Counsel Fund [Deleted]

Indigent Appeals Fund [Deleted]
Capital Post-Conviction Counsel Fund [Deleted]
Victims of Domestic Violence Fund [Deleted]
State Crime Stoppers Fund [Deleted]
Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters
Death Benefits Trust Fund [Deleted]
Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters
Disability Benefits Trust Fund [Deleted]
State Prosecutor Compensation Fund for the purpose
of providing additional compensation for
district attorneys and their legal assistants [Deleted]
Crisis Intervention Mental Health Fund [Deleted]
Intervention Court Fund [Deleted]
Judicial Performance Fund [Deleted]
Statewide Victims' Information and
Notification System Fund [Deleted]
Public Defenders Education Fund [Deleted]
Domestic Violence Training Fund [Deleted]
Attorney General's Cyber Crime Unit [Deleted]
Information Exchange Network Fund [Deleted]
Motorcycle Officer Training Fund [Deleted]
Civil Legal Assistance Fund [Deleted]
Justice Court Collections Fund [Deleted]
Municipal Court Collections Fund [Deleted]
Domestic Abuse Court Fund \$1.00
General Fund \$121.75
TOTAL STATE ASSESSMENT \$122.75

(7) Other felonies. In addition to any monetary penalties and any other penalties imposed by law, there shall be imposed and collected the following state assessment from each person upon whom a court imposes a fine or other penalty for any felony violation not specified in subsection (1), (2) or (3) of this section:

FUND

AMOUNT

Crime Victims' Compensation Fund [Deleted]
State Court Education Fund [Deleted]
State Prosecutor Education Fund [Deleted]
Vulnerable Persons Training, Investigation
and Prosecution Trust Fund [Deleted]
Child Support Prosecution Trust Fund [Deleted]
Law Enforcement Officers Training Fund [Deleted]
Capital Defense Counsel Fund [Deleted]
Indigent Appeals Fund [Deleted]
Capital Post-Conviction Counsel Fund [Deleted]
Victims of Domestic Violence Fund [Deleted]
Criminal Justice Fund [Deleted]
Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters
Death Benefits Trust Fund [Deleted]
Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters
Disability Benefits Trust Fund [Deleted]
State Prosecutor Compensation Fund for the purpose
of providing additional compensation for
district attorneys and their legal assistants [Deleted]
Crisis Intervention Mental Health Fund [Deleted]
Intervention Court Fund [Deleted]
Statewide Victims' Information and
Notification System Fund [Deleted]
Public Defenders Education Fund [Deleted]
Domestic Violence Training Fund [Deleted]
Attorney General's Cyber Crime Unit [Deleted]

Forensics Laboratory DNA Identification System Fund [Deleted]
 Domestic Abuse Court Fund \$1.00
 General Fund \$280.50
 ***TOTAL STATE ASSESSMENT \$ ***281.50

(8) Additional assessments on certain violations:

(a) Railroad crossing violations. In addition to any monetary penalties and any other penalties imposed by law, there shall be imposed and collected the following state assessment in addition to all other state assessments due under this section from each person upon whom a court imposes a fine or other penalty for any violation involving railroad crossings under Section 37-41-55, 63-3-1007, 63-3-1009, 63-3-1011, 63-3-1013 or 77-9-249:

Operation Lifesaver Fund \$25.00

(b) Drug violations. In addition to any monetary penalties and any other penalties imposed by law, there shall be imposed and collected the following state assessment in addition to all other state assessments due under this section from each person upon whom a court imposes a fine or other penalty for any violation of Section 41-29-139:

Drug Evidence Disposition Fund \$25.00

Mississippi Foster Care Fund \$2.00

(c) Motor vehicle liability insurance violations. In addition to any monetary penalties and any other penalties imposed by law, there shall be imposed and collected the following state assessment in addition to all other state assessments due under this section from each person upon whom a court imposes a fine or other penalty for any violation of Section 63-15-4(4) or Section 63-16-13(1):

Uninsured Motorist Identification Fund:

First offense.....\$200.00

Second offense.....\$300.00

Third or subsequent offense.....\$400.00

(9) If a fine or other penalty imposed is suspended, in whole or in part, such suspension shall not affect the state assessment under this section. No state assessment imposed under the provisions of this section may be suspended or reduced by the court.

(10) (a) After a determination by the court of the amount due, it shall be the duty of the clerk of the court to promptly collect all state assessments imposed under the provisions of this section. The state assessments imposed under the provisions of this section may not be paid by personal check.

(b) It shall be the duty of the chancery clerk of each county to deposit all state assessments collected in the circuit, county and justice courts in the county on a monthly basis with the State Treasurer pursuant to appropriate procedures established by the State Auditor. The chancery clerk shall make a monthly lump-sum deposit of the total state assessments collected in the circuit, county and justice courts in the county under this section, and shall report to the Department of Finance and Administration the total number of violations under each subsection for which state assessments were collected in the circuit, county and justice courts in the county during that month.

(c) It shall be the duty of the municipal clerk of each municipality to deposit all the state assessments collected in the municipal court in the municipality on a monthly basis with the State Treasurer pursuant to appropriate procedures established by the State Auditor. The municipal clerk shall make a monthly lump-sum deposit of the total state assessments collected in the municipal court in the municipality under this section, and shall report to the Department of Finance and Administration the total number of violations under each subsection for which state assessments were collected in the municipal court in the municipality during that month.

(11) It shall be the duty of the Department of Finance and Administration to deposit on a monthly basis all state assessments into the State General Fund or proper special fund in the State Treasury. The Department of Finance and Administration shall issue regulations providing for the proper allocation of these funds.

(12) The State Auditor shall establish by regulation procedures for refunds of state assessments, including refunds associated with assessments imposed before July 1, 1990, and refunds after appeals in which the defendant's conviction is reversed. The Auditor shall provide in the regulations for certification of eligibility for refunds and may

require the defendant seeking a refund to submit a verified copy of a court order or abstract by which the defendant is entitled to a refund. All refunds of state assessments shall be made in accordance with the procedures established by the Auditor."

SECTION 11. Section 9-5-81, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

9-5-81. The chancery court in addition to the full jurisdiction in all the matters and cases expressly conferred upon it by the Constitution shall have jurisdiction of all cases transferred to it by the circuit court or remanded to it by the Supreme Court; and such further jurisdiction, as is, in this chapter or elsewhere, provided by law. A chancery court is authorized to establish a domestic abuse court as provided in Sections 1 through 9 of this act.

SECTION 12. Section 9-9-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

9-9-21. (1) The jurisdiction of the county court shall be as follows: It shall have jurisdiction concurrent with the justice court in all matters, civil and criminal of which the justice court has jurisdiction; and it shall have jurisdiction concurrent with the circuit and chancery courts in all matters of law and equity wherein the amount of value of the thing in controversy shall not exceed, exclusive of costs and interest, the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00), and the jurisdiction of the county court shall not be affected by any setoff, counterclaim or cross-bill in such actions where the amount sought to be recovered in such setoff, counterclaim or cross-bill exceeds Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00). Provided, however, the party filing such setoff, counterclaim or cross-bill which exceeds Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) shall give notice to the opposite party or parties as provided in Section 13-3-83, and on motion of all parties filed within twenty (20) days after the filing of such setoff, counterclaim or cross-bill, the county court shall transfer the case to the circuit or chancery court wherein the county court is situated and which would otherwise have jurisdiction. It shall have exclusively the jurisdiction heretofore exercised by the justice court in the following matters and causes: namely, eminent domain, the partition of personal property, and actions of unlawful entry and detainer, provided that the actions of eminent domain and unlawful entry and detainer may be returnable and triable before the judge of said court in vacation. The county court shall have jurisdiction over criminal matters in the county assigned by a judge of the circuit court district in which the county is included.

(2) In the event of the establishment of a county court by an agreement between two (2) or more counties as provided in Section 9-9-3, it shall be lawful for such court sitting in one (1) county to act upon any and all matters of which it has jurisdiction as provided by law arising in the other county under the jurisdiction of said court.

(3) A county court is authorized to establish a domestic abuse court as provided in Sections 1 through 9 of this act.

SECTION 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Barnett:

SECTION 17. Section 77-15-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

77-15-1. (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, all local natural gas districts containing two (2) or more municipalities and nonmunicipal customers shall establish and maintain a board of directors composed of: (a) the mayors of each municipality within the district whose terms shall be concurrent with their terms of office as mayor; and (b) one (1) system-user from each county within the district, who shall not be a public official. The county system-user board members shall be elected by the system-users residing outside of a municipality, in the county in which such board member resides. In order to qualify as a candidate for election to the board, each person shall obtain, on a petition, twenty-five (25) signatures from system-users in the county in which such person resides. The signatures shall be of system-users residing outside of a municipality and the candidate shall be a system-user who resides outside of a municipality. The board shall call an election within fifteen (15) days after July 1, 1989, to be held within sixty (60) days from the date such election is called. From and after July

1, 2007, the procedures for, and conduct of, the election of board members of the district shall be held in accordance with the provisions of subsection (6) of this section. Those persons elected to the board shall serve until the next general election for supervisors and the election for such board members thereafter shall be held at the same time as the supervisor elections and the terms of such board members shall be concurrent with the terms of the supervisors. The board of directors, including any mayors who serve on the board, shall be entitled to compensation as follows: (a) the chairperson of the board shall receive * * * Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$550.00) per month, and (b) all other board members shall receive * * * Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$550.00) per month. The chairperson and vice chairperson shall be elected by and from the entire membership of the governing board at the first meeting in July of each year. The vice chairperson shall preside over meetings as the chairperson in the absence or incapacity of the chairperson. In addition, an official meeting may be called at any time by a two-thirds (2/3) proclamation by the board membership.

(2) Two (2) board municipal/county system-user board members who reside in his or her respective county, and must be customers of the district, and who must be system-users shall be appointed as follows for his or her initial term: (a) one (1) board member from the county lying in the northern section of the district,

appointed by the Lieutenant Governor; and (b) one (1) board member from the county lying in the southern section of the district, appointed by the Governor. The appointed board municipal/county system-user board members may be elected public officials.

The initial terms of the two (2) municipal/county system-user board members shall begin July 1, 2005, and shall serve until June 30, 2008, and thereafter the municipal/county system-user board members, as described in this subsection (2), shall be elected by the municipal and county system-users as follows: The successors in office to the board member who was appointed from the county lying in the northern section of the district shall be elected only by the municipal and county system-users who reside in that county and not by all of the system-users in the district. The successors in office to the board member who was appointed from the county lying in the southern section of the district shall be elected only by the municipal and county system-users who reside in that county and not by all of the system-users in the district.

The municipal/county system-user board members shall be compensated as prescribed in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) All board members shall file any required statements of economic interest with the Ethics Commission as required by law. This section shall not apply to any local natural gas district which leases its distribution system to an investor-owned utility company regulated by the Public Service Commission.

(4) From and after July 1, 2004, the Board of Directors of the Chickasawhay Natural Gas District shall discontinue

distribution of any of the revenues of the district to municipalities within the district.

(5) The provisions of this section shall only apply to the Chickasawhay Natural Gas District.

(6) The provisions of this subsection shall govern the procedure for, and conduct of, any election of the board of directors of the district. The board may adopt any rules and regulations pertaining to the election of the board of directors of the district that are not inconsistent and do not conflict with the provisions of this subsection.

(a) Notice of the election of one or more members of the board of directors shall be sent by regular United States mail to each system-user not less than thirty (30) days and not more than sixty (60) days from the election date. The notice shall state the time, place and manner in which the system-users may vote for the board of directors.

(b) The election shall be held in a manner and according to procedures to be established by rules and regulations adopted by the board before the giving of notice of the election, and a printed copy of such rules and regulations shall accompany the notice.

(c) The rules and regulations for the conduct of the election shall include the following provisions:

(i) To qualify as a candidate, a person shall not be a public official and must be a county system-user and such person must submit to the board, not less than twenty (20) days

before the election, a petition containing the signatures of twenty-five (25) system-users in the county in which the candidate resides;

(ii) Notice of the nomination of qualified candidates sent by regular United States mail to the system-users at least ten (10) days before the date of the election;

(iii) The method of voting on the date of the election shall be by personal attendance at the district's office in Waynesboro, by personal attendance at the district's office in Quitman, or by proxy;

(iv) Each system-user shall have one (1) vote, provided that when a billing for service is made to more than one (1) person at a single address or location, each such person shall be limited to casting a pro rata share of the one (1) vote to which the billing address or location is entitled; and

(v) The time of the election shall be fixed between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on a day of the week other than Sunday.

(d) A certified public accountant appointed by the board shall count all votes, whether cast by personal attendance or by proxy, and he shall certify the results of the election to the board within ten (10) days of the election.

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2297**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Crudup, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-3.

Present--Clark, Evans, B. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bain called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

S. B. No. 2343: Department of Public Safety; revise jurisdiction of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bell (65th):

AMEND after line 84 by inserting the following language and renumbering the succeeding sections: All revenue collected from traffic ticket fines and fees assessed by Capitol Police shall be provided to the City of Jackson.

LOST

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The foregoing amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Creekmore, Criswell, Darnell, Deweese, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--72.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--40.

Absent or those not voting--Crawford, Currie, Eubanks, Evans, M, Haney, Huddleston, McCarty, Miles, Robinson. Total-9.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2343**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Creekmore, Darnell, Deweese, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Hood, Horan, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--66.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Eubanks, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Mickens, Miles, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--46.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, M, Haney, Horne, Huddleston, Robinson. Total-5.

Present--Brown, C, Hopkins, McCray, Williamson. Total--4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

At 12:43 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed until 2:00 PM.

At 2:04 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Representatives Calvert and Roberson introduced special guest, State Games of Mississippi.

Rep. Bain called up:

S. C. R. No. 533: Constitution; amend to revise ballot initiative process.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bomgar:

AMEND on line 39 by inserting the words "in number" after the word "equal", and on lines 40 and 41 by deleting the words "total qualified electors of the state as of the date of the last presidential election" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "votes for all candidates for Governor in the last gubernatorial election"

ADOPTED

SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 FOR AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Johnson:

Amend by striking all after the resolving clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

That the following amendments to the Mississippi Constitution of 1890 are proposed to the qualified electors of the state:

I.

Amend Section 33, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read as follows:

Section 33. (1) The legislative power of this state shall be vested in a Legislature which shall consist of a Senate and a House of Representatives, but the people reserve to themselves the right to exercise the legislative power of the state to propose new laws and to amend or repeal existing laws by initiative, and to approve or reject the same in an election independent of the Legislature, in the manner prescribed in and subject to the provisions of this section.

(2) The initiative process shall not be used:

(a) To propose any new amendments to or the modification or repeal of any existing provision of this constitution;

(b) To purpose any new law or amend or repeal any existing law relating to the Mississippi Public Employees' Retirement System; or

(c) To propose any new law or amend or repeal any existing law on any subject or matter that any section of this constitution prohibits the Legislature from enacting.

(3) An initiative may be proposed by a petition signed over a twelve-month period by qualified electors equal in number to at least twelve percent (12%) of the votes for all candidates for Governor in the last gubernatorial election. The signatures of the qualified electors from any congressional district shall not exceed the total number of signatures required to qualify an initiative for placement on the ballot divided by the number of congressional districts in existence on the day that the petition is filed. If an initiative petition contains signatures from a single congressional district that exceed the total number of required signatures, the excess signatures from that congressional district shall not be considered by the Secretary of State in determining whether the initiative qualifies for placement on the ballot. The sufficiency of petitions shall be decided in the first instance by the Secretary of State, subject to review by the Supreme Court of the state, which shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction over all such cases.

(4) The sponsor of an initiative shall identify in the text of the initiative the amount and source of revenue required to implement the initiative. If the initiative requires a reduction in any source of government revenue, or a reallocation of funding from currently funded programs, the sponsor shall identify in the text of the initiative the program or programs whose funding must be reduced or eliminated to implement the initiative.

(5) The chief legislative budget officer shall prepare a fiscal analysis of each initiative and each legislative alternative, and a summary of each fiscal analysis shall appear on the ballot.

(6) The Secretary of State shall file with the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate the complete text of the certified initiative on the first day of the regular session. An initiative may be adopted or adopted as amended by a majority vote of each house of the Legislature. If the initiative is adopted or adopted as amended by the Legislature, or if no action is taken within four (4) months of the date that the initiative is filed with the Legislature, the Secretary of State shall place the initiative, as adopted or adopted as amended as the case may be, on the ballot for the next statewide general election.

(7) If the Legislature amends an initiative, the amended version and the original initiative shall be submitted to the electors. An initiative or legislative alternative must receive a majority of the votes thereon and not less than forty percent (40%) of the total votes cast at the election at which the initiative was submitted to be approved. If conflicting initiatives or legislative alternatives are approved at the same election, the initiative or legislative alternative receiving the highest number of affirmative votes shall prevail.

(8) If an initiative proposed to the Legislature has been rejected by the Legislature and an alternative is passed by the Legislature in lieu thereof, the ballot titles of both such measures shall be so printed on the official ballots that a voter can express separately two (2) preferences: First, by voting for the approval of either measure or against both measures, and secondly, by voting for one (1) measure or the other measure. If the majority of those voting on the first issue is against both measures, then both measures fail, but in that case the votes on the second issue nevertheless shall be carefully counted and made public. If a majority voting on the first issue is for the approval of either measure, then the measure receiving a majority of the votes on the second issue and also receiving not less than forty percent (40%) of the total votes cast at the election at which the initiative was submitted for approval shall be law. Any person who votes for the ratification of either measure on the first issue must vote for one (1) of the measures on the second issue in order for the ballot to be valid. Any person who votes against both measures on the first issue may vote but shall not be required to vote for any of the measures on the second issue in order for the ballot to be valid. Substantially the following form shall be in compliance with this subsection:

INITIATED BY PETITION AND ALTERNATIVE BY LEGISLATURE

Initiative Measure No. _____, entitled (here insert the ballot title of the initiative measure).

Alternative Measure No. ____ A, entitled (here insert the ballot title of the alternative measure).

VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF EITHER, OR AGAINST BOTH:

FOR APPROVAL OF EITHER Initiative No. _____

OR Alternative No. ____ A () AGAINST Both Initiative No. _____

AND Alternative No. ____ A ()

AND VOTE FOR ONE

FOR Initiative Measure No. _____ () FOR Alternative Measure No. ____ A ()

(9) No more than five (5) initiative proposals shall be submitted to the votes on a single ballot, and the first five (5) initiative proposals submitted to the Secretary of State with sufficient petitions shall be the proposals which are submitted to the voters.

(10) An initiative approved by the electors shall take effect thirty (30) days from the official declaration of the vote by the Secretary of State, unless the measure provides otherwise.

(11) If an initiative does not receive the required number of votes to be approved by the people as provided in subsection (8) of this section, an initiative that proposes the same, or substantially the same, provisions as those in the initiative that failed shall not be submitted to the electors for at least two (2) years after the date of the election on the initiative that failed.

(12) An initiative approved by the people shall not be amended by the Legislature to make a substantive change to the text in the initiative, or repealed by the Legislature, for a period of two (2) years after the initiative takes effect. However, the Legislature may amend or repeal an initiative less than two (2) years after the initiative takes effect if the Legislature determines the existence of an emergency affecting the public peace, health,

safety or financial solvency of the state that necessitates the amendment or repeal of the initiative, which emergency must be stated in the legislation, and such amendment or repeal shall require a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of each house present and voting.

(13) The Legislature shall provide by law the manner in which initiative petitions shall be circulated, presented and certified. To prevent signature fraud and to maintain the integrity of the initiative process the state has a compelling interest in ensuring that no person shall circulate an initiative petition or obtain signatures on an initiative petition unless the person is a resident of this state at the time of circulation. For the purposes of this subsection, the term "resident" means a person who is domiciled in Mississippi as evidenced by an intent to maintain a principal dwelling place in Mississippi indefinitely and to return to Mississippi if temporarily absent, coupled with an act or acts consistent with that intent. Every person who circulates an initiative petition shall print and sign his or her name on each page of an initiative petition, or on a separate page attached to each page, certifying that he or she was a resident of this state at the time of circulating the petition. The Secretary of State shall refuse to accept for filing any page of an initiative petition upon which the signatures appearing thereon were obtained by a person who was not a resident of this state at the time of circulating the petition, and an initiative shall not be placed on the ballot if the Secretary of State determines that without such signatures the petition clearly bears an insufficient number of signatures.

(14) The Legislature may enact laws to carry out the provisions of this section, but such laws shall in no way restrict or impair the provisions of this section or the exercise of the rights reserved to the people in this section.

II.

Amend Section 56, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read as follows:

Section 56. The style of the laws of the state that are enacted by the Legislature shall be: "Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Mississippi."

III.

Amend Section 61, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read as follows:

Section 61. No law enacted by the Legislature or by initiative of the people shall be revived or amended by reference to its title only, but the section or sections, as amended or revived, shall be inserted at length.

IV.

Amend Section 72, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read as follows:

Section 72. Every Bill which shall pass both Houses shall be presented to the Governor of the state. If he or she approve, he or she shall sign it; but if he or she does not approve, he or she shall return it, with his or her objections, to the House in which it originated, which shall enter the objections at large upon its Journal, and proceed to reconsider it. If after such reconsideration two-thirds (2/3) of that House shall agree to pass the Bill, it shall be sent, with the objections, to the other House, by which, likewise, it shall be reconsidered; and if approved by two-thirds (2/3) of that House, it shall become a law; but in all such cases the votes of both Houses shall be determined by yeas and nays, and the names of the persons voting for and against the Bill shall be entered on the Journal of each House respectively. If any Bill shall not be returned by the Governor within five (5) days (Sundays excepted) after it has been presented to him or her, it shall become a law in like manner as if he or she had signed it, unless the Legislature, by adjournment, prevented its return, in which case such Bill shall be a law unless the Governor shall veto it within fifteen (15) days (Sundays excepted) after it is presented to him or her, and such Bill shall be returned to the Legislature, with his or her objections, within three (3) days after the beginning of the next session of the Legislature. The provisions of this section are not applicable to initiatives approved by the people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That these proposed amendments shall be submitted by the Secretary of State to the qualified electors at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November 2023, as provided by Section 273 of the Constitution and by general law, with the proposed amendments in this resolution being voted on as one (1) amendment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed constitutional amendment provides that the people reserve to themselves the right to exercise the legislative power of the state to

propose new laws and to amend or repeal existing laws by initiative, and to approve or reject the same in an election independent of the Legislature."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall take effect on July 1, 2023, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023.

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

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS 33, 56, 61 AND 72, MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, TO PROVIDE THAT THE PEOPLE RESERVE TO THEMSELVES THE RIGHT TO EXERCISE THE LEGISLATIVE POWER OF THE STATE TO PROPOSE NEW LAWS AND TO AMEND OR REPEAL EXISTING LAWS BY INITIATIVE, AND TO APPROVE OR REJECT THE SAME IN AN ELECTION INDEPENDENT OF THE LEGISLATURE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Criswell, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCarty, McCray, McGee, Mickens, Miles, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Yates, Young. Total--49.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Zuber. Total--69.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Evans, M, Huddleston. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. C. R. No. 533**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the resolution prevailed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Zuber. Total--78.

Nays--Cockerham, Ford, J, McCarty, Owen, Scott, Yates. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Present--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Crudup, Denton, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--36.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

S. B. No. 2603: Digital Asset Mining Protection Act; create.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES LAMAR AND ZUBER:

AMEND by inserting the following after line 50:

"(5) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2025."

AMEND further on line 52 by inserting ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023" before the period.

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2603.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill failed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anthony, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Bell, D, Bomgar, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Cockerham, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Deweese, Eubanks, Evans, M, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Guice, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, Mickens, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Patterson, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Walker, Weathersby, White, Zuber. Total--47.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bell, C, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Calvert, Clark, Clarke, Crawford, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eure, Evans, B, Faulkner, Ford, J, Foster, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Hulum, Karriem, Ladner, Mangold, McCarty, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Morgan, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Pigott, Read, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Smith, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Williamson, Yancey. Total--58.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Barton, Felsher, Huddleston, Mims, Rushing, Summers, Tullos. Total-8.

Present--Banks, Brown, C, Hines, Johnson, Paden, Porter, Yates, Young. Total--8.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--53

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

S. B. No. 2187: Disabled veterans license tags; revise provisions regarding disability rating and persons eligible for.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Carpenter:

AMEND on line 137 by striking "its passage" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "July 1, 2023 and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023"

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2187**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

S. B. No. 2306: Flood and drainage control districts; revise number of directors for certain municipalities.

A motion by Lamar to table the Strike-All committee amendment No. 1 prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Currie:

AMEND by inserting the following language before line 99 and renumbering the succeeding sections:

WHEREAS, the proposed One Lake flood control project, as 6 provided under the Water Resources Development Act, which would create a 1,500-acre lake on the Pearl River near downtown in the City of Jackson, by using a weir, or low-head dam, below Interstate 20, is a costly and destructive project that would not reduce flood risks; and

WHEREAS, the One Lake project rejects effective flood measures and has major implications, such as increased flooding along tributaries, exposing communities to toxic contamination, ruining the oyster industry along the Mississippi Gulf Coast, exacerbating the water crisis in the City of Jackson, and causing massive damage to river and floodplain habitats; and

WHEREAS, rather than a project with such tremendous consequences, such as the One Lake project, a more cost effective plan that does not threaten downstream interest industries and ecology is necessary to reduce flood risks in the state.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Rankin-Hinds Pearl River Flood and Drainage Control District is prohibited from implementing the One Lake flood control project, as provided under the federal Water Resources Development Act.

No Action

POINT OF ORDER

A written point of order was raised by Representative Bell (65th) as follows:

Prohibit the construction of One Lake: under Rule 35, this amendment attempts to change the original purpose of the bill. S. B. No. 2306 deals with membership of boards in an urban flood control district in the state and this amendment deals with a specific project that is not in the original purpose of the bill.

The bill was set aside pending a Speaker's Ruling.

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

S. B. No. 2449: Sales and use taxes; specify for computer software services and products delivered electronically in Mississippi.

A motion by Lamar to table the Strike-All committee amendment No. 1 prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Lamar: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2449.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Cockerham, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Guice, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--98.

Nays--Boyd, R, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Currie, Ladner, Scott, Straughter, Summers, Watson. Total--10.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Crawford, Evans, B, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Goodin, Hale, Hines, Huddleston, Reynolds. Total-11.

Present--Banks, Stamps. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--54

Representative Bain called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. C. R. No. 533:** (Constitution; amend to revise ballot initiative process.) passed, and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. C. R. No. 533.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the resolution prevailed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Zuber. Total--77.

Nays--Clark, Cockerham, Ford, J, McCarty, Osborne, Owen, Scott, Yates, Young. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Present--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson. Total--34.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Bain called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

S. B. No. 2099: Motor vehicle theft; revise penalty for.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2099.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--73.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Criswell, Crudup, Denton, Eubanks, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hopkins, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCarty, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--45.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston. Total-2.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bain called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

S. B. No. 2100: Receiving stolen property; revise the crime of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2100**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, P, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--69.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, C, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Criswell, Crudup, Denton, Eubanks, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hopkins, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCarty, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--45.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Evans, M, Huddleston, Miles, Read. Total-5.

Present--Brown, B, Gibbs, K. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Bain called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

S. B. No. 2101: Criminal law; revise crimes of fleeing a law enforcement officer and carjacking.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2101**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, P, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--75.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Burnett, Clarke, Cockerham, Criswell, Crudup, Denton, Faulkner, Foster, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson. Total--38.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Clark, Evans, M, Hood, Huddleston, McKnight, Read. Total-7.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.
Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Bain called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

S. B. No. 2346: Material harmful to minors; provide for liability for any entity that distributes on the internet without age verification.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bain:

AMEND on line 721 after "2023" by inserting the following:
"and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023"

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2346.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--82.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Criswell, Denton, Faulkner, Foster, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Johnson, Karriem, McCarty, McGee, Mickens, Osborne, Owen, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson. Total--32.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Present--Bell, C, Crudup, Jackson, Paden, Stamps, Yates. Total--6.
Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--57

Representative Cockerham called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2075:** (Birth certificate; adoptee may obtain certified copy of original after age 21.) Strike-All passed, and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bain:

AMEND after line 880 by inserting the following new sections and renumbering the succeeding sections:

"SECTION 17. For the purposes of state law:

(a) A person's "sex" is defined as his or her biological sex (either male or female) at birth;

(b) A "female" is an individual whose biological reproductive system is developed to produce ova; a "male" is an individual whose biological reproductive system is developed to fertilize the ova of a female;

(c) The terms "woman" and "girl" refer to human females, and the terms "man" and "boy" refer to human males; and

(d) The term "mother" is defined as a parent of the female sex, and the term "father" is defined as a parent of the male sex.

SECTION 18. There are legitimate reasons to distinguish, and private entities, public schools, school districts, state or local agencies, departments or offices are authorized to distinguish, between the sexes with respect to athletics, prisons, or other detention facilities, domestic violence shelters, rape crisis centers, locker rooms, restrooms, and other areas where biology, safety and/or privacy are implicated.

SECTION 19. (1) A public school, school district, state or local agency, department or office shall not require an employee or student to address another employee or student by a pronoun, salutation, greeting, or other terminology that is inconsistent with the addressed person's sex as defined herein.

(2) A public school, school district, state or local agency, department or office may require an employee or student to dress in accordance with generally accepted workplace or student standards of dress for persons of the same sex."

No Action

POINT OF ORDER

A written point of order was raised by Representative Clark as follows:

Amendment No. 1 to Strike-All Amendment No. 1 is not germane. The purpose of this bill deals with the adoption of the amendment changes for that single purpose.

Pending at the time was a Speaker's Ruling on a point of order by REPRESENTATIVE Bell (65th). The Speaker ruled the point of order well taken; Amendment No. 1 by Currie is not germane.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2306. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Patterson, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--98.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Currie, Eubanks, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Ladner, McCarty, Morgan, Osborne, Owen, Pigott, Scoggin. Total--15.

Absent or those not voting--Bounds, Boyd, R, Crawford, Felsher, Huddleston, Rushing. Total-6.

Present--Banks, Holloway. Total--2.
Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--57

Pending at the time was a Speaker's Ruling on a point of order by REPRESENTATIVE Clark on S. B. No. 2075. The Speaker ruled the point of order well taken. Amendment No. 1 to Strike-All Amendment No. 1 is not germane.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2075**. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Bounds, Brown, C, Crawford, Ford, K, Hopkins, Huddleston, McCarty, Mims, Oliver. Total-9.

Present--Brown, B. Total--1.
Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--56

Representative Boyd (19th) called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2538**: (Mississippi Regional Pre-Need Disaster Clean Up Act; create.) passed, and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

Representative Summers called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2100**: (Receiving stolen property; revise the crime of.) passed, and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

Representative Steverson called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2603**: (Digital Asset Mining Protection Act; create.) passed, and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2312: County-owned real estate; establish competitive bidding process for lease or sale.

S. B. No. 2663: Mississippi Historic Site Preservation Fund; revise grant eligibility and require annual report.

S. B. No. 2728: Statewide master agreements and utilization of information technology acquisitions made by other entities; authorize.

S. B. No. 2734: County boards of supervisors; permit to expend federal funds during the last term of office of such board.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

S. B. No. 2309: MDAH property; authorize DFA to clarify donation if certain lands in Claiborne County to U.S. Park Service.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. R. No. 104: Lamar Academy "Raiders" Girls Volleyball Team; congratulate on winning MAIS 5A State Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Virginia Burris, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bailey (23rd) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Annelle Gilder Scott, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Bain, Horan, Massengill, Roberson and Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Morris Bozeman, which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Kasey Lynn Gray , Tommy Gene Sledge, Bobby C. Kennedy, Reverend Albert Earl Smith, and Linda D. Rucker, which motion prevailed.

Representative Tullos moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Robbie Faye Baldwin, which motion prevailed.

Representative Watson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Rose Mary Montgomery Harrell, which motion prevailed.

Representative Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Donald P. Robertson , and Mary Lou Fortenberry, which motion prevailed.

At 4:47 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Thursday, March 9, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FORTY-EIGHTH DAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023

(SIXTY-SIXTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Chris Bell.

Rep. Bell, C led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Eubanks, Huddleston. Total-3.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Barnett, Eubanks and Huddleston.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 249: MS Medical Cannabis Act; extend repealers to certain state laws for Departments of Health and Revenue in connection with.

H. B. No. 256: Mississippi Boll Weevil Management Corporation; extend repealer on requirement that audits be submitted by November 15.

H. B. No. 259: Medical radiation technologists; delete repealers on registration statutes.

H. B. No. 273: Health Care Impact Grant Program; establish to provide grants to hospitals and nursing facilities.

H. B. No. 366: Sam G. Polles State Office Building; designate the MS Dept. of Wildlife Central Office Building as.

H. B. No. 484: Petroleum Products Inspection Law; delete repealer on definitions and penalties under.

H. B. No. 584: Qualified Health Center Grant Program; clarify that amount specified for grants under is minimum amount to be issued.

H. B. No. 606: The Mobile/Online Betting Task Force; authorize.

H. B. No. 770: Mississippi Office of Space and Technology; create to be administered by MDA, which shall staff.

H. B. No. 771: HELP Grant and MTAG Programs; revise level of funding provided to eligible students.

H. B. No. 834: Assistant District Attorneys and criminal investigators; increase authorized number of.

H. B. No. 1071: Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules.

H. B. No. 1140: Beer, light wine and light spirit products; revise manufacturers prohibited from having interest in wholesalers or distributors.

H. B. No. 1168: Municipal special sales tax; revise use of revenue for certain.

H. B. No. 1286: Alcorn University Extension Annex; rename the "Dr. Jesse Harness, Sr., Extension and Research Center".

H. B. No. 1369: MAEP; determine cost of using Average Daily Membership (ADM) in lieu of ADA with 90% threshold attendance trigger.

H. B. No. 1390: Abstinence education; delete repealer on school board requirement to adopt a policy on abstinence-only or abstinence-plus.

H. B. No. 1613: Appropriation; Education, Department of.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 1003: Mississippi Fully Autonomous Vehicle Enabling (MS FAVE) Act of 2023; establish to regulate operation of autonomous vehicle on public roads.

H. B. No. 1110: Second Amendment Financial Privacy Act; create.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 769: Harvey Moss Wildlife Management Area at Tuscumbia; designate Tuscumbia Wildlife Management Area as.

H. B. No. 923: Bob Tyler Fish Hatchery; designate the fish hatchery located in North Mississippi as.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 521: Length of Service Award Program; authorize for the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters.

H. B. No. 1306: Elections; revise certain provisions about names of candidates appearing on the ballot, judicial candidate's annual report and fraudulent absentee voter applications.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 1020: Capitol Complex Improvement District courts; authorize.

H. B. No. 1315: Pornographic media materials; regulate access to minors and require age verification.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 454: Radar; authorize use by municipal law enforcement officers in certain municipalities.

H. B. No. 522: Mississippi Individual On-site Wastewater Disposal System Law; extend repealer on.

H. B. No. 544: Valued policy law; exempt builder's risk insurance policies from.

H. B. No. 768: State Personnel Board; require agencies seeking an exemption from the oversight of to submit written plan of justification to Legislature and SPB.

H. B. No. 854: Marriage and family therapists; revise certain requirements for licensure.

H. B. No. 1025: Airport authority; authorize to dispose of property with a fair market value of zero if certain conditions are met.

H. B. No. 1030: Motor Vehicle Sales Finance Law; clarify employees of state licensee may work remotely.

H. B. No. 1173: EEF procurement cards; authorize issuance to eligible charter school teachers.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 280: Foreign governments; prohibit sale of agricultural lands to.

H. B. No. 400: Election crimes; revise the penalties for certain.

H. B. No. 405: Bribery of a candidate; revise statute of limitations.

H. B. No. 510: Foster Parents' Bill of Rights; and Responsibilities; create and require to be provided to foster parents.

H. B. No. 529: Department of Public Safety; revise various provisions.

H. B. No. 538: Pat Harrison Waterway District; provide county withdrawal from district not effective until close of FY in which county obligations met.

H. B. No. 540: Personal and professional services; require the Department of Finance and Administration to conduct solicitations of for certain agencies.

H. B. No. 557: MS Rural Dentists Scholarship Program; increase number of students who may be admitted into annually.

H. B. No. 677: County veteran service officers; revise certain qualifications for.

H. B. No. 704: Television series production; provide incentives for certain.

H. B. No. 795: Shoplifting; require to calculate total price of all shoplifting items for fine.

H. B. No. 817: Early Learning Collaborative; increase minimum funding levels for full-day and half-day programs.

H. B. No. 912: Firearm suppressors; authorizing manufacture and possession in Mississippi and prohibit enforcement of federal laws governing.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 995: Rape; revise elements for the crime of and remove spousal exception.

H. B. No. 1029: United States Space Force; provide that reference to "Armed Forces" and "Uniformed Services" in Mississippi law shall include members of.

H. B. No. 1039: Occupational licensing; revise certain provisions relating to members of the military to include veterans.

H. B. No. 1048: "Universal Changing Tables Installation Incentive Grant Program Act"; establish to be administered by Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services.

H. B. No. 1101: Corporations and LLCs; authorize determination notices and certificates of administrative dissolution to be served by email to registered agent.

H. B. No. 1115: Durable legal custody; clarify jurisdiction for.

H. B. No. 1149: Path to permanency; provide for children in Child Protection Services.

H. B. No. 1222: The Mississippi Collaborative Response to Mental Health Act; create.

H. B. No. 1264: School districts; authorize to provide feminine hygiene products for female students in Grades 6-12.

H. B. No. 1342: Adoption procedures; regulate by creating a licensure authority.

H. B. No. 1365: Assistant teacher salaries; prohibit school districts from using any state-funded increase to substitute the local contribution.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

S. B. No. 2203: Public land in Rankin County; authorize DFA to assign property to state agencies and establish new Veterans Nursing Home.

S. B. No. 2392: Fees for county garbage collection; revise provision related to.

S. B. No. 2647: Real estate licensee; revise liability.

S. B. No. 2890: Lee County; authorize annual contributions to Sanctuary Hospice House.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 1310: Elections; revise provisions related to the integrity of.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. C. R. No. 558: Extending condolences of Legislature to surviving family of Motown recording artist/songwriter Barrett Strong of West Point. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 559: Congratulate Ricky Stenhouse from Olive Branch for winning the Daytona 500. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 561: Designate March 2023 as "American Red Cross Month in Mississippi." Rules.

S. C. R. No. 562: Designate October 2023 as "Walker Montgomery National Catfishing Awareness Month in Mississippi." Rules.

S. C. R. No. 563: Designate March 5-11, 2023, as "National School Social Work Week in Mississippi." Rules.

S. C. R. No. 564: Designate March 2023 as "Brain Injury Awareness Month in Mississippi" to promote treatment and prevention. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 565: Recognize Walthall County Constable Raymond Gutter on his retirement and three-decade law enforcement service. Rules.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1794: (Representative Reynolds) City of Charleston; extend date of repeal on restaurant tourism tax. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1795: (Representative Roberson) Oktibbeha County; authorize contributions to the Education Association of East Oktibbeha County Schools. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1796: (Representative Roberson) Oktibbeha County; authorize contributions to the J.L. King Center. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1797: (Representative Roberson) Oktibbeha County; authorize contributions to maintain Camp Seminole Road. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1798: (Representative Roberson) Oktibbeha County; authorize contribution to Brickfire Project. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1799: (Representative Roberson) Oktibbeha County; authorize contributions to Sally Kate Winters Family Services. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1800: (Representative Clark) Holmes County; authorize contributions to the Holmes County Long-Term Recovery Committee. Local and Private Legislation.

H. C. R. No. 41: (Representative Lamar) Northwest Mississippi Community College Softball Team; commend historic season and outstanding accomplishments. Rules.

H. R. No. 112: (Representative Paden) Former Representative Leonard Henderson; mourn loss and commemorate life and legacy upon his passing. Rules.

H. R. No. 113: (Representative Weathersby) Linda Barlow Dear; commend basketball coaching career of. Rules.

H. R. No. 114: (Representative Carpenter) Lucille Dexter; commend upon the occasion of her 100th birthday. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. C. R. No. 40: Josephine Pradia Rhymes; commend for her outstanding community service and contributions. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 106: Picayune High School Football Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 5A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 107: Robert Earl Dow, Sr.; honor life and legacy upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 108: Colleen Hartfield; commend distinguished career, service and contributions to Hinds Community College. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 109: Newton County High School Cheerleading Team; commend for outstanding achievements. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 110: Coahoma County High School Red Panthers Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning the MHSAA Class 2A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 111: Illinois State Representative Cyril Nichols; commend for outstanding service and contributions to the City of Jackson. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

The Speaker announced the appointment of the Conferees on the part of the House as follows:

H. B. No. 691: Memorial highway; designate a portion of U.S. Highway 45 in Wayne County, MS, as the "Army Sergeant Eric C. Newman Memorial Highway."
Representatives Busby, Massengill, Arnold

H. B. No. 917: Mississippi Worker's Comp commission office building; place under the supervision and care of DFA.
Representatives Newman, Holloway, Weathersby

H. B. No. 1034: State Veterans Affairs Board; revise composition of.
Representatives Carpenter, Newman, Hines

H. B. No. 1084: Insurance agents; revise the continuing education requirements of those who are 65 and have been licensed for 20 years.
Representatives Zuber, Ford (54th), Guice

H. B. No. 1477: Harvest permits; extend repealer on authority of MDOT to issue.
Representatives Busby, Massengill, Smith

S. B. No. 2002: Memorial highways; designate segments of highways to Bradford C. Freeman and Douglas Anderson.
Representatives Busby, Massengill, Arnold

S. B. No. 2559: Transportation; extend repealer on harvest permit authorization and fees.
Representatives Busby, Massengill, Smith

Rep. Bounds moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1225: Mississippi Telephone Solicitation Act; transfer enforcement authority to Attorney General's office.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb,

Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Huddleston. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

On motion of Rep. Mickens the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 799: Inmate Welfare Fund; authorize to expend funds for treatment of mental illness for certain inmates.

On motion of Rep. Kinkade the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 517: Guide and outfitter services licenses; revise annual fee for both residents and nonresidents.

Representative Wallace called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2358:** (Ballot harvesting; ban.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Zuber. Total--72.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Miles, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--42.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Eubanks, Evans, M, Huddleston, McCarty, Owen, Yates. Total-7.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Representative Boyd (19th) called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2538:** (Mississippi Regional Pre-Need Disaster Clean Up Act; create.) was laid on the table, and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Boyd (19th) moved to lay on table, which motion failed.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2538. On motion of Rep. Boyd (19th) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed as amended title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bomgar, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clarke, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill,

McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--100.

Nays--Arnold, Clark, Hobgood-Wilkes, McCarty, Owen, Scott, Turner, Walker. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Calvert, Cockerham, Currie, Eubanks, Ford, J, Huddleston, Jackson, Mims, Young. Total-10.

Present--Bennett, Bounds, Eure. Total--3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--55

Representative Sanford called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2100**: (Receiving stolen property; revise the crime of.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative McCarty by unanimous consent withdrew the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2485**: (Early Intervention Act for Infants and Toddlers; add certain individuals to definition of qualified personnel.) was adopted.

Representative Brown (70th) introduced special guests, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, Day at the Capitol. H. R. No. 49.

Rep. Read called up for consideration, separately and in order, the following Appropriations bills::

S. B. No. 3024: Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission.

S. B. No. 3028: Appropriation; Chiropractic Examiners, Board of.

S. B. No. 3029: Appropriation; Dental Examiners, Board of.

S. B. No. 3031: Appropriation; Massage Therapy, Board of.

S. B. No. 3033: Appropriation; Counselors, Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional.

S. B. No. 3034: Appropriation; Veterinary Examiners, Board of.

S. B. No. 3037: Appropriation; Geologists, Board of Registered Professional.

S. B. No. 3040: Appropriation; Contractors, Board of.

S. B. No. 3042: Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of.

S. B. No. 3050: Appropriation; Treasurer's Office.

S. B. No. 3051: Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli.

S. B. No. 3001: Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs.

S. B. No. 3002: Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural programs.

S. B. No. 3003: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station.

S. B. No. 3004: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service.

S. B. No. 3005: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center.

S. B. No. 3006: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of.

S. B. No. 3007: Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid.

S. B. No. 3008: Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center.

S. B. No. 3044: Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion.

S. B. No. 3048: Appropriation; Personnel Board.

S. B. No. 3016: Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency.

S. B. No. 3046: Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi.

S. B. No. 3047: Appropriation; Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to the Mississippi Development Authority.

S. B. No. 3049: Appropriation; Secretary of State.

S. B. No. 3009: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses.

S. B. No. 3010: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges.

S. B. No. 3043: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of.

S. B. No. 3022: Appropriation; Revenue, Department of.

S. B. No. 3023: Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board.

S. B. No. 3041: Appropriation; Audit, Department of.

S. B. No. 3045: Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department of.

S. B. No. 3025: Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of.

S. B. No. 3013: Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of.

S. B. No. 3014: Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock shows.

S. B. No. 3015: Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of.

S. B. No. 3027: Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority.

S. B. No. 3018: Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board.

S. B. No. 3036: Appropriation; Gaming Commission.

S. B. No. 3012: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.

S. B. No. 3019: Appropriation; Ethics Commission.

S. B. No. 3020: Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission.

S. B. No. 3026: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road Construction, Office of.

S. B. No. 3011: Appropriation; Corrections, Department of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out entirely new bills.

ADOPTED

On motion of Rep. Read, the rules were suspended, each of the foregoing bills were considered engrossed, each was read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken, and the bills passed, titles standing as stated by the following vote (the roll being called and the yeas and nays being taken separately on each bill and being identical, as appears in the original Journal on file with the Secretary of State):

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Eubanks, Huddleston, McLeod. Total-4.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up:

S. B. No. 3021: Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Scott:

AMEND by inserting the following new Section 4 and renumbering the succeeding sections:

"SECTION 4. (1) Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, the necessary amount shall be used to provide an increase in the annual compensation for employees of the agency working in a position whose duties were determined to be essential to carrying out the agency's core functions in March 2020 in the amount of one percent (1%) or Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00), whichever is greater.

(2) As a condition of receiving the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, the agency shall allow employees of the agency working in a position whose duties were determined to be non-essential to carrying out the agency's core functions in March 2020 to perform their duties for the agency by telework as defined in Section 25-1-98, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(3) The agency director is authorized to require employees working in non-essential positions to perform their duties for the agency in person at any time during the fiscal year if determined by the agency to be necessary, and the compensation of any such employees shall be adjusted so that they will receive a proportionate amount of the increase authorized in subsection (1) of this section for the time they are working in person instead of by telework.

(4) For the purposes of this section, the positions whose duties are deemed to be essential and the positions whose duties are deemed to be non-essential shall be those positions that were determined as such in accordance with Executive Order No. 1458, dated March 16, 2020, and related guidance provided to agency heads and human resource directors by the State Personnel Board during March 2020."

LOST

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3021**. On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Eubanks, Huddleston. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up:

S. B. No. 3032: Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3032**. On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson,

Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Eubanks, Huddleston, McLean, Scott, Weathersby. Total-6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Oliver called up:

S. B. No. 3035: Appropriation; Architecture, Board of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3035.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Eubanks, Huddleston. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up:

S. B. No. 3038: Appropriation; Motor Vehicle Commission.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3038.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Eubanks, Huddleston, Owen. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up:

S. B. No. 3039: Appropriation; Accountancy, Board of Public.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3039.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Brown, B, Eubanks, Huddleston, Owen. Total-5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up:

S. B. No. 3000: Appropriation; IHL - General support.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3000**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Cockerham, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Zuber. Total--83.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bomgar, Brown, C, Crawford, Criswell, Crudup, Evans, B, Faulkner, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Hulum, Jackson, Ladner, McCray, Newman, Owen, Paden, Porter, Sanford, Taylor, Walker, Williamson. Total--25.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Burnett, Calvert, Clarke, Eubanks, Huddleston, Rosebud, Yates, Young. Total-9.

Present--Bell, C, Clark, Stamps, Summers. Total--4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--55

Rep. Read called up:

S. B. No. 3017: Appropriation; Military Department.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3017**. On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Byrd, Eubanks, Huddleston, Owen. Total-5.

Present--Williamson. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 3030: Appropriation; Funeral Services Board.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3030**. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Burnett, Eubanks, Huddleston, Oliver. Total--5.

Present--Banks. Total--1.
Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up:

S. B. No. 3120: Capital Expense Fund; FY2024 appropriation to MDOT for certain infrastructure expenses.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3120**. On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee,

McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Clark, Eubanks, Huddleston, Scott. Total-5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Read called up:

S. B. No. 3052: Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund; FY2024 reappropriate to certain agencies.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3052.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Eubanks, Huddleston. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up:

S. B. No. 3113: Appropriation; additional to Office of Workforce Development for certain programs, ARPA funds.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3113.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Eubanks, Huddleston. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up:

S. B. No. 3114: Appropriation; additional to DEQ for Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program, ARPA funds.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3114.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Eubanks, Huddleston, Ladner. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up:

S. B. No. 3115: Appropriation; additional to DOH for ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3115.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Eubanks, Huddleston, Ladner. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up:

S. B. No. 3116: Appropriation; additional to DFA for destination marketing organizations and Main Street Association, ARPA funds.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3116.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.
Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Clark, Eubanks, Huddleston, Owen, Sanford,
Scott. Total-7.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Oliver called up:

S. B. No. 3117: Appropriation; additional for DFA - Office of Insurance for State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan, ARPA funds.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3117.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.
Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Eubanks, Huddleston. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up:

S. B. No. 3118: Appropriation; additional to DFA - Bureau of Buildings, ARPA funds.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3118.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore,

Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Clark, Eubanks, Huddleston, Owen, Scott. Total-6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Oliver called up:

S. B. No. 3119: Appropriation; additional to DOH for Mississippi Hospital Sustainability Grant Program, ARPA funds.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3119.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Eubanks, Huddleston, Owen. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1711: City of Vicksburg; authorize contributions of funds and in-kind maintenance services to Beulah Cemetery.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1711.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Banks, Barnett, Currie, Eubanks, Hines, Horne, Huddleston, Johnson, Owen. Total-9.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--75

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1725: Lowndes County; authorize contribution to Prairie Land Water Association using ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1725.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Banks, Barnett, Eubanks, Guice, Hines, Horne, Huddleston, Johnson, Yancey. Total-9.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--75

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1726: Lowndes County; authorize contributions to certain nonprofit organizations using ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1726.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--104.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Currie, Eubanks, Faulkner, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Huddleston, Johnson, Owen. Total-12.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--73

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1727: Lowndes County; authorize contributions to any public utility/assoc. to expand, repair water/sewer infrastructure using ARPA funds.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1727.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Eubanks, Horne, Huddleston, Ladner. Total-5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--78

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1787: Scenic Rivers Development Alliance; authorize to create special purpose entities.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1787.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Eubanks, Huddleston, Owen. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1788: City of Columbia; extend repeal date on hotel/motel and restaurant tourism tax.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1788.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--106.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Barnett, Boyd, R, Eubanks, Felsher, Horne, Huddleston, Ladner. Total-8.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--67

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1790: Washington County; reenact and extend repeal date on hotel and motel tax supporting a sports complex.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES BAILEY (49TH) AND HINES:

AMEND by inserting the following language after line 105 and by renumbering the succeeding sections:

Section 6. In no event shall the county place the sports complex, authorized under Section 2 of this act, under a lease or under any other third-party management contract until all debts, loans or notes incurred concerning such complex are paid in full.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1790**. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Boyd, R, Eubanks, Horne, Huddleston, Ladner. Total-6.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1791: Union County; authorize assessments on misdemeanor convictions and nonadjudications for capital improvements.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1791**. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--101.

Nays--Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Criswell, Evans, B, Hopkins, Walker. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Brown, C, Crudup, Eubanks, Horne, Huddleston, Williamson. Total-7.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Hulum, McCray, Owen, Paden, Stamps. Total--6.
Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--65

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 2149: City of Guntown; authorize the use of side by side vehicles on certain public roads.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2149.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Crawford, Criswell, Hopkins, Oliver. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Clark, Eubanks, Horne, Huddleston, Scott, Williamson. Total-7.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--69

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. B. No. 231: Tobacco education, prevention and cessation program; add fentanyl and drug abuse prevention education.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2077: Charitable Organizations; Raise audit threshold for contributions to \$750,000.00, and use a cash basis only.

S. B. No. 2622: Mississippi Prior Authorization Reform Act; enact.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2003: Highways; dedicate a section of Highway 12 to G. Louis Jones.

S. B. No. 2224: Commissioner of Insurance; authorize to adopt rules and regulations regarding certain provider reimbursement rates.

S. B. No. 2545: Highways; dedicate a section of Highway 35 to Constable Raye Hawkins.

S. B. No. 2602: Highway Memorials; designate segment of Highway 25 to Kash McGraw and Bridge to Stacey Ricks.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2652: Mississippi Vulnerable Person Abuse Registry; create.

S. B. No. 2703: Driver's license fees; waive for applicants in MDCPS custody.

S. B. No. 2723: Former First Christian Church property within the Capitol Complex; authorize DFA to purchase.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Bounds moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of John F. Burt, which motion prevailed.

At 11:50 AM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, March 10, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FORTY-NINTH DAY, FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2023

(SIXTY-SEVENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Gene Newman.

Rep. Newman led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice,

Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Barnett, Felsher, Huddleston. Total-4.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Bain, Barnett, Felsher and Huddleston.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Haney and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 363: Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce; technical amendments related to certain powers and duties.

H. B. No. 419: Tourism; provide assistance to destination marketing organization.

H. B. No. 588: MS Workforce Training and Education Act; extend repealer on the act and in 2004 chapter law for conforming code sections.

H. B. No. 698: Municipal water, wastewater and sewer services; require equity based billing based on use of.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

On motion of Rep. Scoggin the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 770: Mississippi Office of Space and Technology; create to be administered by MDA, which shall staff.

H. B. No. 771: HELP Grant and MTAG Programs; revise level of funding provided to eligible students.

Representative Summers moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Diana Hinton, and Leonard Singleton, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Crudup and Summers moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Henry Sanders, which motion prevailed.

Representative Carpenter moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Debra Wheeler, which motion prevailed.

At 9:10 AM, on motion of Rep. Massengill the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, March 13, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTIETH DAY, MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2023

(SEVENTIETH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Brantley Hamil, Caleigha Thomas, and Gracie Schaffer, Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi, Troop 437.

Rep. Robinson led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Horan, Walker. Total-3.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Barnett, Horan and Walker.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Monday, March 13, 2023

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 49: Resident lifetime hunting and fishing license; authorize Department of Wildlife to issue if parent was born in the state and was on active military service at the time of applicant's birth. Friday, March 10, 2023, 2:50 PM

H. B. No. 276: State Board of Physical Therapy, authorize to issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents. Friday, March 10, 2023, 2:51 PM

H. B. No. 288: Public Utilities Staff; authorize certain personnel to be filled by consulting contract. Friday, March 10, 2023, 2:52 PM

H. B. No. 383: Oil and gas severance taxes; extend repealer on lower rate for production from horizontally drilled wells. Friday, March 10, 2023, 2:53 PM

H. B. No. 516: Conservation officer; decrease minimum years of law enforcement experience required to be appointed a. Friday, March 10, 2023, 2:54 PM

H. B. No. 722: Controlled substances; exclude fentanyl testing materials from definition of "paraphernalia" under. Friday, March 10, 2023, 2:58 PM

H. B. No. 877: USM; clarify authority to enter into insurance agreement for protection of property at the state port at Gulfport. Friday, March 10, 2023, 2:59 PM

H. B. No. 894: Violations of local zoning ordinances; authorize governing authorities to pursue administrative or civil penalties for. Friday, March 10, 2023, 2:59 PM

H. B. No. 904: Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District; authorize to transfer Kemper Lake to Kemper County Board of Supervisors. Friday, March 10, 2023, 3:00 PM

H. B. No. 1016: Memorial highway; designate segment of MS Hwy 8 in Chickasaw County as the "Deputy Jeremy Allen Voyles Memorial Highway". Friday, March 10, 2023, 3:01 PM

H. B. No. 1017: Memorial intersection; designate intersection of U.S. 45 and CR 110 in Clarke County as the "Army Spc. Terry Kishaun Dantez Gordon Memorial Intersection". Friday, February 10, 2023, 3:02 PM

H. B. No. 1060: Electric vehicles; authorize charging by nonutilities. Friday, March 10, 2023, 3:06 PM

H. B. No. 1170: Motor vehicles and manufactured homes; authorize Department of Revenue to issue electronic liens and titles. Friday, March 10, 2023, 3:14 PM

H. B. No. 1190: Health benefit plan; authorize plan sponsor of to consent, on behalf of covered pensions, to delivery of all communications by electronic means. Friday, March 10, 2023, 3:14 PM

H. B. No. 1217: Court interpreters; revise program under the Administration of the Administrative Office of Courts. Friday, March 10, 2023, 3:15 PM

H. B. No. 1218: Rivers McGraw Mental Health Treatment Court Act; revise. Friday, March 10, 2023, 3:17 PM

H. B. No. 1244: Memorial highway; designate a segment of MS Highway 365 in Prentiss County as the "Howard Tillman Bobo Memorial Highway". Friday, March 10, 2023, 3:17 PM

H. B. No. 1245: Memorial highway; designate a segment of MS Highway 364 in Prentiss County as the "James Millard Jourdan Memorial Highway". Friday, March 10, 2023, 3:18 PM

H. B. No. 1246: Memorial highway; designate a segment of MS Highway 365 in Prentiss County as the "Leland L. Holland Memorial Highway". Friday, March 10, 2023, 3:18 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 1318: Baby drop-off and safe haven; revise provisions that regulate.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 266: Department of Public Safety Headquarters Office; name in honor of Commissioner David R. Huggins.

H. B. No. 485: Sexual assault evidence kit; regulate the processing of.

H. B. No. 1158: Medical Cannabis Act; revise certain provisions of.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 691: Memorial highway; designate a portion of U.S. Highway 45 in Wayne County, MS, as the "Army Sergeant Eric C. Newman Memorial Highway."
Senators Branning, DeLano, Thompson

H. B. No. 1477: Harvest permits; extend repealer on authority of MDOT to issue.

Senators Branning, Williams, Whaley

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 4: Tianeptine; include in Schedule I controlled substance list.

H. B. No. 271: Appropriation; Health Department for distributing funds to hospitals under the Health Care Impact Grant Program.

H. B. No. 272: Appropriation; Health Department for Local Provider Innovation Grant Program.

H. B. No. 1216: Circuit judges and chancellors; increase office operating and expense allowances and support staff funding.

H. B. No. 1593: Appropriation; Athletic Commission.

H. B. No. 1594: Appropriation; Auctioneers Commission.

H. B. No. 1595: Appropriation; Barber Examiners, Board of.

H. B. No. 1596: Appropriation; Cosmetology, Board of.

H. B. No. 1597: Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, Board of Examiners for.

H. B. No. 1598: Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of.

H. B. No. 1599: Appropriation; Nursing, Board of.

H. B. No. 1600: Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of.

H. B. No. 1601: Appropriation; Optometry, Board of.

H. B. No. 1602: Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board.

H. B. No. 1603: Appropriation; Psychology, Board of.

H. B. No. 1604: Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional.

H. B. No. 1605: Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.

H. B. No. 1606: Appropriation; Fire Academy.

H. B. No. 1607: Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 1608: Appropriation; Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board.

H. B. No. 1609: Appropriation: Real Estate Commission.

H. B. No. 1610: Appropriation; Legislative expenses.

H. B. No. 1611: Appropriation; Arts Commission.

H. B. No. 1612: Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.

H. B. No. 1614: Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for.

- H. B. No. 1615: Appropriation; Library Commission.
- H. B. No. 1616: Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.
- H. B. No. 1617: Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.
- H. B. No. 1618: Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.
- H. B. No. 1619: Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board.
- H. B. No. 1620: Appropriation; Public Service Commission.
- H. B. No. 1621: Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff.
- H. B. No. 1622: Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.
- H. B. No. 1623: Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.
- H. B. No. 1624: Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.
- H. B. No. 1625: Appropriation: Child Protection Services, Department of.
- H. B. No. 1626: Appropriation; Health, Department of.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

- H. B. No. 1627: Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for.
- H. B. No. 1628: Appropriation; Forestry Commission.
- H. B. No. 1629: Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission.
- H. B. No. 1630: Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District.
- H. B. No. 1631: Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District.
- H. B. No. 1632: Appropriation; Port Authority, State.
- H. B. No. 1633: Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District.
- H. B. No. 1634: Appropriation; Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority.
- H. B. No. 1635: Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board.
- H. B. No. 1636: Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.
- H. B. No. 1637: Appropriation; District attorneys and staff.
- H. B. No. 1638: Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of.
- H. B. No. 1639: Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of.

H. B. No. 1640: Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.

H. B. No. 1641: Appropriation; Attorney General.

H. B. No. 1642: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.

H. B. No. 1643: Appropriation, Reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building - FY2024.

H. B. No. 1644: Appropriations; additional for various state agencies for FY 2023 and FY 2024.

H. B. No. 1715: Appropriation; Health Department for funding the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program.

H. B. No. 1716: Appropriation; DEQ for funding the MS Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program.

H. B. No. 1717: Appropriation; DFA - Office of Insurance for reimbursing the State Health Plan for eligible expenses incurred.

H. B. No. 1718: Appropriation; DFA Bureau of Building for completing capital projects at state-owned buildings and grounds.

H. B. No. 1719: Appropriation; DFA to assist destination marketing organizations in paying for marketing activities.

H. B. No. 1722: Appropriation; UMMC for construction, repair and renovation of the School of Dentistry.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

S. B. No. 2615: Contract personnel; authorize to purchase base plan of the State and School Employees' Health Insurance Plan.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. C. R. No. 42: (The Entire Membership) Taiwan; commend friendship with the State of Mississippi and encourage further economic ties. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 43: (Representative Lamar) Northwest Mississippi Community College; commend upon winning Region 23 Championship. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 44: (Representative White) Stephen Franks; commend Kosciusko, MS automobile dealer upon nomination for the prestigious 2023 Time Dealer of the Year Award. Rules.

H. R. No. 115: (The Entire Membership) Taiwan; commend friendship with the State of Mississippi and encourage further economic ties. Rules.

H. R. No. 116: (Representatives Mangold, Currie) Brookhaven Academy Lady Cougars Basketball Team; commend for winning MAIS Class 5A State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 117: (Representative Reynolds) Right Reverend Brian R. Seage; commend dedication as Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Mississippi upon his retirement. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. C. R. No. 41: Northwest Mississippi Community College Softball Team; commend historic season and outstanding accomplishments. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 42: Taiwan; commend friendship with the State of Mississippi and encourage further economic ties. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 43: Northwest Mississippi Community College; commend upon winning Region 23 Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 44: Stephen Franks; commend Kosciusko, MS automobile dealer upon nomination for the prestigious 2023 Time Dealer of the Year Award. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 112: Former Representative Leonard Henderson; mourn loss and commemorate life and legacy upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 113: Linda Barlow Dear; commend basketball coaching career of. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 114: Lucille Dexter; commend upon the occasion of her 100th birthday. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 115: Taiwan; commend friendship with the State of Mississippi and encourage further economic ties. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 116: Brookhaven Academy Lady Cougars Basketball Team; commend for winning MAIS Class 5A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 117: Right Reverend Brian R. Seage; commend dedication as Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Mississippi upon his retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 558: Extending condolences of Legislature to surviving family of Motown recording artist/songwriter Barrett Strong of West Point. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 559: Congratulate Ricky Stenhouse from Olive Branch for winning the Daytona 500. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 561: Designate March 2023 as "American Red Cross Month in Mississippi." Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 562: Designate October 2023 as "Walker Montgomery National Catfishing Awareness Month in Mississippi." Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 563: Designate March 5-11, 2023, as "National School Social Work Week in Mississippi." Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 564: Designate March 2023 as "Brain Injury Awareness Month in Mississippi" to promote treatment and prevention. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 565: Recognize Walthall County Constable Raymond Gutter on his retirement and three-decade law enforcement service. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2696: Income tax credit for qualified adoption expenses; increase amount for Mississippi children and remove CPS requirement. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2858: Mississippi Small Business Investment Company Act; increase the amount of investment tax credits that can be allocated under. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2862: Sales tax; provide industrial exemption for tangible personal property first used in another state. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

Rep. Lamar called up:

S. B. No. 2696: Income tax credit for qualified adoption expenses; increase amount for Mississippi children and remove CPS requirement.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2696.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Summers. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, B, Barnett, Horan, McCarty, McLeod, Shanks, Walker, Wallace. Total-8.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--67

Rep. Lamar called up:

S. B. No. 2858: Mississippi Small Business Investment Company Act; increase the amount of investment tax credits that can be allocated under.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2858.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M,

Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.
Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Horan, McCarty, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Lamar called up:

S. B. No. 2862: Sales tax; exempt sales of coins, currency and bullion.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2862.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.
Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Horan, McCarty, Walker. Total-4.

Present--Brown, B, Summers. Total--2.
Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. C. R. No. 42: Taiwan; commend friendship with the State of Mississippi and encourage further economic ties.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham,

Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Horan, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

A request was made that the Entire Membership be added as authors to the following:

H. C. R. No. 42: Taiwan; commend friendship with the State of Mississippi and encourage further economic ties.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. C. R. No. 42: Taiwan; commend friendship with the State of Mississippi and encourage further economic ties.

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. R. No. 115: Taiwan; commend friendship with the State of Mississippi and encourage further economic ties.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

A request was made that the Entire Membership be added as authors to the following:

H. R. No. 115: Taiwan; commend friendship with the State of Mississippi and encourage further economic ties.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. R. No. 115: Taiwan; commend friendship with the State of Mississippi and encourage further economic ties.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2203: Public land in Rankin County; authorize DFA to assign property to state agencies and establish new Veterans Nursing Home.

S. B. No. 2647: Real estate licensee; revise liability.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2164: Real property owned by school districts; allow to be sold for development.

S. B. No. 2197: Veteran service officers; authorize certain action on behalf of a veteran under a power of attorney, provide immunity to.

S. B. No. 2212: Recipients of Medicaid; extend postpartum coverage up to 12 months.

S. B. No. 2298: Bail agents; revise procedure for determining in municipal and justice courts.

S. B. No. 2306: Flood and drainage control districts; revise number of directors for certain municipalities.

S. B. No. 2337: Conspiracy; revise statute of limitations.

S. B. No. 2347: Hospital police department; authorize for certain private entities.

S. B. No. 2420: Public Funds Offender Registry; create.

S. B. No. 2485: Early Intervention Act for Infants and Toddlers; add certain individuals to definition of qualified personnel.

S. B. No. 2546: Highways; dedicate a section of Highway 51 to Deputy Joe Kenneth Cosby.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2547: Highways; dedicate a section of Highway 315 to Nolan Mettetal.

S. B. No. 2698: Ad valorem tax; extend time for partial exemption and fee-in-lieu of ad valorem tax agreement for certain renewable energy projects.

S. B. No. 2751: Sixteenth Section lands; no law, ordinance or regulation shall prohibit school districts from using for educational facilities.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2149: City of Guntown; authorize the use of side by side vehicles on certain public roads.

S. B. No. 2360: Agricultural high schools; revise board membership.

S. B. No. 2392: Fees for county garbage collection; revise provision related to.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2336: Prevention of overdoses; authorize administration of opioid antagonists by certain persons, provide immunity to.

S. B. No. 2890: Lee County; authorize annual contributions to Sanctuary Hospice House.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Robinson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dr. Walter Barker, and Mary Jo Wedgeworth, which motion prevailed.

Representative Denton moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Steven Gregory Johnson, and Carolyn Marie Shedd Lassiter, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Mitch Bellipanni, and Stacy McCulley, which motion prevailed.

Representative Lancaster moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Colleen Clark, which motion prevailed.

Representative Banks moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Clyde E. Poe, which motion prevailed.

Representative Ford (73rd) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of John Archie Wright, III, and Barbara Bush Gatlin, which motion prevailed.

Representative Felsher moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Luevenia Scott, and Donald Olsen, which motion prevailed.

At 4:24 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Tuesday, March 14, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTY-FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023

(SEVENTY-FIRST CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Mr. John Adams, Director of Moral Action.

Rep. Boyd (19th) led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Absent or those not voting--Horan, Robinson, Walker. Total-3.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Horan, Robinson and Walker.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Tuesday, March 14, 2023

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bill:

H. B. No. 1027: State Fruit; designate the blueberry as. Monday, March 13, 2023, 3:59 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Tuesday, March 14, 2023

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bill:

H. B. No. 401: Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission Law; revise certain provisions relating to a manufacturer's ownership of motor vehicle dealership. Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 2:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

S. B. No. 2376: Youth court; clarify that disclosure of certain records in criminal matters do not require youth court approval.

S. B. No. 2523: Pecan Harvesting Law; revise penalties for violating.

S. B. No. 2634: Child support; allow criminal charges three years after the child turns twenty-one.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. C. R. No. 560: Suspend rules; introduction of bill to require Public Service Commission to change boundaries of certain utility district. Rules.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1801: (Representatives Barton, McLeod) George County; authorize tax on hotels/motels and restaurants to fund a sports facility and recreation capital improvement projects. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1802: (Representatives Barton, McLeod) City of Lucedale; authorize tax on hotels/motels and restaurants to fund parks and recreational capital improvement projects. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1803: (Representative Evans (45th)) Kemper County; authorize board of supervisors to expand scope of gas district to become a county utility district. Local and Private Legislation.

H. C. R. No. 45: (Representative Scoggin) Phi Theta Kappa All-Mississippi Academic and Workforce Team; commend on occasion of "Mississippi Phi Theta Kappa Day". Rules.

H. C. R. No. 46: (Representatives Owen, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner) Poplarville High School; commend upon winning their first UCA National High School Cheering Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 118: (Representative Steverson) Madi Kate Vuncannon; commend for being named Mississippi Class 2A Miss Basketball. Rules.

H. R. No. 119: (Representative Weathersby) Simpson Academy Lady Cougars Basketball Team; commend for outstanding season. Rules.

H. R. No. 120: (Representatives Holloway, Banks, Bell (65th), Hines, Johnson, Miles) Morris Bozeman; commend his life upon his passing. Rules.

H. R. No. 121: (Representative Clark) James Anderson; commend his service during World War II and celebrate the occasion of his 100th birthday. Rules.

H. R. No. 122: (Representative Scoggin) South Jones High School "Band of Braves" Marching Band; commend for many outstanding achievements. Rules.

H. R. No. 123: (Representatives Miles, Rushing) Lake High School Lady Hornets Basketball Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 2A State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 124: (Representative Thompson) Mississippi Medical and Surgical Association; commend numerous community contributions of. Rules.

H. R. No. 125: (Representative Holloway) House of Peoples Funeral Home, Inc.; commend outstanding service upon 69th anniversary of its founding. Rules.

H. R. No. 126: (Representative Wallace) Jupiter Baptist Church; commend upon 100th anniversary of. Rules.

H. R. No. 127: (Representative Wallace) Simpson County Academy Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning MAIS Class 5A State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 128: (Representatives Bell (65th), Banks, Brown (70th), Clarke, Foster, Holloway, Stamps, Summers, Yates) Jackson State University Lady Tigers Soccer Team; commend for winning 2022 SWAC Soccer Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 129: (Representatives Eubanks, Clarke, Harness, Holloway, Thompson, Paden, Denton, Gibbs) Alcorn State University Men's Basketball Team; commend for winning the 2022-2023 SWAC Regular Season Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 130: (Representative Weathersby) Jackie Granberry; commend distinguished career and service to Hinds Community College upon her retirement. Rules.

Head Page, Hunter Lofton, introduced the following pages for the week:

McCloud Andrews	Purvis, MS
Sadie Beazley	Terry, MS
Trinity Bester	Preston, MS
Markis Blount	Madison, MS
Ava Bondurant	Madison, MS
La'Miyah Bounds	Charleston, MS
Jordan Brock	Caledonia, MS
Elizabeth Bryant	Porterville, MS
Riley H. Caraway	Brandon, MS
Macy Carraway	Clinton, MS

Caroline Cline	Ridgeland, MS
Isabella Cline	Ridgeland, MS
Waylen Cuevas	Kiln, MS
McKenzie L. Cummings	Jackson, MS
Aniyah Duncan	Greenville, MS
Bryan Dye	Olive Branch, MS
Sophia Heffelfinger	Madison, MS
Kendall Hines	Vicksburg, MS
Jacob Kelley	Ocean Springs, MS
Beaudalaire Kerr	McComb, MS
John Little	Olive Branch, MS
Roman Lockett	Starkville, MS
Elena Mitchell	Ocean Springs, MS
Brady Morse	Perkinston, MS
Justice Ramage	Kosciusko, MS
Austin Ratliff	Byram, MS
Emma Scruggs	Ocean Springs, MS
Chandler See	Madison, MS
Lily Shannon	Pontotoc, MS
Caylin Simmons	Brandon, MS
Mary Stewart	Madison, MS
Addison G. Tatum	Madison, MS
Celeste G. Tatum	Madison, MS
Lauren M. Tatum	Madison, MS
Seth Tubb	Hattiesburg, MS
Kimbell Walker	Madison, MS
Kameron Weaver	Gulfport, MS
Warren Williams	Ocean Springs, MS
Jackson Woods	Byhalia, MS
Maya Worsley	Madison, MS

Representative McGee introduced special guest, Southern District Transportation Commissioner Tom King, H. R. No. 38.

Rep. Bain moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 281: Law enforcement officers killed in line of duty; clarify that beneficiaries may receive sidearm of.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Horan, Robinson, Walker. Total-4.

Present--Weathersby. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

On motion of Rep. Bain the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1110: Second Amendment Financial Privacy Act; create.

H. B. No. 1315: Pornographic online and digital/resources for K-12 students; prohibit.

H. B. No. 400: Election crimes; revise the penalties for certain.

H. B. No. 405: Bribery of a candidate and crime of conspiracy; revise statute of limitations for.

H. B. No. 529: Department of Public Safety; revise various provisions.

H. B. No. 795: Shoplifting; require to calculate the total price of all shoplifting items for fine.

H. B. No. 912: Firearm suppressors; authorizing manufacture and possession in Mississippi and prohibit enforcement of federal laws governing.

Rep. Bain moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1222: The Mississippi Collaborative Response to Mental Health Act; create.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Horan, Robinson, Straughter, Tullos, Walker. Total-6.

Present--Goodin. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--69

On motion of Rep. Bain the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 266: David R. Huggins and Tom Weathersby; revise names of public buildings to include.

Rep. Pigott moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 256: Mississippi Boll Weevil Management Corporation; extend repealer on requirement that audits be submitted by November 15.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Felsher, Horan, Robinson, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Pigott moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 484: Petroleum Products Inspection Law; delete repealer on definitions and penalties under.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Horan, Robinson, Scott, Walker. Total-5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Pigott moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 280: Foreign governments; prohibit sale of agricultural lands to.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Horan, Robinson, Summers, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Pigott moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 363: Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce; technical amendments related to certain powers and duties.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Horan, Robinson, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Mims moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 259: Medical radiation technologists; delete repealers on registration statutes.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke,

Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Denton, Harness, Horan, Robinson, Walker. Total-5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--70

On motion of Rep. Mims the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 273: Health Care Impact Grant Program; establish to provide grants to hospitals and nursing facilities.

Rep. Mims moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 584: Qualified Health Center Grant Program; clarify that amount specified for grants under is minimum amount to be issued.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Horan, Robinson, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

On motion of Rep. Mims the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 557: MS Rural Dentists Scholarship Program; increase number of students who may be admitted into annually.

On motion of Rep. Read the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 834: Assistant District Attorneys and criminal investigators; increase authorized number of.

H. B. No. 1613: Appropriation; Education, Department of.

Rep. Read moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 540: Personal and professional services; require the Department of Finance and Administration to conduct solicitations of for certain agencies.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood, Horan, Robinson, Summers, Walker. Total-5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

On motion of Rep. Read the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 271: Appropriation; additional to Health Department for Mississippi Hospital Sustainability Grant Program, ARPA funds.

H. B. No. 272: Appropriation; Health Department for Local Provider Innovation Grant Program.

On motion of Rep. Read the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1593: Appropriation; Athletic Commission.

H. B. No. 1594: Appropriation; Auctioneers Commission.

H. B. No. 1595: Appropriation; Barber Examiners, Board of.

H. B. No. 1596: Appropriation; Cosmetology, Board of.

H. B. No. 1597: Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, Board of Examiners for.

H. B. No. 1598: Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of.

H. B. No. 1599: Appropriation; Nursing, Board of.

H. B. No. 1600: Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of.

H. B. No. 1601: Appropriation; Optometry, Board of.

H. B. No. 1602: Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board.

H. B. No. 1603: Appropriation; Psychology, Board of.

H. B. No. 1604: Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional.

H. B. No. 1605: Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.

H. B. No. 1606: Appropriation; Fire Academy.

H. B. No. 1607: Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System.

H. B. No. 1608: Appropriation; Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board.

H. B. No. 1609: Appropriation: Real Estate Commission.

H. B. No. 1610: Appropriation; Legislative expenses.

H. B. No. 1611: Appropriation; Arts Commission.

H. B. No. 1612: Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.

H. B. No. 1614: Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for.

H. B. No. 1615: Appropriation; Library Commission.

H. B. No. 1616: Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.

H. B. No. 1617: Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.

H. B. No. 1618: Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.

H. B. No. 1619: Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board.

H. B. No. 1620: Appropriation; Public Service Commission.

H. B. No. 1621: Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff.

H. B. No. 1622: Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.

H. B. No. 1623: Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.

H. B. No. 1624: Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.

H. B. No. 1625: Appropriation: Child Protection Services, Department of.

H. B. No. 1626: Appropriation; Health, Department of.

H. B. No. 1627: Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for.

H. B. No. 1628: Appropriation; Forestry Commission.

H. B. No. 1629: Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

H. B. No. 1630: Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District.

H. B. No. 1631: Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District.

H. B. No. 1632: Appropriation; Port Authority, State.

H. B. No. 1633: Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District.

H. B. No. 1634: Appropriation; Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority.

H. B. No. 1635: Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board.

H. B. No. 1636: Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.

H. B. No. 1637: Appropriation; District attorneys and staff.

H. B. No. 1638: Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of.

H. B. No. 1639: Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of.

H. B. No. 1640: Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.

H. B. No. 1641: Appropriation; Attorney General.

H. B. No. 1642: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.

H. B. No. 1643: Appropriation, Reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building - FY2024.

H. B. No. 1644: Appropriations; additional for various state agencies for FY 2023 and FY 2024.

H. B. No. 1715: Appropriation; Health Department for funding the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program.

On motion of Rep. Read the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1717: Appropriation; DFA - Office of Insurance for reimbursing the State Health Plan for eligible expenses incurred.

H. B. No. 1718: Appropriation; DFA Bureau of Building for completing capital projects at state-owned buildings and grounds.

H. B. No. 1719: Appropriation; DFA to assist destination marketing organizations in paying for marketing activities.

H. B. No. 1722: Appropriation; UMMC for repair and renovation of facility used for adolescent psychiatric program.

On motion of Rep. Ford (54th) the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 521: Length of Service Award Program; authorize for the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters.

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1111: County court jurisdiction for termination of parental rights; authorize for both involuntary and voluntary termination.

H. B. No. 685: Deeds to married couples; create a rebuttable presumption of joint tenancy with rights of survivorship.

H. B. No. 510: Foster Parents' Bill of Rights; and Responsibilities; create and require to be provided to foster parents.

H. B. No. 995: Rape; revise elements for the crime of and remove spousal exception.

H. B. No. 1149: Path to permanency; provide for children in Child Protection Services.

H. B. No. 1342: Adoption procedures; regulate by creating a licensure authority.

H. B. No. 485: Sexual assault evidence kit; regulate the processing of.

H. B. No. 1318: Baby drop-off and safe haven; revise provisions that regulate.

H. B. No. 1216: Circuit judges and chancellors; increase office operating and expense allowances and support staff funding.

On motion of Rep. Bounds the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 698: Municipal water, wastewater and sewer services; require equity based billing based on use of.

On motion of Rep. Currie the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 704: Television series production; provide incentives for certain.

H. B. No. 419: Tourism; provide assistance to destination marketing organizations and other entities.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 366: Sam G. Polles State Office Building; designate the MS Dept. of Wildlife Central Office Building as.

H. B. No. 1286: Alcorn University Extension Annex; rename the "Dr. Jesse Harness, Sr., Extension and Research Center".

H. B. No. 769: Harvey Moss Wildlife Management Area at Tuscumbia; designate Tuscumbia Wildlife Management Area as.

H. B. No. 923: Bob Tyler Fish Hatchery; designate the fish hatchery located in North Mississippi as.

H. B. No. 1048: "Universal Changing Tables Installation Incentive Grant Program Act"; establish to be administered by Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services.

On motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 588: Office of Workforce Development; revise funding mechanism for and revise powers and duties of.

On motion of Rep. McCarty the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 817: Early Learning Collaborative; increase minimum funding levels for full-day and half-day programs.

On motion of Rep. Carpenter the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 677: County veteran service officers; revise certain qualifications for.

H. B. No. 1029: United States Space Force; provide that reference to "Armed Forces" and "Uniformed Services" in Mississippi law shall include members of.

H. B. No. 1039: Occupational licensing; revise certain provisions relating to members of the military to include veterans.

On motion of Rep. Wallace the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1310: Elections; revise provisions related to the integrity of.

Rep. Boyd (19th) moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 538: Pat Harrison Waterway District; provide county withdrawal from district not effective until close of FY in which county obligations met.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Patterson, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.
Nays--Evans, B, McCarty, Morgan, Owen, Pigott. Total--5.
Absent or those not voting--Hobgood-Wilkes, Horan, Robinson, Walker, Williamson. Total-5.

Present--Paden. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Yancey moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 249: MS Medical Cannabis Act; extend repealers to certain state laws for Departments of Health and Revenue in connection with.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Horan, Robinson, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Yancey moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1071: Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Clark, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horan, Robinson, Scott, Summers, Walker. Total-9.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Yancey moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1158: Medical Cannabis Act; revise certain provisions of.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Boyd, R, Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, Mr. Speaker, Newman. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Bounds, Horan, Oliver, Owen, Robinson, Walker. Total-6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Yancey moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 4: Tianeptine; include in Schedule I controlled substance list.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Ladner, McCarty. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Horan, Robinson, Sanford, Walker. Total-5.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Representative Roberson called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. R. No. 12:** (Mr. Martin "Marty" Davidson; commend upon entrepreneurial legacy and community service as chair of Southern Pipe and Supply.) was adopted, and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Roberson:

AMEND on line 9 by deleting the word "world" and inserting in lieu thereof: "nationally".

AMEND further on line 32 by deleting the figure "100" and by inserting in lieu thereof: "120".

AMEND further on line 32 by deleting the year "2019" and by inserting in lieu thereof: "2021 and 2022".

AMEND further on line 55 by deleting the following: "and is a member of Rush Hospital's board of directors".

ADOPTED

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. C. R. No. 40: Josephine Pradia Rhymes; commend for her outstanding community service and contributions.

H. C. R. No. 41: Northwest Mississippi Community College Softball Team; commend historic season and outstanding accomplishments.

H. C. R. No. 43: Northwest Mississippi Community College; commend upon winning Region 23 Championship.

H. C. R. No. 44: Stephen Franks; commend Kosciusko, MS automobile dealer upon nomination for the prestigious 2023 Time Dealer of the Year Award.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Horan, Horne, Robinson, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. C. R. No. 30: JSU Tigers Football Team; commend upon winning 2022 SWAC Championship.

On motion of Rep. Roberson **H. C. R. No. 30:** (JSU Tigers Football Team; commend upon winning 2022 SWAC Championship.) was recommitted to the Committee on Rules and Workforce Development, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. R. No. 106: Picayune High School Football Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 5A State Championship.

H. R. No. 107: Robert Earl Dow, Sr.; honor life and legacy upon his passing.

H. R. No. 108: Colleen Hartfield; commend distinguished career, service and contributions to Hinds Community College.

H. R. No. 109: Newton County High School Cheerleading Team; commend for outstanding achievements.

H. R. No. 110: Coahoma County High School Red Panthers Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning the MHSAA Class 2A State Championship.

H. R. No. 111: Illinois State Representative Cyril Nichols; commend for outstanding service and contributions to the City of Jackson.

H. R. No. 112: Former Representative Leonard Henderson; mourn loss and commemorate life and legacy upon his passing.

H. R. No. 113: Linda Barlow Dear; commend basketball coaching career of.

H. R. No. 114: Lucille Dexter; commend upon the occasion of her 100th birthday.

H. R. No. 116: Brookhaven Academy Lady Cougars Basketball Team; commend for winning MAIS Class 5A State Championship.

H. R. No. 117: Right Reverend Brian R. Seage; commend dedication as Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Mississippi upon his retirement.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

Rep. Roberson called up:

S. C. R. No. 558: Extending condolences of Legislature to surviving family of Motown recording artist/songwriter Barrett Strong of West Point.

S. C. R. No. 559: Congratulate Ricky Stenhouse from Olive Branch for winning the Daytona 500.

S. C. R. No. 561: Designate March 2023 as "American Red Cross Month in Mississippi."

S. C. R. No. 562: Designate October 2023 as "Walker Montgomery National Catfishing Awareness Month in Mississippi."

S. C. R. No. 563: Designate March 5-11, 2023, as "National School Social Work Week in Mississippi."

S. C. R. No. 564: Designate March 2023 as "Brain Injury Awareness Month in Mississippi" to promote treatment and prevention.

S. C. R. No. 565: Recognize Walthall County Constable Raymond Gutter on his retirement and three-decade law enforcement service.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing,

Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Horan, Robinson, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. R. No. 106: Picayune High School Football Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 5A State Championship.

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S. C. R. No. 562: Designate October 2023 as "Walker Montgomery National Catfishing Awareness Month in Mississippi."

S. C. R. No. 563: Designate March 5-11, 2023, as "National School Social Work Week in Mississippi."

S. C. R. No. 564: Designate March 2023 as "Brain Injury Awareness Month in Mississippi" to promote treatment and prevention.

S. C. R. No. 565: Recognize Walthall County Constable Raymond Gutter on his retirement and three-decade law enforcement service.

H. C. R. No. 40: Josephine Pradia Rhymes; commend for her outstanding community service and contributions.

H. C. R. No. 41: Northwest Mississippi Community College Softball Team; commend historic season and outstanding accomplishments.

H. C. R. No. 43: Northwest Mississippi Community College; commend upon winning Region 23 Championship.

H. C. R. No. 44: Stephen Franks; commend Kosciusko, MS automobile dealer upon nomination for the prestigious 2023 Time Dealer of the Year Award.

H. R. No. 12: Mr. Martin "Marty" Davidson; commend upon entrepreneurial legacy and community service as chair of Southern Pipe and Supply.

Representative Criswell entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

S. B. No. 2858: Mississippi Small Business Investment Company Act; increase the amount of investment tax credits that can be allocated under.

Representative Criswell entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the House concurred in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 4: Tianeptide; include in Schedule I controlled substance list.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 395: MS Major Economic Impact Act; extend deadline for issuance of bonds for certain automotive parts manufacturing plant projects.

H. B. No. 518: Local Provider Innovation Grant Program; revise certain provisions of.

H. B. No. 522: Mississippi Individual On-site Wastewater Disposal System Law; extend repealer on.

H. B. No. 787: Mississippi Board of Registration for Foresters; bring forward all code sections and authorize to suspend license of licensee for failure to satisfy judgement.

H. B. No. 809: Executive Director of Public Utilities Staff; remove Public Service Commission from the process of appointing.

H. B. No. 854: Marriage and family therapists; revise certain requirements for licensure.

H. B. No. 979: Hunting; provide exception for recovering mortally wounded animals at night with use of light.

H. B. No. 1030: Motor Vehicle Sales Finance Law; clarify employees of state licensee may work remotely.

H. B. No. 1276: State officers; provide for a runoff election for.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. R. No. 115: Taiwan; commend friendship with the State of Mississippi and encourage further economic ties.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 232: Dairy show; relocate the show held in Lee County, MS, to Pontotoc County, MS.

H. B. No. 922: Alcorn State University; update references to in code to reflect current name designation.

H. B. No. 1173: EEF procurement cards; authorize issuance to eligible charter school teachers.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 544: Valued policy law; exempt builder's risk insurance policies from.

H. B. No. 768: State Personnel Board; require agencies seeking an exemption from the oversight of to submit written plan of justification to Legislature and SPB.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 12: Mr. Martin "Marty" Davidson; commend upon entrepreneurial legacy and community service as chair of Southern Pipe and Supply.

H. R. No. 106: Picayune High School Football Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 5A State Championship.

H. R. No. 107: Robert Earl Dow, Sr.; honor life and legacy upon his passing.

H. R. No. 108: Colleen Hartfield; commend distinguished career, service and contributions to Hinds Community College.

H. R. No. 109: Newton County High School Cheerleading Team; commend for outstanding achievements.

H. R. No. 110: Coahoma County High School Red Panthers Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning the MHSAA Class 2A State Championship.

H. R. No. 111: Illinois State Representative Cyril Nichols; commend for outstanding service and contributions to the City of Jackson.

H. R. No. 112: Former Representative Leonard Henderson; mourn loss and commemorate life and legacy upon his passing.

H. R. No. 113: Linda Barlow Dear; commend basketball coaching career of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 114: Lucille Dexter; commend upon the occasion of her 100th birthday.

H. R. No. 116: Brookhaven Academy Lady Cougars Basketball Team; commend for winning MAIS Class 5A State Championship.

H. R. No. 117: Right Reverend Brian R. Seage; commend dedication as Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Mississippi upon his retirement.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. B. No. 1025: Airport authority; authorize to dispose of property with a fair market value of zero if certain conditions are met.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 454: Radar; authorize use by municipal law enforcement officers in certain municipalities.

H. B. No. 1225: Mississippi Telephone Solicitation Act; transfer enforcement authority to Attorney General's office.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Horne moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Carolyn Barrett, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bain moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of John Timothy Mitch, which motion prevailed.

Representative Morgan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Joe Wayne Peak, which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Robbie Nell Russum, Ed Robertson, Richard May, Kim Stamper, Theodore C. Euper, Jr. , and Shelia Seaney, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Newman, Powell, Sanford, Shanks, Summers, Weathersby and Yancey moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Nancy Lee VanSeyst Stevenson, which motion prevailed.

At 11:17 AM, on motion of Rep. Hood the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Wednesday, March 15, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTY-SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023

(SEVENTY-SECOND CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Randy Boyd.

Rep. Boyd (19th) led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-3.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Huddleston, Robinson and Walker.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Wednesday, March 15, 2023

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bill:

H. B. No. 231: Tobacco education, prevention and cessation program; add fentanyl and drug abuse prevention education. Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 10:32 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

S. B. No. 2127: Terroristic threats; revise elements of.

S. B. No. 2358: Ballot harvesting; ban.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. C. R. No. 39: Panny Flautt Mayfield; commend upon being named a 2023 Noel Polk Lifetime Achievement Award Nominee.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 1561: Ad valorem taxation; revise types of new enterprises eligible for tax exemption.

H. B. No. 1648: Mississippi Small Business Investment Company Act; increase the amount of tax credits that can be allocated under.

H. B. No. 1668: Income tax; revise certain provisions regarding pass-through entities.

H. B. No. 1671: Tax credits; revise certain existing and authorize additional.

H. B. No. 1723: Tax credits; authorize for business contributions to certain organizations supporting food pantries or soup kitchens.

H. B. No. 1733: Income tax; revise deduction for depreciation for certain expenditures and property.

H. B. No. 1734: Bonds; authorize for various purposes.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 549: Sales Tax; exempt certain sales of property transported from this state and first used in another state.

H. B. No. 1197: City of Baldwin; extend date of repeal on tax for hotels, motels, restaurants and convenience stores.

H. B. No. 1209: City of Waynesboro; extend repealer on authority to impose tax on bars, restaurants, hotels/motels, B & Bs.

H. B. No. 1356: City of Lexington; extend repealer on restaurant tourism tax.

H. B. No. 1521: City of Brandon; extend repealer on tax on sales of prepared food and drink at restaurants and bars.

H. B. No. 1541: Tallahatchie County; authorize conveyance of public library to the Town of Webb.

H. B. No. 1542: Tallahatchie County; authorize conveyance of public library to the Town of Tutwiler.

S. B. No. 2892: City of Vicksburg; authorize to contribute to the creation, development and promotion of the Dr. Jane Ellen McAllister Museum.

S. B. No. 3108: Lowndes County; authorize to lease property for nominal consideration for nonprofit use for the benefit of disadvantaged children.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 2530: "Secretary of State Eric Clark Coastal Preserve" and "Gollott Island/Godfather Point"; Department of Marine Resources designate.
Senators Moran,Thompson,DeLano

S. B. No. 2544: Regulation of oyster beds and water bottoms by the MS Department of Marine Resources; bring forward authority.
Senators Moran,Thompson,England

S. B. No. 2551: Department of Marine Resources, Office of Marine Patrol; cooperate with federal law enforcement.
Senators Moran, England, Thompson

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 2339: Provision of law establishing energy efficiency standards for building construction; extend repealer on.
Senators Carter, Younger, Parks

S. B. No. 2495: State inmates; require MDOC to pay increased rate to house inmates in county jails.
Senators Barnett, Sparks, DeBar

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2892: City of Vicksburg; authorize to contribute to the creation, development and promotion of the Dr. Jane Ellen McAllister Museum. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 3108: Lowndes County; authorize to lease property for nominal consideration for nonprofit use for the benefit of disadvantaged children. Local and Private Legislation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1804: (Representative Burnett) Tunica County; authorize gaming fee distributed to county special fund to be expended for certain purposes. Local and Private Legislation.

H. R. No. 131: (Representative Foster) Hinds Community College Eagles Track and Field Teams; commend for outstanding achievements. Rules.

H. R. No. 132: (Representatives Yancey, Powell) Northwest Rankin High School Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 6A State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 133: (Representatives Yancey, Powell) Jackson Prep Patriots Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning the MAIS Overall Championship. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. C. R. No. 45: Phi Theta Kappa All-Mississippi Academic and Workforce Team; commend on occasion of "Mississippi Phi Theta Kappa Day". Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 46: Poplarville High School; commend upon winning their first UCA National High School Cheering Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 118: Madi Kate Vuncannon; commend for being named Mississippi Class 2A Miss Basketball. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 119: Simpson Academy Lady Cougars Basketball Team; commend for outstanding season. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 120: Morris Bozeman; commend his life upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 121: James Anderson; commend his service during World War II and celebrate the occasion of his 100th birthday. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 122: South Jones High School "Band of Braves" Marching Band; commend for many outstanding achievements. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 123: Lake High School Lady Hornets Basketball Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 2A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 124: Mississippi Medical and Surgical Association; commend numerous community contributions of. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 125: House of Peoples Funeral Home, Inc.; commend outstanding service upon 69th anniversary of its founding. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 126: Jupiter Baptist Church; commend upon 100th anniversary of. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 127: Simpson County Academy Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning MAIS Class 5A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 128: Jackson State University Lady Tigers Soccer Team; commend for winning 2022 SWAC Soccer Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 129: Alcorn State University Men's Basketball Team; commend for winning the 2022-2023 SWAC Regular Season Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 130: Jackie Granberry; commend distinguished career and service to Hinds Community College upon her retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

The Speaker announced the appointment of the Conferees on the part of the House as follows:

H. B. No. 271: Appropriation; Health Department for distributing funds to hospitals under the Health Care Impact Grant Program.
Representatives Read,Mims,Bounds

H. B. No. 272: Appropriation; Health Department for Local Provider Innovation Grant Program.
Representatives Read,Mims,Bounds

H. B. No. 273: Health Care Impact Grant Program; establish to provide grants to hospitals and nursing facilities.
Representatives Mims,McGee,White

H. B. No. 366: Sam G. Polles State Office Building; designate the MS Dept. of Wildlife Central Office Building as.
Representatives Weathersby,Holloway,Morgan

H. B. No. 517: Guide and outfitter services licenses; revise annual fee for both residents and nonresidents.
Representatives Kinkade,Barnett,Mangold

H. B. No. 557: MS Rural Dentists Scholarship Program; increase number of students who may be admitted into annually.
Representatives Mims,McGee,Powell

H. B. No. 588: MS Workforce Training and Education Act; extend repealer on the act and in 2004 chapter law for conforming code sections.
Representatives Bell (21st),White,Ford (73rd)

H. B. No. 602: District Attorneys; increase the operating allowance of.
Representatives Read,Cockerham,Hood

H. B. No. 604: New programs funded with ARPA funds; revise certain provisions and bring forward sections of.
Representatives Read,Oliver,Cockerham

H. B. No. 769: Harvey Moss Wildlife Management Area at Tuscumbia; designate Tuscumbia Wildlife Management Area as.
Representatives Weathersby,Holloway,Lancaster

H. B. No. 770: Mississippi Office of Space and Technology; create to be administered by MDA, which shall staff.
Representatives Scoggin,Hobgood-Wilkes,Oliver

H. B. No. 1601: Appropriation; Optometry, Board of.
Representatives Read,Oliver,Mangold

H. B. No. 1602: Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board.
Representatives Read,Oliver,Mangold

H. B. No. 1603: Appropriation; Psychology, Board of.
Representatives Read,Oliver,Mangold

H. B. No. 1604: Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional.
Representatives Read,Oliver,Mangold

H. B. No. 1605: Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.
Representatives Read,Oliver,Hale

H. B. No. 1606: Appropriation; Fire Academy.
Representatives Read,Oliver,Hale

H. B. No. 1607: Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System.
Representatives Read,Oliver,White

H. B. No. 1608: Appropriation; Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board.
Representatives Read,Oliver,Horan

H. B. No. 1609: Appropriation: Real Estate Commission.
Representatives Read,Oliver,Horan

H. B. No. 1610: Appropriation; Legislative expenses.
Representatives Read,White,Bennett

H. B. No. 1611: Appropriation; Arts Commission.
Representatives Read,Bennett,Haney

H. B. No. 1612: Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.
Representatives Read,Bennett,Ladner

H. B. No. 1613: Appropriation; Education, Department of.
Representatives Read,Bennett,Eure

H. B. No. 1614: Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for.
Representatives Read,Bennett,Haney

H. B. No. 1615: Appropriation; Library Commission.
Representatives Read,Bennett,Ladner

H. B. No. 1616: Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.
Representatives Read,Bounds,Mangold

- H. B. No. 1617:** Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.
Representatives Read,Bounds,Mangold
- H. B. No. 1618:** Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.
Representatives Read,Bounds,Mangold
- H. B. No. 1619:** Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board.
Representatives Read,Bounds,Mangold
- H. B. No. 1620:** Appropriation; Public Service Commission.
Representatives Read,Bounds,Eure
- H. B. No. 1621:** Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff.
Representatives Read,Bounds,Eure
- H. B. No. 1622:** Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.
Representatives Read,Mims,Bounds
- H. B. No. 1623:** Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.
Representatives Read,Mims,Bounds
- H. B. No. 1624:** Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.
Representatives Read,Hood,Mims
- H. B. No. 1625:** Appropriation: Child Protection Services, Department of.
Representatives Read,Mims,Bounds
- H. B. No. 1626:** Appropriation; Health, Department of.
Representatives Read,Mims,Scoggin
- H. B. No. 1627:** Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for.
Representatives Read,Pigott,Mangold
- H. B. No. 1628:** Appropriation; Forestry Commission.
Representatives Read,Pigott,Mangold
- H. B. No. 1629:** Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission.
Representatives Read,Pigott,Mangold
- H. B. No. 1630:** Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District.
Representatives Read,Ladner,Haney
- H. B. No. 1631:** Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District.
Representatives Read,Ladner,Bennett
- H. B. No. 1632:** Appropriation; Port Authority, State.
Representatives Read,Ladner,Bennett
- H. B. No. 1633:** Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management
District.
Representatives Read,Ladner,Arnold
- H. B. No. 1634:** Appropriation; Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority.
Representatives Read,Ladner,Arnold
- H. B. No. 1635:** Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board.

Representatives Read,Barton,Oliver

H. B. No. 1636: Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.
Representatives Read,Eure,Ladner

H. B. No. 1637: Appropriation; District attorneys and staff.
Representatives Read,Cockerham,Hines

H. B. No. 1638: Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of.
Representatives Read,Cockerham,Turner

H. B. No. 1639: Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of.
Representatives Read,Cockerham,Boyd (19th)

H. B. No. 1640: Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.
Representatives Read,Cockerham,White

H. B. No. 1641: Appropriation; Attorney General.
Representatives Read,Cockerham,White

H. B. No. 1642: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.
Representatives Read,Busby,Arnold

H. B. No. 1643: Appropriation, Reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building - FY2024.
Representatives Read,Barton,Hale

H. B. No. 1644: Appropriations; additional for various state agencies for FY 2023 and FY 2024.
Representatives Read,Oliver,Barton

H. B. No. 1715: Appropriation; Health Department for funding the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program.
Representatives Read,Oliver,Mims

H. B. No. 1717: Appropriation; DFA - Office of Insurance for reimbursing the State Health Plan for eligible expenses incurred.
Representatives Read,Oliver,Barton

H. B. No. 1718: Appropriation; DFA Bureau of Building for completing capital projects at state-owned buildings and grounds.
Representatives Read,Oliver,Barton

H. B. No. 1719: Appropriation; DFA to assist destination marketing organizations in paying for marketing activities.
Representatives Read,Oliver,Currie

H. B. No. 1722: Appropriation; UMMC for construction, repair and renovation of the School of Dentistry.
Representatives Read,Oliver,White

Representative Hobgood-Wilkes introduced special guests, the Picayune High School football team, MHSAA Class 5A Champions, H. R. No. 106.

Rep. Wallace moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1306: Elections; revise certain provisions about names of candidates appearing on the ballot, judicial candidate's annual report and fraudulent absentee voter applications.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

Rep. Hines moved to invite conference on **H. B. No. 1306**, which motion lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--40.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Busby, Calvert, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rushing, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Zuber. Total--70.

Absent or those not voting--Byrd, Carpenter, Evans, M, Huddleston, McCarty, Miles, Owen, Robinson, Sanford, Walker. Total-10.

Present--Yates. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--55

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rushing, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Zuber. Total--73.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--38.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, M, Huddleston, McCarty, Miles, Owen, Robinson, Sanford, Walker, Yates. Total-9.

Present--Burnett. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Read moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1716: Appropriation; DEQ for funding the MS Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, B, Holloway, Huddleston, McCarty, Miles, Owen, Robinson, Walker. Total-8.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Representative Yancey called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 4:** (Tianeptine; include in Schedule I controlled substance list.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Clark called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the House concurred in the Senate amendment to **H. B. No. 1306:** (Elections; revise certain provisions about names of candidates appearing on the ballot, judicial candidate's annual report and fraudulent absentee voter applications.), and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. C. R. No. 558: Extending condolences of Legislature to surviving family of Motown recording artist/songwriter Barrett Strong of West Point.

S. B. No. 2523: Pecan Harvesting Law; revise penalties for violating.

S. B. No. 2615: Contract personnel; authorize to purchase base plan of the State and School Employees' Health Insurance Plan.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. C. R. No. 39: Panny Flautt Mayfield; commend upon being named a 2023 Noel Polk Lifetime Achievement Award Nominee.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 280: Foreign governments; prohibit sale of agricultural lands to.

H. B. No. 1209: City of Waynesboro; extend repealer on authority to impose tax on bars, restaurants, hotels/motels, B & Bs.

H. B. No. 1521: City of Brandon; extend repealer on tax on sales of prepared food and drink at restaurants and bars.

H. B. No. 1541: Tallahatchie County; authorize conveyance of public library to the Town of Webb.

H. B. No. 1542: Tallahatchie County; authorize conveyance of public library to the Town of Tutwiler.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. C. R. No. 561: Designate March 2023 as "American Red Cross Month in Mississippi."

S. C. R. No. 562: Designate October 2023 as "Walker Montgomery National Catfishing Awareness Month in Mississippi."

S. C. R. No. 564: Designate March 2023 as "Brain Injury Awareness Month in Mississippi" to promote treatment and prevention.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Gunn moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Herbert "Herb" H. Touchton, which motion prevailed.

Representative McLean moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Artemus Jennings Cox, Jr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Bobby Carl Porter, Elizabeth Guy, Reverend Willie Ray Pinkston, and Brenda Odom, which motion prevailed.

Representative Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Laura Mavis Street Clemmer, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Burnett, Deweese, Hale, Kinkade, Lamar, Massengill and Reynolds moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Fred Heindl, which motion prevailed.

At 10:53 AM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Thursday, March 16, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTY-THIRD DAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023

(SEVENTY-THIRD CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Reverend Jonathan Sherwin, Harmony Baptist Church, Crystal Springs, MS.

Rep. Holloway led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-3.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Huddleston, Robinson and Walker.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 2140: National Security on State Devices and Networks Act; create.
Senators DeLano, Williams, Boyd

S. B. No. 2612: Construction; bring forward code sections concerning local permitting and State Board of Contractors licensing.
Senators Hill, Simmons (12th), Suber

S. B. No. 2729: Limitation of liability requirements for information technology contracts; clarify.
Senators DeLano, Williams, Hopson

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 1196: City of McComb; extend date of repeal on hotel/motel tourism tax.

H. B. No. 1547: City of Pascagoula; extend repealer on hotel, motel and bed-and-breakfast tax.

H. B. No. 1581: City of Columbus; extend repealer on alcoholic beverage and restaurant tax.

H. B. No. 1662: City of Ripley; authorize expansion of water system in Tippah County except in certificated areas other than those in the city.

H. B. No. 1711: City of Vicksburg; authorize contributions of funds and in-kind maintenance services to Beulah Cemetery.

H. B. No. 1712: City of Vicksburg; authorize to contribute funds and in-kind services to Tate Cemetery.

H. B. No. 1788: City of Columbia; extend repeal date on hotel/motel and restaurant tourism tax.

S. B. No. 2150: Warren County; authorize to enter into lease agreement or lease-purchase arrangement for public safety purpose.

S. B. No. 2922: DeSoto County; authorize to transfer parcel of county-owned property to City of Olive Branch for construction of animal shelter.

S. B. No. 2960: City of Grenada; extend repealer on hotel/motel & restaurant tourism tax.

S. B. No. 3110: Tunica County Utility District; delete provision of law subjecting to rate regulation by Public Service Commission.

S. B. No. 3139: Jackson County; authorize Board of Supervisors and Utility Authority to share equipment, labor, services, resources and funds.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

S. B. No. 2102: Impending emergency excavation; define, establish advance notice requirements and require premarking for.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2150: Warren County; authorize to enter into lease agreement or lease-purchase arrangement for public safety purpose. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 2922: DeSoto County; authorize to transfer parcel of county-owned property to City of Olive Branch for construction of animal shelter. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 2960: City of Grenada; extend repealer on hotel/motel & restaurant tourism tax. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 3110: Tunica County Utility District; delete provision of law subjecting to rate regulation by Public Service Commission. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 3139: Jackson County; authorize Board of Supervisors and Utility Authority to share equipment, labor, services, resources and funds. Local and Private Legislation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1805: (Representative Barton) Jackson County; authorize to enter a MOU with DFA regarding Singing River Health System and healthcare workforce academy. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1806: (Representatives Kinkade, Hale) City of Olive Branch; authorize expenditure of funds to establish industrial, technological or educational park or parks in. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1807: (Representative Hood) City of Eupora; authorize tourism tax on hotels/motels/Airbnbs and restaurants. Local and Private Legislation.

H. C. R. No. 47: (Representative Blackmon) The Essie B. and William Earl Glenn Foundation; commend on occasion of its fourth symposium for Adverse Childhood Experiences Trauma Awareness Day. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 48: (Representative Roberson) Mississippi Clean Hydrogen Hub; urge the federal government to designate Mississippi as. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 49: (Representative Turner) Baldwyn Career Advancement Center; commend 2023 SkillsUSA Quiz Bowl Team upon winning first place in state competition. Rules.

H. R. No. 134: (Representatives Mickens, Hood) Louisville High School Lady Wildcats Basketball Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 4A State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 135: (Representatives Yancey, Eubanks, Ford (73rd), Newman, Powell, Shanks, Wallace, Weathersby, Zuber) Team "Wait For It..."; commend and congratulate upon winning the 2023 Mississippi FIRST Tech Challenge Competition. Rules.

H. R. No. 136: (Representative Creekmore IV) East Union Lady Urchins Powerlifting Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 2A State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 137: (Representative Calvert) West Lauderdale High School Knights Boys Golf Team; commend on winning 2022 MHSAA Class 4A State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 138: (Representative Bell (65th)) JSU Men's Cross Country Team; commend and congratulate upon winning the 2021 and 2022 SWAC Championships. Rules.

H. R. No. 139: (Representative Bell (65th)) Edward Earl Wilson, Jr.; commend outstanding achievements. Rules.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the Conferees on the part of the House as follows:

H. B. No. 603: State budget; bring forward sections relating to.
Representatives Read, Oliver, Cockerham

H. B. No. 771: HELP Grant and MTAG Programs; revise level of funding provided to eligible students.
Representatives Scoggin, Darnell, Oliver

H. B. No. 834: Assistant District Attorneys and criminal investigators; increase authorized number of.
Representatives Read, Cockerham, Hood

H. B. No. 923: Bob Tyler Fish Hatchery; designate the fish hatchery located in North Mississippi as.
Representatives Weathersby, Holloway, Newman

H. B. No. 1048: "Universal Changing Tables Installation Incentive Grant Program Act"; establish to be administered by Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services.
Representatives Weathersby, Holloway, Crawford

H. B. No. 1089: State budget; revise provisions of several FY 23 bills and create special funds.
Representatives Read, Oliver, Cockerham

H. B. No. 1286: Alcorn University Extension Annex; rename the "Dr. Jesse Harness, Sr., Extension and Research Center".
Representatives Weathersby, Holloway, Crudup

H. B. No. 1310: Elections; revise provisions related to the integrity of.
Representatives Wallace, Eubanks, Powell

H. B. No. 1593: Appropriation; Athletic Commission.
Representatives Read, Oliver, Mangold

H. B. No. 1594: Appropriation; Auctioneers Commission.

Representatives Read, Oliver, Mangold

H. B. No. 1595: Appropriation; Barber Examiners, Board of.
Representatives Read, Oliver, Mangold

H. B. No. 1596: Appropriation; Cosmetology, Board of.
Representatives Read, Oliver, Mangold

H. B. No. 1597: Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family
Therapists, Board of Examiners for.
Representatives Read, Oliver, Mangold

H. B. No. 1598: Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of.
Representatives Read, Oliver, Mims

H. B. No. 1599: Appropriation; Nursing, Board of.
Representatives Read, Oliver, Mims

H. B. No. 1600: Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of.
Representatives Read, Oliver, Mangold

Representative Clark introduced special guest, Mr. James Anderson, a World War II Army Veteran, who will celebrate his 100th birthday in September, H. R. No. 121.

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. R. No. 121: James Anderson; commend his service during World War II and celebrate the occasion of his 100th birthday.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. C. R. No. 45: Phi Theta Kappa All-Mississippi Academic and Workforce Team; commend on occasion of "Mississippi Phi Theta Kappa Day".

H. C. R. No. 46: Poplarville High School; commend upon winning their first UCA National High School Cheering Championship.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total-113.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Clark, Huddleston, McCarty, Robinson, Scott, Walker, Young. Total-8.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. R. No. 118: Madi Kate Vuncannon; commend for being named Mississippi Class 2A Miss Basketball.

H. R. No. 119: Simpson Academy Lady Cougars Basketball Team; commend for outstanding season.

H. R. No. 120: Morris Bozeman; commend his life upon his passing.

H. R. No. 122: South Jones High School "Band of Braves" Marching Band; commend for many outstanding achievements.

H. R. No. 123: Lake High School Lady Hornets Basketball Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 2A State Championship.

H. R. No. 124: Mississippi Medical and Surgical Association; commend numerous community contributions of.

H. R. No. 125: House of Peoples Funeral Home, Inc.; commend outstanding service upon 69th anniversary of its founding.

H. R. No. 126: Jupiter Baptist Church; commend upon 100th anniversary of.

H. R. No. 127: Simpson County Academy Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning MAIS Class 5A State Championship.

H. R. No. 128: Jackson State University Lady Tigers Soccer Team; commend for winning 2022 SWAC Soccer Championship.

H. R. No. 129: Alcorn State University Men's Basketball Team; commend for winning the 2022-2023 SWAC Regular Season Championship.

H. R. No. 130: Jackie Granberry; commend distinguished career and service to Hinds Community College upon her retirement.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. R. No. 118: Madi Kate Vuncannon; commend for being named Mississippi Class 2A Miss Basketball.

H. R. No. 119: Simpson Academy Lady Cougars Basketball Team; commend for outstanding season.

H. R. No. 120: Morris Bozeman; commend his life upon his passing.

H. R. No. 122: South Jones High School "Band of Braves" Marching Band; commend for many outstanding achievements.

H. R. No. 123: Lake High School Lady Hornets Basketball Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 2A State Championship.

H. R. No. 124: Mississippi Medical and Surgical Association; commend numerous community contributions of.

H. R. No. 125: House of Peoples Funeral Home, Inc.; commend outstanding service upon 69th anniversary of its founding.

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H. R. No. 127: Simpson County Academy Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning MAIS Class 5A State Championship.

H. R. No. 128: Jackson State University Lady Tigers Soccer Team; commend for winning 2022 SWAC Soccer Championship.

H. R. No. 129: Alcorn State University Men's Basketball Team; commend for winning the 2022-2023 SWAC Regular Season Championship.

H. R. No. 130: Jackie Granberry; commend distinguished career and service to Hinds Community College upon her retirement.

H. C. R. No. 45: Phi Theta Kappa All-Mississippi Academic and Workforce Team; commend on occasion of "Mississippi Phi Theta Kappa Day".

H. C. R. No. 46: Poplarville High School; commend upon winning their first UCA National High School Cheering Championship.

H. R. No. 121: James Anderson; commend his service during World War II and celebrate the occasion of his 100th birthday.

Rep. Cockerham moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1115: Durable legal custody; clarify jurisdiction for.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Huddleston, Ladner, McCarty, Robinson, Rushing, Walker, Young. Total-8.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Cockerham moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1101: Corporations and LLCs; authorize determination notices and certificates of administrative dissolution to be served by email to registered agent.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Huddleston, Ladner, McCarty, Robinson, Rushing, Walker, Young. Total-8.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Cockerham moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1157: Vehicle rental; require those engaged in to disclose total charges, including all additional mandatory charges.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Huddleston, McCarty, Robinson, Walker, Young. Total-6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

On motion of Rep. Lamar the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 261: Income tax; extend credit for qualified contributions to an endowed fund at qualified community foundations.

H. B. No. 535: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

H. B. No. 252: Alcoholic beverages; revise provisions regarding certain permits and distance restrictions.

H. B. No. 1136: Distinctive motor vehicle license tags; authorize for 2021 and 2022 National Championship Rebels and supporters of various organizations.

Rep. Lamar moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1169: Income tax; revise method of collecting delinquent tax from public officers and employees.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Huddleston, McCarty, Owen, Robinson, Walker, Young. Total-7.

Present--Brown, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Lamar moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 388: Income tax; revise local governmental entities that may collect debt by a setoff against a debtor's refund.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray,

McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--97.
Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Ladner, Williamson. Total--7.
Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Arnold, Currie, Holloway, Huddleston, McCarty, Mims, Owen, Robinson, Walker, Young. Total-11.

Present--Brown, B, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, McLean, Paden, Summers. Total--6.
Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--53

On motion of Rep. Lamar the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1140: Beer, light wine and light spirit products; revise manufacturers prohibited from having interest in wholesalers or distributors.

Rep. Lamar moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1168: Municipal special sales tax; revise use of revenue for certain.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--108.
Nays--Crudup, Summers. Total--2.
Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Bell, C, Currie, Hines, Huddleston, Johnson, McCarty, Owen, Robinson, Walker, Young. Total-11.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--56

On motion of Rep. Lamar the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1020: Capitol Complex Improvement District judicial jurisdiction; create and revise boundaries.

Rep. Lamar moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1561: Ad valorem taxation; revise types of new enterprises eligible for tax exemption.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Ladner. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Huddleston, McCarty, Owen, Robinson, Summers, Walker, Young. Total-8.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--67

Rep. Lamar moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1668: Income tax; revise certain provisions regarding pass-through entities.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Huddleston, McCarty, Owen, Robinson, Rushing, Summers, Walker, Young. Total-9.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--68

On motion of Rep. Lamar the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1671: Tax credits; revise certain existing and authorize additional.

Rep. Lamar moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1723: Tax credits; authorize for business contributions to certain organizations supporting food pantries or soup kitchens.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Huddleston, McCarty, Owen, Robinson, Walker, Young. Total-7.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Lamar moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1733: Income tax; revise deduction for depreciation for certain expenditures and property.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Huddleston, McCarty, Owen, Robinson, Summers, Walker, Young. Total-8.

Present--Brown, B, Evans, B. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--67

On motion of Rep. Lamar the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1734: Use tax; revise distribution of revenue, provide income tax credit for employer making payments for employee dependent care.

Representative Lamar called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2858:** (Mississippi Small Business Investment Company Act; increase the amount of investment tax credits that can be allocated under.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 484: Petroleum Products Inspection Law; delete repealer on definitions and penalties under.

H. B. No. 549: Sales Tax; exempt certain sales of property transported from this state and first used in another state.

H. B. No. 1071: Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules.

H. B. No. 1356: City of Lexington; extend repealer on restaurant tourism tax.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2127: Terroristic threats; revise elements of.

S. B. No. 2358: Ballot harvesting; ban.

S. B. No. 2634: Child support; allow criminal charges three years after the child turns twenty-one.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 259: Medical radiation technologists; delete repealers on registration statutes.

H. B. No. 281: Law enforcement officers killed in line of duty; clarify that beneficiaries may receive sidearm of.

H. B. No. 540: Personal and professional services; require the Department of Finance and Administration to conduct solicitations of for certain agencies.

H. B. No. 1196: City of McComb; extend date of repeal on hotel/motel tourism tax.

H. B. No. 1222: The Mississippi Collaborative Response to Mental Health Act; create.

H. B. No. 1547: City of Pascagoula; extend repealer on hotel, motel and bed-and-breakfast tax.

H. B. No. 1581: City of Columbus; extend repealer on alcoholic beverage and restaurant tax.

H. B. No. 1662: City of Ripley; authorize expansion of water system in Tippah County except in certificated areas other than those in the city.

H. B. No. 1711: City of Vicksburg; authorize contributions of funds and in-kind maintenance services to Beulah Cemetery.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 1712: City of Vicksburg; authorize to contribute funds and in-kind services to Tate Cemetery.

H. B. No. 1716: Appropriation; DEQ for funding the MS Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program.

H. B. No. 1788: City of Columbia; extend repeal date on hotel/motel and restaurant tourism tax.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 118: Madi Kate Vuncannon; commend for being named Mississippi Class 2A Miss Basketball.

H. R. No. 119: Simpson Academy Lady Cougars Basketball Team; commend for outstanding season.

H. R. No. 120: Morris Bozeman; commend his life upon his passing.

H. R. No. 121: James Anderson; commend his service during World War II and celebrate the occasion of his 100th birthday.

H. R. No. 122: South Jones High School "Band of Braves" Marching Band; commend for many outstanding achievements.

H. R. No. 123: Lake High School Lady Hornets Basketball Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 2A State Championship.

H. R. No. 124: Mississippi Medical and Surgical Association; commend numerous community contributions of.

H. R. No. 125: House of Peoples Funeral Home, Inc.; commend outstanding service upon 69th anniversary of its founding.

H. R. No. 126: Jupiter Baptist Church; commend upon 100th anniversary of.

H. R. No. 127: Simpson County Academy Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning MAIS Class 5A State Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 128: Jackson State University Lady Tigers Soccer Team; commend for winning 2022 SWAC Soccer Championship.

H. R. No. 129: Alcorn State University Men's Basketball Team; commend for winning the 2022-2023 SWAC Regular Season Championship.

H. R. No. 130: Jackie Granberry; commend distinguished career and service to Hinds Community College upon her retirement.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. C. R. No. 559: Congratulate Ricky Stenhouse from Olive Branch for winning the Daytona 500.

S. C. R. No. 563: Designate March 5-11, 2023, as "National School Social Work Week in Mississippi."

S. C. R. No. 565: Recognize Walthall County Constable Raymond Gutter on his retirement and three-decade law enforcement service.

S. B. No. 2376: Youth court; clarify that disclosure of certain records in criminal matters do not require youth court approval.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Denton moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Karen Nelson Sanders, which motion prevailed.

Representative McLean moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Elizabeth Foote Caldwell, and Nancy Long Smith, which motion prevailed.

Representative McGee moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Stewart Gammill, IV, which motion prevailed.

Representative Watson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Donnie Ray Fairley, Sr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Karriem moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Hilbert Williams, and Clara L. Brooks, which motion prevailed.

At 10:49 AM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, March 17, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTY-FOURTH DAY, FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2023

(SEVENTY-FOURTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Pro Tempore White in the chair. Prayer by Reverend Timothy Bobo Phillipson, Moderator of Scott County Baptist Association.

Rep. Miles led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Representative Darnell introduced his junior page for the week, La'Miyah Bounds, who led the House in the National Anthem.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-3.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Huddleston, Robinson and Walker.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Haney and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 2073: Age of majority; lower to 18 for securing loans and entering contracts for real property.

Senators Wiggins, McCaughn, Hill

S. B. No. 2075: Birth certificate; adoptee may obtain certified copy of original after age 21.

Senators Wiggins, McCaughn, Turner-Ford

S. B. No. 2079: Mississippi School Protection Act; enact to allow armed educators.

Senators DeBar,Hill,Polk

S. B. No. 2082: Child support; administratively suspend obligations for incarcerated individuals.

Senators Wiggins,Barnett,England

S. B. No. 2099: Motor vehicle theft; revise penalty for.

Senators Fillingane,England,McCaughn

S. B. No. 2100: Receiving stolen property; revise the crime of.

Senators Fillingane,England,Wiggins

S. B. No. 2101: Criminal law; revise crimes of fleeing a law enforcement officer, resisting arrest and carjacking.

Senators Fillingane,England,Barnett

S. B. No. 2187: Disabled veterans motor vehicle license tags; revise certain provisions regarding disability rating.

Senators Seymour,DeLano,Harkins

S. B. No. 2239: State law enforcement officers; authorize use of uniforms, weapons and vehicles off duty while performing security services.

Senators Fillingane,England,Barnett

S. B. No. 2297: Forensics laboratory; require approval of model of intoxilyzer equipment that is readily available to law enforcement agencies.

Senators Fillingane,Thompson,DeBar

S. B. No. 2335: Income tax credit; allow for employer making direct payments to entity for dependent care on behalf of employee.

Senators Parker,Boyd,Younger

S. B. No. 2343: Capitol police; revise jurisdiction of.

Senators Fillingane,England,Wiggins

S. B. No. 2346: Material harmful to minors; provide for liability for any entity that distributes on the internet without age verification.

Senators Fillingane,Wiggins,Hill

S. B. No. 2353: Elections; increase wage range for poll workers.

Senators Tate,Blount,Chassaniol

S. B. No. 2371: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Nurse/Allied Health Workforce Development and Retention Act; create.

Senators Parker,McMahan,Chassaniol

S. B. No. 2379: Code books; revise number required to be ordered from publisher.

Senators Wiggins,Boyd,Turner-Ford

S. B. No. 2382: Out-of-state lawyers; required to disclose whether licensed to practice law in Mississippi in television ads.

Senators Wiggins,Simmons (12th),Barrett

S. B. No. 2384: Foster Care and Adoption Task Force; create.

Senators Wiggins,Boyd,Branning

S. B. No. 2487: Mississippi Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program; establish.

Senators Parks,Hopson,DeBar

S. B. No. 2534: Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; require additional regulation of freshwater fishing guides.

Senators Whaley,Suber,Seymour

S. B. No. 2586: Computer science curriculum; clarify terminology to specify who may provide instruction in.

Senators DeBar,DeLano,Polk

S. B. No. 2595: ARPA Workforce Development and Retention Act; provide expiration date of grant funds.

Senators Parker,Sparks,Michel

S. B. No. 2613: Nonemergency transportation providers; extend date by which providers may provide service without a permit.

Senators Blackwell,Parker,Blount

S. B. No. 2645: Circuit court districts; increase number of assistant district attorneys and criminal investigators.

Senators Wiggins,DeBar,Hopson

S. B. No. 2749: School board members; increase pay.

Senators DeBar,Hopson,Polk

S. B. No. 2781: Mississippi Access to Maternal Assistance Program; create and provide for duties and responsibilities.

Senators Wiggins,Boyd,Branning

S. B. No. 2810: Office of Workforce Development; amend certain provisions relating to.

Senators Parker,England,Younger

S. B. No. 2812: Board for administration of certain failing school district; extend date of repeal.

Senators DeBar,Blount,Polk

S. B. No. 2853: Small unmanned aircraft systems; require state purchase and servicing of from American companies only.

Senators Polk,Whaley,Williams

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 2692: Bonds; repeal authorization for unissued bonds and replace with cash funds.

Senators Harkins,Johnson,Horhn

S. B. No. 2695: Tourism Project Incentive Program; extend deadline for MDA issuance of certificates approving participants.

Senators Harkins,Chassaniol,McMahan

S. B. No. 2696: Income tax credit for qualified adoption expenses; increase amount for Mississippi children and remove CPS requirement.
Senators Harkins,Boyd,Parker

S. B. No. 2841: Law enforcement officers & fire fighters death benefits black tag; authorize black version of regular tag.
Senators Harkins,DeLano,Thompson

S. B. No. 2842: Use tax; revise standards for municipality's eligibility to receive monies from special infrastructure assistance fund.
Senators Harkins,Johnson,DeLano

S. B. No. 2862: Sales tax; provide industrial exemption for tangible personal property first used in another state.
Senators Harkins,Johnson,Barnett

S. B. No. 2887: State Treasurer; modify certain provisions concerning the deposit and investment of excess state funds.
Senators Harkins,Johnson,Sparks

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 366: Sam G. Polles State Office Building; designate the MS Dept. of Wildlife Central Office Building as.
Senators Turner-Ford,McCaughn,Barrett

H. B. No. 517: Guide and outfitter services licenses; revise annual fee for both residents and nonresidents.
Senators Whaley,Suber,Seymour

H. B. No. 557: MS Rural Dentists Scholarship Program; increase number of students who may be admitted into annually.
Senators Bryan,Parker,Blackwell

H. B. No. 588: MS Workforce Training and Education Act; extend repealer on the act and in 2004 chapter law for conforming code sections.
Senators Parker,Younger,England

H. B. No. 604: New programs funded with ARPA funds; revise certain provisions and bring forward sections of.
Senators Hopson,Polk,Williams

H. B. No. 769: Harvey Moss Wildlife Management Area at Tuscumbia; designate Tuscumbia Wildlife Management Area as.
Senators Whaley,Suber,Sparks

H. B. No. 770: Mississippi Office of Space and Technology; create to be administered by MDA, which shall staff.
Senators Parker,Barrett,DeLano

H. B. No. 917: Mississippi Worker's Comp commission office building; place under the supervision and care of DFA.
Senators Turner-Ford,Hopson,Seymour

H. B. No. 1034: State Veterans Affairs Board; revise composition of.
Senators Seymour,DeLano,McMahan

H. B. No. 1084: Insurance agents; revise the continuing education requirements of those who are 65 and have been licensed for 20 years.
Senators Michel,Kirby,McLendon

H. B. No. 1310: Elections; revise provisions related to the integrity of.
Senators Tate,Parker,Fillingane

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 2372: Mississippi Hospital Sustainability Grant Program; establish and provide eligibility for funds.
Senators Hopson,Blackwell,Polk

S. B. No. 2444: ARPA programs; bring forward provisions related to for possible amendment.
Senators Hopson,Polk,Blackwell

S. B. No. 2446: Appropriations; revise certain transfers, fund authority, and FY2023 appropriations.
Senators Hopson,Polk,DeBar

S. B. No. 2454: Budget; bring forward code sections related to and provide for transfers.
Senators Hopson,Polk,DeBar

S. B. No. 2511: Destination marketing organizations; bring forward provision related to.
Senators Hopson,Polk,DeBar

S. B. No. 2616: Real Estate Commission; decrease fees charged by.
Senators Hopson,Michel,DeBar

S. B. No. 2961: Appropriations; additional for various state agencies for FY2023 and FY2024.
Senators Hopson,DeBar,Blackwell

S. B. No. 3000: Appropriation; IHL - General support.
Senators Hopson,Parks,Polk

S. B. No. 3001: Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs.
Senators Hopson,Parks,Williams

S. B. No. 3002: Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural programs.
Senators Hopson,Parks,Butler (36th)

S. B. No. 3003: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station.
Senators Hopson,Parks,McCaughn

S. B. No. 3004: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service.
Senators Hopson,Parks,Suber

S. B. No. 3005: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center.
Senators Hopson,Parks,McCaughn

S. B. No. 3006: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of.
Senators Hopson,Parks,Williams

S. B. No. 3007: Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid.
Senators Hopson,Parks,Parker

S. B. No. 3008: Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center.
Senators Hopson,Parks,Polk

S. B. No. 3009: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses.
Senators Hopson,Frazier,McLendon

S. B. No. 3010: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges.
Senators Hopson,Frazier,Michel

S. B. No. 3011: Appropriation; Corrections, Department of.
Senators Hopson,Wiggins,Hickman

S. B. No. 3012: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.
Senators Hopson,Wiggins,DeBar

S. B. No. 3013: Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of.
Senators Hopson,DeLano,Suber

S. B. No. 3014: Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock shows.
Senators Hopson,DeLano,McCaughn

S. B. No. 3015: Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of.
Senators Hopson,DeLano,Butler (38th)

S. B. No. 3016: Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency.
Senators Hopson,DeLano,Polk

S. B. No. 3017: Appropriation; Military Department.
Senators Hopson,DeLano,Tate

S. B. No. 3018: Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board.
Senators Hopson,DeLano,Seymour

S. B. No. 3019: Appropriation; Ethics Commission.
Senators Hopson,Norwood,Branning

S. B. No. 3020: Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission.
Senators Hopson,Norwood,Branning

S. B. No. 3021: Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of.

Senators Hopson,Michel,Parker

S. B. No. 3022: Appropriation; Revenue, Department of.
Senators Hopson,Michel,McCaughn

S. B. No. 3023: Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board.
Senators Hopson,Michel,Hickman

S. B. No. 3024: Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission.
Senators Hopson,Michel,Turner-Ford

S. B. No. 3025: Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of.
Senators Hopson,Hill,Michel

S. B. No. 3026: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road
Construction, Office of.
Senators Hopson,Branning,Polk

S. B. No. 3027: Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development
Authority.
Senators Hopson,Sparks,Parks

S. B. No. 3028: Appropriation; Chiropractic Examiners, Board of.
Senators Hopson,Butler (36th),Suber

S. B. No. 3029: Appropriation; Dental Examiners, Board of.
Senators Hopson,Butler (36th),Suber

S. B. No. 3030: Appropriation; Funeral Services Board.
Senators Hopson,Butler (36th),Suber

S. B. No. 3031: Appropriation; Massage Therapy, Board of.
Senators Hopson,Butler (36th),Suber

S. B. No. 3032: Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of.
Senators Hopson,Butler (36th),Wiggins

S. B. No. 3033: Appropriation; Counselors, Board of Examiners for Licensed
Professional.
Senators Hopson,Butler (36th),Frazier

S. B. No. 3034: Appropriation; Veterinary Examiners, Board of.
Senators Hopson,Butler (36th),Turner-Ford

S. B. No. 3035: Appropriation; Architecture, Board of.
Senators Hopson,Turner-Ford,DeLano

S. B. No. 3036: Appropriation; Gaming Commission.
Senators Hopson,Turner-Ford,Polk

S. B. No. 3037: Appropriation; Geologists, Board of Registered Professional.
Senators Hopson,Turner-Ford,DeLano

S. B. No. 3038: Appropriation; Motor Vehicle Commission.
Senators Hopson,Turner-Ford,Wiggins

S. B. No. 3039: Appropriation; Accountancy, Board of Public.
Senators Hopson,Turner-Ford,DeLano

- S. B. No. 3040:** Appropriation; Contractors, Board of.
Senators Hopson,Turner-Ford,Polk
- S. B. No. 3041:** Appropriation; Audit, Department of.
Senators Hopson,Polk,Blackwell
- of. **S. B. No. 3042:** Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department
Senators Hopson,Polk,Caughman
- S. B. No. 3043:** Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of.
Senators Hopson,Polk,Blackwell
- S. B. No. 3044:** Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion.
Senators Hopson,Polk,Blackwell
- of. **S. B. No. 3045:** Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department
Senators Hopson,Polk,Williams
- S. B. No. 3046:** Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi.
Senators Hopson,Polk,Parker
- S. B. No. 3047:** Appropriation; Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to the Mississippi
Development Authority.
Senators Hopson,Polk,Blackwell
- S. B. No. 3048:** Appropriation; Personnel Board.
Senators Hopson,Polk,Simmons (13th)
- S. B. No. 3049:** Appropriation; Secretary of State.
Senators Hopson,Polk,Blackwell
- S. B. No. 3050:** Appropriation; Treasurer's Office.
Senators Hopson,Polk,Michel
- S. B. No. 3051:** Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli.
Senators Hopson,Polk,Blackwell
- reappropriate to certain agencies.
S. B. No. 3052: Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund; FY2024
Senators Hopson,Polk,DeBar
- for certain programs, ARPA funds.
S. B. No. 3113: Appropriation; additional to Office of Workforce Development
Senators Hopson,Polk,Parker
- and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program, ARPA funds.
S. B. No. 3114: Appropriation; additional to DEQ for Mississippi Municipality
Senators Hopson,Polk,Blackwell
- Associations Infrastructure Grant Program.
S. B. No. 3115: Appropriation; additional to DOH for ARPA Rural Water
Senators Hopson,Polk,Hill
- organizations and Main Street Association, ARPA funds.
S. B. No. 3116: Appropriation; additional to DFA for destination marketing
Senators Hopson,Polk,DeBar

S. B. No. 3117: Appropriation; additional for DFA - Office of Insurance for State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan, ARPA funds.
Senators Hopson, Polk, Michel

S. B. No. 3118: Appropriation; additional to DFA - Bureau of Buildings, ARPA funds.
Senators Hopson, Polk, DeBar

S. B. No. 3119: Appropriation; additional to DOH for Mississippi Hospital Sustainability Grant Program, ARPA funds.
Senators Hopson, Blackwell, Polk

S. B. No. 3120: Capital Expense Fund; FY2024 appropriation to MDOT for certain infrastructure expenses.
Senators Hopson, Branning, DeBar

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 271: Appropriation; Health Department for distributing funds to hospitals under the Health Care Impact Grant Program.
Senators Hopson, Blackwell, Polk

H. B. No. 272: Appropriation; Health Department for Local Provider Innovation Grant Program.
Senators Hopson, Polk, Hill

H. B. No. 273: Health Care Impact Grant Program; establish to provide grants to hospitals and nursing facilities.
Senators Hopson, Blackwell, Polk

H. B. No. 602: District Attorneys; increase the operating allowance of.
Senators Hopson, Wiggins, Norwood

H. B. No. 603: State budget; bring forward sections relating to.
Senators Hopson, Polk, Harkins

H. B. No. 604: New programs funded with ARPA funds; revise certain provisions and bring forward sections of.
Senators Hopson, Polk, Williams

H. B. No. 834: Assistant District Attorneys and criminal investigators; increase authorized number of.
Senators Hopson, Wiggins, Blackwell

H. B. No. 1048: "Universal Changing Tables Installation Incentive Grant Program Act"; establish to be administered by Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services.
Senators Hopson, DeBar, Hill

H. B. No. 1089: State budget; revise provisions of several FY 23 bills and create special funds.
Senators Hopson, Polk, DeBar

H. B. No. 1593: Appropriation; Athletic Commission.

Senators Hopson,Turner-Ford,DeLano

H. B. No. 1594: Appropriation; Auctioneers Commission.
Senators Hopson,Turner-Ford,DeLano

H. B. No. 1595: Appropriation; Barber Examiners, Board of.
Senators Hopson,Jackson,Suber

H. B. No. 1596: Appropriation; Cosmetology, Board of.
Senators Hopson,Jackson,England

H. B. No. 1597: Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family
Therapists, Board of Examiners for.
Senators Hopson,Jackson,Chism

H. B. No. 1598: Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of.
Senators Hopson,Jackson,Blackwell

H. B. No. 1599: Appropriation; Nursing, Board of.
Senators Hopson,Jackson,Seymour

H. B. No. 1600: Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of.
Senators Hopson,Jackson,Seymour

H. B. No. 1601: Appropriation; Optometry, Board of.
Senators Hopson,Jackson,Hill

H. B. No. 1602: Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board.
Senators Hopson,Jackson,McLendon

H. B. No. 1603: Appropriation; Psychology, Board of.
Senators Hopson,Jackson,DeLano

H. B. No. 1604: Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of
Registration for Professional.
Senators Hopson,Turner-Ford,DeLano

H. B. No. 1605: Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.
Senators Hopson,Michel,Wiggins

H. B. No. 1606: Appropriation; Fire Academy.
Senators Hopson,Michel,Blackwell

H. B. No. 1607: Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System.
Senators Hopson,Polk,Wiggins

H. B. No. 1608: Appropriation; Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and
Certification Board.
Senators Hopson,Michel,Wiggins

H. B. No. 1609: Appropriation: Real Estate Commission.
Senators Hopson,Michel,Wiggins

H. B. No. 1610: Appropriation; Legislative expenses.
Senators Hopson,Polk,DeBar

H. B. No. 1611: Appropriation; Arts Commission.
Senators Hopson,Moran,Williams

- H. B. No. 1612:** Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.
Senators Hopson, Michel, Norwood
- H. B. No. 1613:** Appropriation; Education, Department of.
Senators Hopson, DeBar, McCaughn
- H. B. No. 1614:** Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for.
Senators Hopson, DeBar, Norwood
- H. B. No. 1615:** Appropriation; Library Commission.
Senators Hopson, DeBar, Michel
- H. B. No. 1616:** Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.
Senators Hopson, Moran, Polk
- H. B. No. 1617:** Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.
Senators Hopson, DeLano, Whaley
- H. B. No. 1618:** Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.
Senators Hopson, Moran, Suber
- H. B. No. 1619:** Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board.
Senators Hopson, Turner-Ford, Polk
- H. B. No. 1620:** Appropriation; Public Service Commission.
Senators Hopson, DeLano, McCaughn
- H. B. No. 1621:** Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff.
Senators Hopson, DeLano, DeBar
- H. B. No. 1622:** Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.
Senators Hopson, Blackwell, Wiggins
- H. B. No. 1623:** Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.
Senators Hopson, Blackwell, McLendon
- H. B. No. 1624:** Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.
Senators Hopson, Blackwell, Wiggins
- H. B. No. 1625:** Appropriation; Child Protection Services, Department of.
Senators Hopson, Blackwell, Wiggins
- H. B. No. 1626:** Appropriation; Health, Department of.
Senators Hopson, Hill, Branning
- H. B. No. 1627:** Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for.
Senators Hopson, Turner-Ford, McCaughn
- H. B. No. 1628:** Appropriation; Forestry Commission.
Senators Hopson, Turner-Ford, McCaughn
- H. B. No. 1629:** Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission.
Senators Hopson, Moran, Younger
- H. B. No. 1630:** Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District.
Senators Hopson, Branning, Tate
- H. B. No. 1631:** Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District.
Senators Hopson, Branning, Michel

- H. B. No. 1632:** Appropriation; Port Authority, State.
Senators Hopson, Branning, Wiggins
- H. B. No. 1633:** Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District.
Senators Hopson, Branning, Parks
- H. B. No. 1634:** Appropriation; Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority.
Senators Hopson, Branning, Butler (38th)
- H. B. No. 1635:** Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board.
Senators Hopson, DeLano, Seymour
- H. B. No. 1636:** Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.
Senators Hopson, Moran, Polk
- H. B. No. 1637:** Appropriation; District attorneys and staff.
Senators Hopson, Norwood, McCaughn
- H. B. No. 1638:** Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of.
Senators Hopson, Norwood, McCaughn
- H. B. No. 1639:** Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of.
Senators Hopson, Norwood, McCaughn
- H. B. No. 1640:** Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.
Senators Hopson, Norwood, Sparks
- H. B. No. 1641:** Appropriation; Attorney General.
Senators Hopson, Norwood, DeBar
- H. B. No. 1642:** Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.
Senators Hopson, Branning, Polk
- H. B. No. 1643:** Appropriation, Reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building - FY2024.
Senators Hopson, Polk, Williams
- H. B. No. 1644:** Appropriations; additional for various state agencies for FY 2023 and FY 2024.
Senators Hopson, DeBar, Blackwell
- H. B. No. 1715:** Appropriation; Health Department for funding the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program.
Senators Hopson, Polk, Hill
- H. B. No. 1717:** Appropriation; DFA - Office of Insurance for reimbursing the State Health Plan for eligible expenses incurred.
Senators Hopson, Polk, Michel
- H. B. No. 1718:** Appropriation; DFA Bureau of Building for completing capital projects at state-owned buildings and grounds.
Senators Hopson, Polk, DeBar
- H. B. No. 1719:** Appropriation; DFA to assist destination marketing organizations in paying for marketing activities.
Senators Hopson, Polk, DeBar

H. B. No. 1722: Appropriation; UMMC for construction, repair and renovation of the School of Dentistry.

Senators Hopson, Polk, Frazier

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 3047: Appropriation; Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to the Mississippi Development Authority.

Senators Hopson, Polk, Wiggins

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

The Speaker announced the appointment of the Conferees on the part of the House as follows:

S. B. No. 2372: Mississippi Hospital Sustainability Grant Program; establish and provide eligibility for funds.

Representatives Read, Mims, Bounds

S. B. No. 2444: ARPA programs; bring forward provisions related to for possible amendment.

Representatives Read, Oliver, Cockerham

S. B. No. 2446: Appropriations; revise certain transfers, fund authority, and FY2023 appropriations.

Representatives Read, Oliver, Cockerham

S. B. No. 2454: Budget; bring forward code sections related to and provide for transfers.

Representatives Read, Oliver, Cockerham

S. B. No. 2616: Real Estate Commission; decrease fees charged by.

Representatives Read, Oliver, Ladner

S. B. No. 2961: Appropriations; additional for various state agencies for FY2023 and FY2024.

Representatives Read, Oliver, Hale

S. B. No. 3000: Appropriation; IHL - General support.

Representatives Read, White, Scoggin

S. B. No. 3002: Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural programs.

Representatives Read, White, Scoggin

S. B. No. 3003: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station.

Representatives Read, White, Scoggin

S. B. No. 3004: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service.

Representatives Read, White, Scoggin

S. B. No. 3005: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center.

Representatives Read, White, Scoggin

S. B. No. 3006: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of.

Representatives Read, White, Scoggin

S. B. No. 3007: Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid.

Representatives Read, White, Scoggin

S. B. No. 3008: Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Representatives Read, White, Scoggin

S. B. No. 3009: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses.

Representatives Read, Barton, Scoggin

S. B. No. 3010: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges.

Representatives Read, Barton, Scoggin

S. B. No. 3011: Appropriation; Corrections, Department of.

Representatives Read, Horan, Cockerham

S. B. No. 3012: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.

Representatives Read, Cockerham, Bennett

S. B. No. 3013: Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of.

Representatives Read, Pigott, Mangold

S. B. No. 3014: Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock shows.

Representatives Read, Pigott, Mangold

S. B. No. 3015: Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of.

Representatives Read, Pigott, Mangold

S. B. No. 3016: Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency.

Representatives Read, Bennett, Eure

S. B. No. 3017: Appropriation; Military Department.

Representatives Read, Barton, Oliver

S. B. No. 3018: Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board.

Representatives Read, Barton, Oliver

S. B. No. 3019: Appropriation; Ethics Commission.

Representatives Read, Cockerham, Young

S. B. No. 3020: Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission.

Representatives Read, Cockerham, Eure

S. B. No. 3021: Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of.

Representatives Read, Oliver, Hale

- S. B. No. 3022:** Appropriation; Revenue, Department of.
Representatives Read,Bounds,White
- S. B. No. 3023:** Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board.
Representatives Read,Bounds,White
- S. B. No. 3024:** Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission.
Representatives Read,Oliver,Hale
- S. B. No. 3025:** Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of.
Representatives Read,Mims,Bounds
- S. B. No. 3026:** Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road
Construction, Office of.
Representatives Read,Busby,Arnold
- S. B. No. 3027:** Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development
Authority.
Representatives Read,Ladner,Arnold
- S. B. No. 3028:** Appropriation; Chiropractic Examiners, Board of.
Representatives Read,Oliver,Hale
- S. B. No. 3029:** Appropriation; Dental Examiners, Board of.
Representatives Read,Oliver,Hale
- S. B. No. 3030:** Appropriation; Funeral Services Board.
Representatives Read,Barton,Hale
- S. B. No. 3031:** Appropriation; Massage Therapy, Board of.
Representatives Read,Oliver,Hale
- S. B. No. 3032:** Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of.
Representatives Read,Oliver,Hale
- S. B. No. 3033:** Appropriation; Counselors, Board of Examiners for Licensed
Professional.
Representatives Read,Oliver,Hale
- S. B. No. 3034:** Appropriation; Veterinary Examiners, Board of.
Representatives Read,Oliver,Pigott
- S. B. No. 3035:** Appropriation; Architecture, Board of.
Representatives Read,Oliver,Turner
- S. B. No. 3036:** Appropriation; Gaming Commission.
Representatives Read,Eure,Bennett
- S. B. No. 3037:** Appropriation; Geologists, Board of Registered Professional.
Representatives Read,Oliver,Turner
- S. B. No. 3038:** Appropriation; Motor Vehicle Commission.
Representatives Read,Oliver,Turner
- S. B. No. 3039:** Appropriation; Accountancy, Board of Public.
Representatives Read,Oliver,Turner
- S. B. No. 3040:** Appropriation; Contractors, Board of.

Representatives Read, Oliver, Turner

S. B. No. 3041: Appropriation; Audit, Department of.
Representatives Read, Bounds, Mangold

of.
S. B. No. 3042: Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department
Representatives Read, Oliver, Turner

S. B. No. 3043: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of.
Representatives Read, Barton, Hale

S. B. No. 3044: Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion.
Representatives Read, White, Bennett

of.
S. B. No. 3045: Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department
Representatives Read, Bounds, Eure

S. B. No. 3046: Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi.
Representatives Read, Bennett, Eure

S. B. No. 3047: Appropriation; Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to the Mississippi
Development Authority.
Representatives Read, Bennett, Eure

S. B. No. 3048: Appropriation; Personnel Board.
Representatives Read, White, Turner

S. B. No. 3049: Appropriation; Secretary of State.
Representatives Read, Bennett, Ladner

S. B. No. 3050: Appropriation; Treasurer's Office.
Representatives Read, Oliver, White

S. B. No. 3051: Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obl.
Representatives Read, Oliver, White

S. B. No. 3113: Appropriation; additional to Office of Workforce Development
for certain programs, ARPA funds.
Representatives Read, Oliver, Bell (21st)

S. B. No. 3114: Appropriation; additional to DEQ for Mississippi Municipality
and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program, ARPA funds.
Representatives Read, Oliver, Bounds

S. B. No. 3115: Appropriation; additional to DOH for ARPA Rural Water
Associations Infrastructure Grant Program.
Representatives Read, Oliver, Mims

S. B. No. 3116: Appropriation; additional to DFA for destination marketing
organizations and Main Street Association, ARPA funds.
Representatives Read, Oliver, Currie

S. B. No. 3117: Appropriation; additional for DFA - Office of Insurance for State
and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan, ARPA funds.
Representatives Read, Oliver, Barton

S. B. No. 3118: Appropriation; additional to DFA - Bureau of Buildings, ARPA funds.

Representatives Read, Oliver, Barton

S. B. No. 3119: Appropriation; additional to DOH for Mississippi Hospital Sustainability Grant Program, ARPA funds.

Representatives Read, Oliver, Mims

S. B. No. 3120: Capital Expense Fund; FY2024 appropriation to MDOT for certain infrastructure expenses.

Representatives Read, Busby, Arnold

S. B. No. 2530: "Secretary of State Eric Clark Coastal Preserve" and "Gollott Island/Godfather Point"; Department of Marine Resources designate.

Representatives Ladner, Felsher, Crawford

S. B. No. 2544: Regulation of oyster beds and water bottoms by the MS Department of Marine Resources; bring forward authority.

Representatives Ladner, Felsher, Crawford

S. B. No. 2551: Department of Marine Resources, Office of Marine Patrol; cooperate with federal law enforcement.

Representatives Ladner, Felsher, Crawford

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 4: Tianeptine; include in Schedule I controlled substance list.

H. B. No. 249: MS Medical Cannabis Act; extend repealers to certain state laws for Departments of Health and Revenue in connection with.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

S. B. No. 2858: Mississippi Small Business Investment Company Act; increase the amount of investment tax credits that can be allocated under.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

S. B. No. 2102: Excavations; provide for impending emergencies and extend notification period for.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Darnell moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of David Carthel Todd, James Lowery Smith, and Peggie Loyd, which motion prevailed.

Representative Banks moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Marque Chambliss, which motion prevailed.

At 9:11 AM, on motion of Rep. Massengill the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, March 20, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTY-FIFTH DAY, MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023

(SEVENTY-SEVENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Pastor Brandon Winters, First Christian Church, Water Valley, MS.

Rep. Gunn led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Walker. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Huddleston and Walker.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

S. B. No. 2139: Mississippi USA Semiquincentennial Commission and Mississippi Semiquincentennial Celebration Fund; create.

S. B. No. 2449: Sales and use taxes; bring forward code sections for the purpose of possible amendment.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 1725: Lowndes County; authorize contribution to Prairie Land Water Association using ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

H. B. No. 1787: Scenic Rivers Development Alliance; authorize to create special purpose entities.

S. B. No. 2004: Town of Duck Hill; authorize governing authorities to levy tourism tax.

S. B. No. 2152: City of Byram; authorize governing authorities to levy parks and recreation tax on restaurants.

S. B. No. 2519: Town of Monticello; authorize tourism tax on restaurants, hotels and motels.

S. B. No. 3143: City of Lucedale; authorize to levy tax upon sales of restaurants for the purposes of funding parks and recreation.

S. B. No. 3145: George County; authorize to levy 3% sales tax on the sales of hotels and motels within the county and 1% tax on the sales of restaurants.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 2359: Tourism; Mississippi Main Street Revitalization Grant Program.
Senators Chassaniol, Williams, McCaughn

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 1286: Alcorn University Extension Annex; rename the "Dr. Jesse Harness, Sr., Extension and Research Center".
Senators Turner-Ford, Hopson, McCaughn

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1808: (Representative Bell (65th)) Suffrage; restore to Jushun Paige of Hinds County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1809: (Representative Summers) Suffrage; restore to Cleveland Stallworth of Jackson County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1810: (Representative Summers) Suffrage; restore to Marcus Jackson of Hinds County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1811: (Representative Summers) Suffrage; restore to Gerald Laird of Jefferson Davis County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1812: (Representative Summers) Suffrage; restore to Rahmond Williams of Hinds County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1813: (Representative Summers) Suffrage; restore to Cornelius Clayton of Monroe County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1814: (Representative Bell (65th)) Suffrage; restore to Omar Travis of Hinds County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1815: (Representative Bell (65th)) Suffrage; restore to Mary Green of Hinds County. Judiciary B.

H. C. R. No. 50: (Representative Roberson) Respiratory syncytial virus; urge CDC to include in the Vaccines for Children program. Rules.

H. R. No. 140: (Representative Cockerham) Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; commemorate observance of AKA Day at the Capitol. Rules.

H. R. No. 141: (Representative Haney) Christopher Thomas Bruni; commend his life upon passing. Rules.

H. R. No. 142: (Representative Paden) Josephine Pradia Rhymes; commend for outstanding service and contributions. Rules.

H. R. No. 143: (Representatives Holloway, Currie, Newman, Weathersby) Dr. Jane Hulon Sims; commend upon occasion of retirement as president of Copenhaven-Lincoln Community College. Rules.

H. R. No. 144: (Representative Bell (65th)) Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; commend and congratulate on occasion of Delta Days at the Capital. Rules.

H. R. No. 145: (Representative Bell (65th)) Jackson State University Women's Basketball Team; commend for being the 2022-2023 SWAC Regular Season Champions. Rules.

H. R. No. 146: (Representative Roberson) Representative Charles Busby; commend distinguished legislative career of. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. C. R. No. 47: The Essie B. and William Earl Glenn Foundation; commend on occasion of its fourth symposium for Adverse Childhood Experiences Trauma Awareness Day. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 48: Mississippi Clean Hydrogen Hub; urge the federal government to designate Mississippi as. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 49: Baldwyn Career Advancement Center; commend 2023 SkillsUSA Quiz Bowl Team upon winning first place in state competition. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 131: Hinds Community College Eagles Track and Field Teams; commend for outstanding achievements. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 132: Northwest Rankin High School Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 6A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 133: Jackson Prep Patriots Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning the MAIS Overall Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 134: Louisville High School Lady Wildcats Basketball Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 4A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 135: Team "Wait For It..."; commend and congratulate upon winning the 2023 Mississippi FIRST Tech Challenge Competition. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 136: East Union Lady Urchins Powerlifting Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 2A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 137: West Lauderdale High School Knights Boys Golf Team; commend on winning 2022 MHSAA Class 4A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 138: JSU Men's Cross Country Team; commend and congratulate upon winning the 2021 and 2022 SWAC Championships. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 139: Edward Earl Wilson, Jr.; commend outstanding achievements. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 140: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; commemorate observance of AKA Day at the Capitol. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 141: Christopher Thomas Bruni; commend his life upon passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 142: Josephine Pradia Rhymes; commend for outstanding service and contributions. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 143: Dr. Jane Hulon Sims; commend upon occasion of retirement as president of Copiah-Lincoln Community College. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 144: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; commend and congratulate on occasion of Delta Days at the Capital. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. R. No. 134: Louisville High School Lady Wildcats Basketball Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 4A State Championship.

H. R. No. 140: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; commemorate observance of AKA Day at the Capitol.

H. R. No. 144: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; commend and congratulate on occasion of Delta Days at the Capital.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. R. No. 134: Louisville High School Lady Wildcats Basketball Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 4A State Championship.

H. R. No. 140: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; commemorate observance of AKA Day at the Capitol.

H. R. No. 144: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; commend and congratulate on occasion of Delta Days at the Capital.

Representatives Morgan and Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Scott Pittman, which motion prevailed.

Representative Morgan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Marshall Lewis Thornhill, Jimmie Ray, Ray Carter Allen, Kimberly Gayle Fortenberry, John Kenneth Morgan, and Fay Terry, which motion prevailed.

Representative Robinson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of George Vincent, Jr. , and Joyce Ann Webb, which motion prevailed.

At 4:15 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Tuesday, March 21, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTY-SIXTH DAY, TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023

(SEVENTY-EIGHTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Reverend Dean Register, Crosspoint Community Church.

Rep. Tubb led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Walker. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Walker.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. C. R. No. 40: Josephine Pradia Rhymes; commend for her outstanding community service and contributions.

H. C. R. No. 41: Northwest Mississippi Community College Softball Team; commend historic season and outstanding accomplishments.

H. C. R. No. 42: Taiwan; commend friendship with the State of Mississippi and encourage further economic ties.

H. C. R. No. 43: Northwest Mississippi Community College; commend upon winning Region 23 Championship.

H. C. R. No. 44: Stephen Franks; commend Kosciusko, MS automobile dealer upon nomination for the prestigious 2023 Time Dealer of the Year Award.

H. C. R. No. 45: Phi Theta Kappa All-Mississippi Academic and Workforce Team; commend on occasion of "Mississippi Phi Theta Kappa Day".

H. C. R. No. 46: Poplarville High School; commend upon winning their first UCA National High School Cheering Championship.

S. C. R. No. 566: Designate last weekend in October 2023 as "Honor Your Hometown Weekend in Mississippi".

S. C. R. No. 568: Recognize Entergy Mississippi on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary.

S. C. R. No. 569: Supporting the Mississippi Clean Hydrogen Hub application.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 3065: Bolivar County; authorize to contribute up to \$5,000.00 annually to the Fannie Lou Hamer Breast Cancer Foundation.

S. B. No. 3109: Warren County; authorize board of supervisors to contribute funds to certain nonprofit corporations.

S. B. No. 3140: City of Gautier; authorize to enter into public/private partnership for construction of an inclusion playground.

S. B. No. 3141: Kemper County; authorize board of supervisors to expand scope of authority of Gas District to become county utility district.

S. B. No. 3142: Lauderdale County; extend date of repeal on authority to fund LCDF Chaplaincy program with nontax revenue generated by inmate telephone service.

S. B. No. 3148: Lowndes County; authorize Board of Supervisors to contribute available funds to public utilities and water/sewer associations.

S. B. No. 3153: City of Pearl; extend repealer on hotel/motel & restaurant tourism tax.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

S. B. No. 2218: Third-party service; prohibit from using name, likeness, trademark or intellectual property of merchant without agreement.

S. B. No. 2664: Appropriations; revise certain FY2023 appropriations and direct transfers.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 2167: Early Intervention Task Force; establish.
Senators Bryan,Johnson,Boyd

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 698: Municipal water, wastewater and sewer services; require equity based billing based on use of.
Senators Carter,Michel,Parks

H. B. No. 799: Inmate Welfare Fund; increase portion of the fund that is utilized to fund Inmate Incentive to Work Program.
Senators Barnett,Sparks,Wiggins

H. B. No. 1020: Capitol Complex Improvement District courts; authorize.
Senators Wiggins,Michel,Parker

H. B. No. 1039: Occupational licensing; revise certain provisions relating to members of the military to include veterans.
Senators Bryan,Polk,DeBar

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 261: Income tax; extend credit for qualified contributions to an endowed fund at qualified community foundations.
Senators Harkins,Johnson,England

H. B. No. 535: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.
Senators Harkins,Carter,Chassaniol

H. B. No. 1136: Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of the Mississippi Road Builders Association.
Senators Harkins,Thompson,Thomas

H. B. No. 1140: Beer, light wine and light spirit products; revise manufacturers prohibited from having interest in wholesalers or distributors.
Senators Harkins,Chassaniol,Kirby

H. B. No. 1671: Tax credits; revise certain existing and authorize additional.

Senators Harkins,Hopson,Polk

H. B. No. 1734: Bonds; authorize for various purposes.
Senators Harkins,Hopson,Polk

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 3151: Rankin County; authorize to contribute county funds to Trustmark Park for economic development and tourism purposes.

S. B. No. 3152: City of Pearl; authorize to contribute municipal funds to minor league baseball stadium for economic development and tourism purposes.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2004: Town of Duck Hill; authorize governing authorities to levy tourism tax. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 2152: City of Byram; authorize governing authorities to levy parks and recreation tax on restaurants. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 2519: Town of Monticello; authorize tourism tax on restaurants, hotels and motels. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 3143: City of Lucedale; authorize to levy tax upon sales of restaurants for the purposes of funding parks and recreation. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 3145: George County; authorize to levy 3% sales tax on the sales of hotels and motels within the county and 1% tax on the sales of restaurants. Local and Private Legislation.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 3065: Bolivar County; authorize to contribute up to \$5,000.00 annually to the Fannie Lou Hamer Breast Cancer Foundation. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 3109: Warren County; authorize board of supervisors to contribute funds to certain nonprofit corporations. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 3140: City of Gautier; authorize to enter into public/private partnership for construction of an inclusion playground. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 3141: Kemper County; authorize board of supervisors to expand scope of authority of Gas District to become county utility district. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 3142: Lauderdale County; extend date of repeal on authority to fund LCDF Chaplaincy program with nontax revenue generated by inmate telephone service. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 3148: Lowndes County; authorize Board of Supervisors to contribute available funds to public utilities and water/sewer associations. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 3151: Rankin County; authorize to contribute county funds to Trustmark Park for economic development and tourism purposes. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 3152: City of Pearl; authorize to contribute municipal funds to minor league baseball stadium for economic development and tourism purposes. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 3153: City of Pearl; extend repealer on hotel/motel & restaurant tourism tax. Local and Private Legislation.

S. C. R. No. 566: Designate last weekend in October 2023 as "Honor Your Hometown Weekend in Mississippi". Rules.

S. C. R. No. 568: Recognize Entergy Mississippi on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 569: Supporting the Mississippi Clean Hydrogen Hub application. Rules.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1816: (Representative Gunn) City of Clinton; extend repeal date on additional tourism tax on hotels and motels. Local and Private Legislation.

H. C. R. No. 51: (Representatives McLean, Boyd (37th), Karriem) Baptist Memorial Hospital-Golden Triangle; commend upon receiving "A" rating for 10 consecutive years. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 52: (Representative Scott) Honorable Senator Angela Turner-Ford; commend and recognize intrepid leadership as chairperson of the MLBC. Rules.

H. R. No. 147: (Representatives McLean, Boyd (37th), Karriem) Baptist Memorial Hospital-Golden Triangle; commend upon receiving "A" rating for 10 consecutive years. Rules.

H. R. No. 148: (Representative Creekmore IV) East Union Attendance Center Boy's Baseball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 2A State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 149: (Representatives McKnight, Crawford) West Harrison High School Hurricanes Cheerleading Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 5A State Championship and placing 2nd at UCA Nationals. Rules.

H. R. No. 150: (Representative Ford (73rd)) Madison-Ridgeland Academy Lady Patriots Basketball Team; commend for winning 2023 MAIS Overall State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 151: (Representative Arnold) Booneville High School Blue Devils Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning Class 3A State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 152: (Representative Arnold) Booneville High School Lady Blue Devils Girls Basketball Team; commend upon winning Class 3A State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 153: (Representative Jackson) South Panola High School Tigers Cheerleading Team; commend upon winning NCA National Championship for third year in a row. Rules.

H. R. No. 154: (Representative Bell (65th)) The Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health; recognize and commend its efforts to reduce health disparities. Rules.

H. R. No. 155: (Representative Yates) Jim and Elta Johnston; commend outstanding service and contributions to the City of Jackson. Rules.

H. R. No. 156: (Representative Carpenter) Pernellus Turner; commend service during World War II. Rules.

H. R. No. 157: (Representatives Carpenter, Arnold, Bain) Bruce Crowe; recognize and commend service during World War II. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee, having had under consideration the following, favorably reports same for the reason that the relief sought cannot be obtained by invoking the jurisdiction of the courts and by reason the local nature cannot be reached by a general law:

H. B. No. 1325: City of Brandon; extend repealer on hotels/motel to fund amphitheater and other ancillary improvements. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1667: City of Florence; authorize a tax on restaurants and hotels/motels. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1697: City of Farmington; authorize the use of low-speed vehicles and golf carts on certain public streets with certain restrictions. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1792: City of Starkville; revise the definitions of the terms "hotel" and "motel" under the city's motel-hotel tax. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1793: Neshoba County; authorize contribution to Philadelphia Transit. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1794: City of Charleston; extend date of repeal on restaurant tourism tax. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1795: Oktibbeha County; authorize contributions to the Education Association of East Oktibbeha County Schools. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1796: Oktibbeha County; authorize contributions to the J.L. King Center. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1797: Oktibbeha County; authorize contributions to maintain Camp Seminole Road. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1798: Oktibbeha County; authorize contribution to Brickfire Project. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1799: Oktibbeha County; authorize contributions to Sally Kate Winters Family Services. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1800: Holmes County; authorize contributions to the Holmes County Long-Term Recovery Committee. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1805: Jackson County; authorize to enter a MOU with DFA regarding Singing River Health System and healthcare workforce academy. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1807: City of Eupora; authorize tourism tax on hotels/motels/Airbnbs and restaurants. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2150: Warren County; authorize to enter into lease agreement or lease-purchase arrangement for public safety purpose. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2892: City of Vicksburg; authorize to contribute to the creation, development and promotion of the Dr. Jane Ellen McAllister Museum. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2922: DeSoto County; authorize to transfer parcel of county-owned property to City of Olive Branch for construction of animal shelter. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2960: City of Grenada; extend repealer on hotel/motel & restaurant tourism tax. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3108: Lowndes County; authorize to lease property for nominal consideration for nonprofit use for the benefit of disadvantaged children. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3110: Tunica County Utility District; delete provision of law subjecting to rate regulation by Public Service Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3139: Jackson County; authorize Board of Supervisors and Utility Authority to share equipment, labor, services, resources and funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

MANLY BARTON, Chairman

Speaker Gunn announced the following new conferees on the part of the House:

H. B. No. 271: Representatives Read, Mims, White

Speaker Gunn announced the following new conferees on the part of the House:

H. B. No. 588: Representatives Bell (21st), Felsher, Ford (73rd)

Speaker Gunn announced the following new conferees on the part of the House:

H. B. No. 1642: Representatives Read, Busby, Mangold

Speaker Gunn announced the following new conferees on the part of the House:

H. B. No. 1644: Representatives Read, Cockerham, Barton

Speaker Gunn announced the following new conferees on the part of the House:

S. B. No. 3021: Representatives Read, Oliver, Bell (21st)

Speaker Gunn announced the following new conferees on the part of the House:

S. B. No. 3026: Representatives Read, Busby, Mangold

Speaker Gunn announced the following new conferees on the part of the House:

H. B. No. 917: Representatives Weathersby, Holloway, Oliver

The Speaker announced the appointment of the Conferees on the part of the House as follows:

H. B. No. 252: Festival wine permits; extend repealers on authority to issue and certain provisions relating to.
Representatives Lamar,Steverson,Zuber

H. B. No. 261: Income tax; extend credit for qualified contributions to an endowed fund at qualified community foundations.
Representatives Lamar,Steverson,Roberson

H. B. No. 266: Department of Public Safety Headquarters Office; name in honor of Commissioner David R. Huggins.
Representatives Bain, Miles, Bailey (23rd)

H. B. No. 400: Election crimes; revise the penalties for certain.
Representatives Bain, Owen, Ford (73rd)

H. B. No. 405: Bribery of a candidate; revise statute of limitations.
Representatives Bain, Sanford, Newman

H. B. No. 419: Tourism; provide assistance to destination marketing organization.
Representatives Currie, Barton, Oliver

H. B. No. 510: Foster Parents' Bill of Rights; and Responsibilities; create and require to be provided to foster parents.
Representatives Cockerham, Yancey, Felsher

H. B. No. 529: Department of Public Safety; revise various provisions.
Representatives Bain, Miles, Roberson

H. B. No. 535: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.
Representatives Lamar, Steverson, Zuber

H. B. No. 685: Deeds to married couples; create a rebuttable presumption of joint tenancy with rights of survivorship.
Representatives Cockerham, Reynolds, Brown (20th)

H. B. No. 698: Municipal water, wastewater and sewer services; require equity based billing based on use of.
Representatives Bounds, Anderson (122nd), Yates

H. B. No. 704: Television series production; provide incentives for certain.
Representatives Currie, Creekmore IV, Oliver

H. B. No. 795: Shoplifting; require to calculate total price of all shoplifting items for fine.
Representatives Bain, Owen, McCarty

H. B. No. 799: Inmate Welfare Fund; increase portion of the fund that is utilized to fund Inmate Incentive to Work Program.
Representatives Horan, Rushing, Clark

H. B. No. 912: Firearm suppressors; authorizing manufacture and possession in Mississippi and prohibit enforcement of federal laws governing.
Representatives Bain, Barnett, Owen

H. B. No. 917: Mississippi Worker's Comp commission office building; place under the supervision and care of DFA.
Representatives Weathersby, Holloway, Oliver

H. B. No. 995: Rape; revise elements for the crime of and remove spousal exception.
Representatives Cockerham, Scoggin, Clark

H. B. No. 1020: Capitol Complex Improvement District courts; authorize.
Representatives Lamar, Bain, Banks

H. B. No. 1029: United States Space Force; provide that reference to "Armed Forces" and "Uniformed Services" in Mississippi law shall include members of.
Representatives Carpenter, Goodin, Rushing

H. B. No. 1034: State Veterans Affairs Board; revise composition of.
Representatives Carpenter, Rushing, Stamps

H. B. No. 1039: Occupational licensing; revise certain provisions relating to members of the military to include veterans.
Representatives Carpenter, Faulkner, Sanders

H. B. No. 1110: Second Amendment Financial Privacy Act; create.
Representatives Bain, Owen, Barnett

H. B. No. 1111: County court jurisdiction for termination of parental rights; authorize for both involuntary and voluntary termination.
Representatives Cockerham, White, Reynolds

H. B. No. 1136: Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of the Mississippi Road Builders Association.
Representatives Lamar, Steverson, Zuber

H. B. No. 1140: Beer, light wine and light spirit products; revise manufacturers prohibited from having interest in wholesalers or distributors.
Representatives Lamar, Steverson, Zuber

H. B. No. 1149: Path to permanency; provide for children in Child Protection Services.
Representatives Cockerham, Tullos, Yancey

H. B. No. 1216: Circuit judges and chancellors; increase office operating and expense allowances and support staff funding.
Representatives Cockerham, Reynolds, Hood

H. B. No. 1315: Pornographic media materials; regulate access to minors and require age verification.
Representatives Bain, Ford (73rd), Newman

H. B. No. 1318: Baby drop-off and safe haven; revise provisions that regulate.
Representatives Cockerham, Felsher, Tullos

H. B. No. 1342: Adoption procedures; regulate by creating a licensure authority.
Representatives Cockerham, Tullos, Hood

H. B. No. 1636: Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.
Representatives Read, Eure, Bennett

H. B. No. 1671: Tax credits; revise certain existing and authorize additional.
Representatives Lamar, Steverson, Powell

H. B. No. 1734: Bonds; authorize for various purposes.
Representatives Lamar, Steverson, Massengill

S. B. No. 2099: Motor vehicle theft; revise penalty for.
Representatives Bain, Horan, Porter

S. B. No. 2100: Receiving stolen property; revise the crime of.
Representatives Bain, Horan, Porter

- S. B. No. 2101:** Criminal law; revise crimes of fleeing a law enforcement officer, resisting arrest and carjacking.
Representatives Bain,Horan,Porter
- S. B. No. 2239:** State law enforcement officers; authorize use of uniforms, weapons and vehicles off duty while performing security services.
Representatives Bain,Ford (73rd),Owen
- S. B. No. 2297:** Forensics laboratory; require approval of model of intoxilyzer equipment that is readily available to law enforcement agencies.
Representatives Bain,Barnett,Porter
- S. B. No. 2335:** Income tax credit; allow for employer making direct payments to entity for dependent care on behalf of employee.
Representatives Lamar,Steverson,Powell
- S. B. No. 2339:** Provision of law establishing energy efficiency standards for building construction; extend repealer on.
Representatives Powell,Hale,Crudup
- S. B. No. 2343:** Capitol police; revise jurisdiction of.
Representatives Bain,Yates,Ford (73rd)
- S. B. No. 2346:** Material harmful to minors; provide for liability for any entity that distributes on the internet without age verification.
Representatives Bain,Ford (73rd),Newman
- S. B. No. 2353:** Elections; increase wage range for poll workers.
Representatives Wallace,Shanks,Newman
- S. B. No. 2371:** American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Nurse/Allied Health Workforce Development and Retention Act; create.
Representatives Bell (21st),Felsher,Anthony
- S. B. No. 2384:** Foster Care and Adoption Task Force; create.
Representatives Cockerham,Tullos,Hood
- S. B. No. 2487:** Mississippi Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program; establish.
Representatives Scoggin,McCarty,Barton
- S. B. No. 2495:** State inmates; require MDOC to pay increased rate to house inmates in county jails.
Representatives Horan,Yates,Felsher
- S. B. No. 2511:** Destination marketing organizations; bring forward provision related to.
Representatives Currie,Barton,Oliver
- S. B. No. 2534:** Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; require additional regulation of freshwater fishing guides.
Representatives Kinkade,Barnett,Hale
- S. B. No. 2595:** ARPA Workforce Development and Retention Act; provide expiration date of grant funds.
Representatives Bell (21st),Felsher,Anthony

S. B. No. 2612: Construction; bring forward code sections concerning local permitting and State Board of Contractors licensing.
Representatives Lamar,Steverson,Barnett

S. B. No. 2613: Nonemergency transportation providers; extend date by which providers may provide service without a permit.
Representatives Hood,McGee,Deweese

S. B. No. 2692: Bonds; repeal authorization for unissued bonds and replace with cash funds.
Representatives Lamar,Steverson,Massengill

S. B. No. 2695: Tourism Project Incentive Program; extend deadline for MDA issuance of certificates approving participants.
Representatives Lamar,Steverson,Massengill

S. B. No. 2696: Income tax credit for qualified adoption expenses; increase amount for Mississippi children and remove CPS requirement.
Representatives Lamar,Steverson,Powell

S. B. No. 2781: Mississippi Access to Maternal Assistance Program; create and provide for duties and responsibilities.
Representatives Mims,McGee,McLean

S. B. No. 2810: Office of Workforce Development; amend certain provisions relating to.
Representatives Bell (21st),Felsher,Anthony

S. B. No. 2841: Law enforcement officers & fire fighters death benefits black tag; authorize black version of regular tag.
Representatives Lamar,Steverson,Zuber

S. B. No. 2842: Use tax; revise standards for municipality's eligibility to receive monies from special infrastructure assistance fund.
Representatives Lamar,Steverson,Massengill

S. B. No. 2853: Small unmanned aircraft systems; require state purchase and servicing of from American companies only.
Representatives Busby,Massengill,McGee

S. B. No. 2862: Sales tax; provide industrial exemption for tangible personal property first used in another state.
Representatives Lamar,Steverson,Massengill

S. B. No. 2887: State Treasurer; modify certain provisions concerning the deposit and investment of excess state funds.
Representatives Lamar,Steverson,Roberson

H. B. No. 1636: Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.
Representatives Read,Eure,Ladner

Representative Robinson introduced special guest, the South Jones High School marching band, H. R. No. 122.

Head Page, Benjamin Adams, introduced the following pages for the week:

Brandilyn Anthony	Batesville, MS
Aaron Baker	Forest, MS
Patrick Beasley	Jackson, MS
Ruth Bishop	Summit, MS
Bailey Bryant	Seminary, MS
Wyatt Eaton	Brandon, MS
Olivia Ellison	Summit, MS
Tate Emmons	Lake, MS
Carter Evans	Monticello, MS
Hagan Evans	Monticello, MS
Taylor Evans	Monticello, MS
Maylee Gilmer	Florence, MS
Aiden Graves	Seminary, MS
Avery Johnston	Madison, MS
Madysin Marshall	Raymond, MS
Karley Parker	Lake, MS
Ashlyn Ray	New Albany, MS
Kristian Stamps	Jackson, MS
Chloe Stubbs	Florence, MS
Xiauna Turner	Utica, MS
Madalyn Walton	Lake, MS
Jemerius Wilson	Edwards, MS

Representative Bell (65th) introduced special guests, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, Day at the Capitol, H. R. No. 144.

Representative Rushing introduced special guests, the Newton County High School "Cougars" cheerleader, H. R. No. 109.

Rep. Eure moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 606: The Mobile/Online Betting Task Force; authorize.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Huddleston, McCarty, Owen, Walker. Total-5.

Present--Anthony, Boyd, R, Crudup, Evans, B, Stamps. Total--5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Busby moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1003: Mississippi Fully Autonomous Vehicle Enabling (MS FAVE) Act of 2023; establish to regulate operation of autonomous vehicle on public roads.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Crawford, Horne, Huddleston, McCarty, Walker. Total-5.

Present--Brown, B, McCray, Stamps. Total--3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Representative Cockerham introduced special guests, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Day at the Capitol, H. R. No. 140.

Representative Wallace called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the House concurred in the Senate amendment to **H. B. No. 1306:** (Elections; revise certain provisions about names of candidates appearing on the ballot, judicial candidate's annual report and fraudulent absentee voter applications.), and moved to table, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Zuber. Total--72.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--39.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Evans, M, Huddleston, Ladner, McCarty, Miles, Owen, Rushing, Walker, Yates. Total-10.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. C. R. No. 47: The Essie B. and William Earl Glenn Foundation; commend on occasion of its fourth symposium for Adverse Childhood Experiences Trauma Awareness Day.

H. C. R. No. 48: Mississippi Clean Hydrogen Hub; urge the federal government to designate Mississippi as.

H. C. R. No. 49: Baldwin Career Advancement Center; commend 2023 SkillsUSA Quiz Bowl Team upon winning first place in state competition.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Huddleston, Karriem, McCarty, Scoggin, Walker. Total-6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

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H. C. R. No. 49: Baldwin Career Advancement Center; commend 2023 SkillsUSA Quiz Bowl Team upon winning first place in state competition.

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. R. No. 131: Hinds Community College Eagles Track and Field Teams; commend for outstanding achievements.

H. R. No. 132: Northwest Rankin High School Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 6A State Championship.

H. R. No. 133: Jackson Prep Patriots Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning the MAIS Overall Championship.

H. R. No. 135: Team "Wait For It..."; commend and congratulate upon winning the 2023 Mississippi FIRST Tech Challenge Competition.

H. R. No. 136: East Union Lady Urchins Powerlifting Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 2A State Championship.

H. R. No. 137: West Lauderdale High School Knights Boys Golf Team; commend on winning 2022 MHSAA Class 4A State Championship.

H. R. No. 138: JSU Men's Cross Country Team; commend and congratulate upon winning the 2021 and 2022 SWAC Championships.

H. R. No. 139: Edward Earl Wilson, Jr.; commend outstanding achievements.

H. R. No. 141: Christopher Thomas Bruni; commend his life upon passing.

H. R. No. 142: Josephine Pradia Rhymes; commend for outstanding service and contributions.

H. R. No. 143: Dr. Jane Hulon Sims; commend upon occasion of retirement as president of Copiah-Lincoln Community College.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

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H. R. No. 143: Dr. Jane Hulon Sims; commend upon occasion of retirement as president of Copiah-Lincoln Community College.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 134: Louisville High School Lady Wildcats Basketball Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 4A State Championship.

H. R. No. 140: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; commemorate observance of AKA Day at the Capitol.

H. R. No. 144: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; commend and congratulate on occasion of Delta Days at the Capital.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 1725: Lowndes County; authorize contribution to Prairie Land Water Association using ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

H. B. No. 1787: Scenic Rivers Development Alliance; authorize to create special purpose entities.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Brenda Ott, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Miles and Tullos moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Shirley Barnes, which motion prevailed.

At 10:48 AM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Wednesday, March 22, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTY-SEVENTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023

(SEVENTY-NINTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Dr. Jerry Young, President of the National Baptist Convention and Pastor of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Jackson, MS.

Rep. Holloway led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Representative Gunn introduced special guest, Landon Carter Price, a Murrah High School Ida B. Wells Performing Arts Program student, who led the House in the National Anthem.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K,

Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Walker. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Walker.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Wednesday, March 22, 2023

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 232: Dairy show; relocate the show held in Lee County, MS, to Pontotoc County, MS. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 1:06 PM

H. B. No. 249: MS Medical Cannabis Act; extend repealers to certain state laws for Departments of Health and Revenue in connection with. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 2:02 PM

H. B. No. 256: Mississippi Boll Weevil Management Corporation; extend repealer on requirement that audits be submitted by November 15. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 1:07 PM

H. B. No. 259: Medical radiation technologists; delete repealers on registration statutes. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 2:04 PM

H. B. No. 280: Foreign governments; prohibit sale of agricultural lands to. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 1:08 PM

H. B. No. 281: Law enforcement officers killed in line of duty; clarify that beneficiaries may receive sidearm of. Wednesday, March 22, 2023, 2:06 PM

H. B. No. 363: Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce; technical amendments related to certain powers and duties. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 1:09 PM

H. B. No. 395: MS Major Economic Impact Act; extend deadline for issuance of bonds for certain automotive parts manufacturing plant projects. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 1:12 PM

H. B. No. 454: Radar; authorize use by municipal law enforcement officers in certain municipalities. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 1:12 PM

H. B. No. 484: Petroleum Products Inspection Law; delete repealer on definitions and penalties under. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 1:15 PM

H. B. No. 518: Local Provider Innovation Grant Program; revise certain provisions of. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 1:13 PM

H. B. No. 522: Mississippi Individual On-site Wastewater Disposal System Law; extend repealer on. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 1:16 PM

H. B. No. 538: Pat Harrison Waterway District; provide county withdrawal from district not effective until close of FY in which county obligations met. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 1:17 PM

H. B. No. 540: Personal and professional services; require the Department of Finance and Administration to conduct solicitations of for certain agencies. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 2:07 PM

H. B. No. 544: Valued policy law; exempt builder's risk insurance policies from. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 1:18 PM

H. B. No. 549: Sales Tax; exempt certain sales of property transported from this state and first used in another state. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 1:20 PM

H. B. No. 584: Qualified Health Center Grant Program; clarify that amount specified for grants under is minimum amount to be issued. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 1:21 PM

H. B. No. 768: State Personnel Board; require agencies seeking an exemption from the oversight of to submit written plan of justification to Legislature and SPB. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 1:22 PM

H. B. No. 787: Mississippi Board of Registration for Foresters; bring forward all code sections and authorize to suspend license of licensee for failure to satisfy judgement. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 1:24 PM

H. B. No. 809: Executive Director of Public Utilities Staff; remove Public Service Commission from the process of appointing. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 1:23 PM

H. B. No. 854: Marriage and family therapists; revise certain requirements for licensure. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 1:24 PM

H. B. No. 922: Alcorn State University; update references to in code to reflect current name designation. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 1:25 PM

H. B. No. 979: Hunting; provide exception for recovering mortally wounded animals at night with use of light. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 1:27 PM

H. B. No. 1025: Airport authority; authorize to dispose of property with a fair market value of zero if certain conditions are met. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 1:28 PM

H. B. No. 1030: Motor Vehicle Sales Finance Law; clarify employees of state licensee may work remotely. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 1:29 PM

H. B. No. 1071: Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 1:30 PM

H. B. No. 1173: EEF procurement cards; authorize issuance to eligible charter school teachers. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 1:31 PM

H. B. No. 1196: City of McComb; extend date of repeal on hotel/motel tourism tax. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 2:08 PM

H. B. No. 1197: City of Baldwin; extend date of repeal on tax for hotels, motels, restaurants and convenience stores. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 1:32 PM

H. B. No. 1209: City of Waynesboro; extend repealer on authority to impose tax on bars, restaurants, hotels/motels, B & Bs. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 1:33 PM

H. B. No. 1222: The Mississippi Collaborative Response to Mental Health Act; create. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 2:10 PM

H. B. No. 1225: Mississippi Telephone Solicitation Act; transfer enforcement authority to Attorney General's office. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 1:34 PM

H. B. No. 1276: State officers; provide for a runoff election for. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 1:36 PM

H. B. No. 1356: City of Lexington; extend repealer on restaurant tourism tax. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 1:39 PM

H. B. No. 1521: City of Brandon; extend repealer on tax on sales of prepared food and drink at restaurants and bars. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 1:40 PM

H. B. No. 1541: Tallahatchie County; authorize conveyance of public library to the Town of Webb. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 1:41 PM

H. B. No. 1542: Tallahatchie County; authorize conveyance of public library to the Town of Tutwiler. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 1:41 PM

H. B. No. 1547: City of Pascagoula; extend repealer on hotel, motel and bed-and-breakfast tax. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 2:12 PM

H. B. No. 1581: City of Columbus; extend repealer on alcoholic beverage and restaurant tax. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 2:13 PM

H. B. No. 1662: City of Ripley; authorize expansion of water system in Tippah County except in certificated areas other than those in the city. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 2:14 PM

H. B. No. 1711: City of Vicksburg; authorize contributions of funds and in-kind maintenance services to Beulah Cemetery. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 2:14 PM

H. B. No. 1712: City of Vicksburg; authorize to contribute funds and in-kind services to Tate Cemetery. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 2:15 PM

H. B. No. 1716: Appropriation; DEQ for funding the MS Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 2:16 PM

H. B. No. 1788: City of Columbia; extend repeal date on hotel/motel and restaurant tourism tax. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 2:17 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

S. B. No. 2575: State Department of Health; provide that health insurers may not deny the right to participate as a contract provider.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 923: Bob Tyler Fish Hatchery; designate the fish hatchery located in North Mississippi as.

Senators Whaley, Suber, Sparks

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 2053: Deficit Prevention Act; require state agencies to notify certain officials when likelihood of a deficit exists.

Senators Polk, Thompson, Turner-Ford

S. B. No. 2054: Appointed state officers; provide for the removal of for certain forms of willful neglect.

Senators Polk, Blackwell, Branning

S. B. No. 2514: Secretary of State; clarify authority to transfer land records to Department of Archives and History.

Senators Polk, Parker, Blount

S. B. No. 2538: Mississippi Regional Pre-Need Disaster Clean Up Act; create.

Senators Polk, Hill, Williams

S. B. No. 2673: Mississippi Real Estate Appraisal Board; make independent from Mississippi Real Estate Commission.

Senators Polk, Thompson, Parks

S. B. No. 2844: Bureau of Fleet Management; revise duties thereof.

Senators Polk, Blackwell, Hill

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 485: Sexual assault evidence kit; regulate the processing of.

Senators Wiggins, England, Boyd

H. B. No. 510: Foster Parents' Bill of Rights; and Responsibilities; create and require to be provided to foster parents.
Senators Wiggins,Boyd,Barrett

H. B. No. 685: Deeds to married couples; create a rebuttable presumption of joint tenancy with rights of survivorship.
Senators Wiggins,McCaughn,Branning

H. B. No. 1029: United States Space Force; provide that reference to "Armed Forces" and "Uniformed Services" in Mississippi law shall include members of.
Senators Seymour,DeLano,McMahan

H. B. No. 1111: County court jurisdiction for termination of parental rights; authorize for both involuntary and voluntary termination.
Senators Wiggins,Boyd,Barrett

H. B. No. 1149: Path to permanency; provide for children in Child Protection Services.
Senators Wiggins,Boyd,Branning

H. B. No. 1216: Circuit judges and chancellors; increase office operating and expense allowances and support staff funding.
Senators Wiggins,Simmons (12th),Hopson

H. B. No. 1318: Baby drop-off and safe haven; revise provisions that regulate.
Senators Wiggins,Boyd,Branning

H. B. No. 1342: Adoption procedures; regulate by creating a licensure authority.
Senators Wiggins,England,Kirby

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1817: (Representative Newman) Rankin County; authorize to contribute funds to Trustmark Park for economic development and tourism purposes. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1818: (Representative Newman) City of Pearl; authorize to contribute funds to minor league baseball stadium for economic development and tourism purposes. Local and Private Legislation.

H. C. R. No. 53: (Representative Reynolds) Israel; commend 75th anniversary of independence of. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 54: (Representative McLean) Caledonia High School Volleyball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 4A State Volleyball Championship. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 55: (Representative Bennett) Chief Gary Ponthieux, Jr.; commend for many years of public service in law enforcement and congratulate upon retirement. Rules.

H. R. No. 158: (Representative Denton) Malik Franklin; commend for being named the 2023 Vicksburg Post Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Rules.

H. R. No. 159: (Representative Kinkade) Master Sergeant Danny Mills; commend upon retirement from Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. Rules.

H. R. No. 160: (Representative Bell (65th)) Shedeur Sanders; commend for being named Top HBCU Football Player for 2022. Rules.

H. R. No. 161: (Representative Scott) Reverend Wilford Earl Bridges; commend upon 20th pastoral anniversary. Rules.

H. R. No. 162: (Representative Ford (73rd)) George Ferguson; commend for many years of dedicated service and congratulate upon retirement. Rules.

H. R. No. 163: (Representatives Denton, Ford (54th), Harness) Head Coach Kelvin Carter; commend upon outstanding season as head coach of the Vicksburg High School Gators Boys Basketball Team. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY B

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 1811: Suffrage; restore to Gerald Laird of Jefferson Davis County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1812: Suffrage; restore to Rahmond Williams of Hinds County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1813: Suffrage; restore to Cornelius Clayton of Monroe County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1815: Suffrage; restore to Mary Green of Hinds County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

NICK BAIN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee, having had under consideration the following, favorably reports same for the reason that the relief sought cannot be obtained by invoking the jurisdiction of the courts and by reason the local nature cannot be reached by a general law:

H. B. No. 1816: City of Clinton; extend repeal date on additional tourism tax on hotels and motels. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

MANLY BARTON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. C. R. No. 50: Respiratory syncytial virus; urge CDC to include in the Vaccines for Children program. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 51: Baptist Memorial Hospital-Golden Triangle; commend upon receiving "A" rating for 10 consecutive years. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 52: Honorable Senator Angela Turner-Ford; commend and recognize intrepid leadership as chairperson of the MLBC. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 53: Israel; commend 75th anniversary of independence of. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 54: Caledonia High School Volleyball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 4A State Volleyball Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 145: Jackson State University Women's Basketball Team; commend for being the 2022-2023 SWAC Regular Season Champions. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 146: Representative Charles Busby; commend distinguished legislative career of. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 147: Baptist Memorial Hospital-Golden Triangle; commend upon receiving "A" rating for 10 consecutive years. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 148: East Union Attendance Center Boy's Baseball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 2A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 149: West Harrison High School Hurricanes Cheerleading Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 5A State Championship and placing 2nd at UCA Nationals. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 150: Madison-Ridgeland Academy Lady Patriots Basketball Team; commend for winning 2023 MAIS Overall State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 151: Booneville High School Blue Devils Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning Class 3A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 152: Booneville High School Lady Blue Devils Girls Basketball Team; commend upon winning Class 3A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 153: South Panola High School Tigers Cheerleading Team; commend upon winning NCA National Championship for third year in a row. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 154: The Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health; recognize and commend its efforts to reduce health disparities. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 155: Jim and Elta Johnston; commend outstanding service and contributions to the City of Jackson. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 156: Pernellus Turner; commend service during World War II. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 157: Bruce Crowe; recognize and commend service during World War II. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 158: Malik Franklin; commend for being named the 2023 Vicksburg Post Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 159: Master Sergeant Danny Mills; commend upon retirement from Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 566: Designate last weekend in October 2023 as "Honor Your Hometown Weekend in Mississippi". Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 568: Recognize Entergy Mississippi on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 569: Supporting the Mississippi Clean Hydrogen Hub application. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

Speaker Gunn announced the following new conferees on the part of the House:

S. B. No. 2335: Representatives Lamar, Steverson, Massengill

Speaker Gunn announced the following new conferees on the part of the House:

H. B. No. 1034: Representatives Carpenter, Rushing, Hines

The Speaker announced the appointment of the Conferees on the part of the House as follows:

H. B. No. 485: Sexual assault evidence kit; regulate the processing of.
Representatives Cockerham,Blackmon,Lamar

H. B. No. 677: County veteran service officers; revise certain qualifications for.
Representatives Carpenter,Newman,Hulum

H. B. No. 817: Early Learning Collaborative; increase minimum funding levels for full-day and half-day programs.
Representatives Bennett,McCarty,Felsher

S. B. No. 2079: Mississippi School Protection Act; enact to allow armed educators.
Representatives Bain,Horan,Ford (73rd)

S. B. No. 2167: Early Intervention Task Force; establish.
Representatives Bennett,McCarty,Felsher

S. B. No. 2187: Disabled veterans motor vehicle license tags; revise certain provisions regarding disability rating.
Representatives Lamar,Steverson,Carpenter

S. B. No. 2586: Computer science curriculum; clarify terminology to specify who may provide instruction in.
Representatives Bennett,McCarty,Felsher

S. B. No. 2645: Circuit court districts; increase number of assistant district attorneys and criminal investigators.
Representatives Bain,Yates,Newman

S. B. No. 2749: School board members; increase pay.
Representatives Bennett,McCarty,Owen

S. B. No. 2812: Board for administration of certain failing school district; extend date of repeal.
Representatives Bennett,McCarty,Roberson

S. B. No. 3001: Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs.
Representatives Read,Oliver,Scoggin

S. B. No. 3052: Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund; FY2024 reappropriate to certain agencies.
Representatives Read,Oliver,Mims

Representative Holloway introduced special guest, former Representative Debra Gibbs, H. C. R. No. 38.

At 10:15 AM on motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 10:32 AM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Representative Owen introduced special guests, the Poplarville High School Hornets Cheerleading Team, H. C. R. No. 46.

Representative Mickens introduced special guests, the Louisville High School Lady Wildcats Basketball Team, H. R. No. 134.

Speaker Gunn introduced special guests, the Hinds Community College Welding and Fabrication Class.

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1325: City of Brandon; extend repealer on hotels/motel to fund amphitheater and other ancillary improvements.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1325.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young. Total--105.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett, Eure, Foster, Horne, Ladner, McCarty, Owen, Rushing, Walker, Zuber. Total-10.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--67

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1667: City of Florence; authorize a tax on restaurants and hotels/motels.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1667.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K,

Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--106.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Ford, J, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Banks, Byrd, Horne, Ladner, Walker. Total-6.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1697: City of Farmington; authorize the use of low-speed vehicles and golf carts on certain public streets with certain restrictions.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1697.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Oliver. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Ladner, Morgan, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1792: City of Starkville; revise the definitions of the terms "hotel" and "motel" under the city's motel-hotel tax.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1792.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown,

B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Evans, B, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Horne, Ladner, Powell, Walker. Total-4.

Present--Anderson, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1793: Neshoba County; authorize contribution to Philadelphia Transit.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1793.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Eubanks, Horne, Ladner, Scott, Walker. Total-6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--77

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1794: City of Charleston; extend date of repeal on restaurant tourism tax.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1794.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford,

Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Horne, Ladner, Walker. Total-4.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1795: Oktibbeha County; authorize contributions to the Education Association of East Oktibbeha County Schools.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1795. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Horne, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--79

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1796: Oktibbeha County; authorize contributions to the J.L. King Center.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1796. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines,

Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Horne, Ladner, Straughter, Walker, Watson.
Total-6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--77

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1797: Oktibbeha County; authorize contributions to maintain Camp Seminole Road.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1797.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Horne, Ladner, Morgan, Walker. Total-4.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--76

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1798: Oktibbeha County; authorize contribution to Brickfire Project.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1798.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean,

McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Oliver, Williamson. Total--

7.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Horne, Ladner, Taylor, Walker. Total-5.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--77

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1799: Oktibbeha County; authorize contributions to Sally Kate Winters Family Services.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1799.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hulm, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Holloway, Horne, Ladner, Miles, Walker. Total-

6.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--76

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1800: Holmes County; authorize contributions to the Holmes County Long-Term Recovery Committee.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1800.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hulm, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem,

Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Horne, Ladner, Walker. Total-4.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--78

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1805: Jackson County; authorize to enter a MOU with DFA regarding Singing River Health System and healthcare workforce academy.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1805.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Horne, Ladner, Walker, Williamson. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 2150: Warren County; authorize to enter into lease agreement or lease-purchase arrangement for public safety purpose.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2150.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold,

Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Darnell, Horne, Ladner, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 2892: City of Vicksburg; authorize to contribute to the creation, development and promotion of the Dr. Jane Ellen McAllister Museum.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2892.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Horne, Ladner, Walker. Total-4.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--78

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 2922: DeSoto County; authorize to transfer parcel of county-owned property to City of Olive Branch for construction of animal shelter.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2922.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham,

Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Horne, Ladner, Walker. Total-3.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--78

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 2960: City of Grenada; extend repealer on hotel/motel & restaurant tourism tax.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2960. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Hale, Horne, Ladner, Walker. Total-5.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 3108: Lowndes County; authorize to lease property for nominal consideration for nonprofit use for the benefit of disadvantaged children.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 3108. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke,

Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Horne, Ladner, Walker. Total-3.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 3110: Tunica County Utility District; delete provision of law subjecting to rate regulation by Public Service Commission.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 3110. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Williamson. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Horne, Ladner, Walker. Total-3.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 3139: Jackson County; authorize Board of Supervisors and Utility Authority to share equipment, labor, services, resources and funds.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 3139. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R,

Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Horne, Ladner, Walker. Total-3.

Present--Anderson, J. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--78

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1816: City of Clinton; extend repeal date on additional tourism tax on hotels and motels.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1816. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Horne, Ladner, Walker. Total-4.

Present--Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--68

On motion of Rep. Barton unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. B. No. 1325: City of Brandon; extend repealer on hotels/motel to fund amphitheater and other ancillary improvements.

H. B. No. 1667: City of Florence; authorize a tax on restaurants and hotels/motels.

H. B. No. 1697: City of Farmington; authorize the use of low-speed vehicles and golf carts on certain public streets with certain restrictions.

H. B. No. 1792: City of Starkville; revise the definitions of the terms "hotel" and "motel" under the city's motel-hotel tax.

H. B. No. 1793: Neshoba County; authorize contribution to Philadelphia Transit.

H. B. No. 1794: City of Charleston; extend date of repeal on restaurant tourism tax.

H. B. No. 1795: Oktibbeha County; authorize contributions to the Education Association of East Oktibbeha County Schools.

H. B. No. 1796: Oktibbeha County; authorize contributions to the J.L. King Center.

H. B. No. 1797: Oktibbeha County; authorize contributions to maintain Camp Seminole Road.

H. B. No. 1798: Oktibbeha County; authorize contribution to Brickfire Project.

H. B. No. 1799: Oktibbeha County; authorize contributions to Sally Kate Winters Family Services.

H. B. No. 1800: Holmes County; authorize contributions to the Holmes County Long-Term Recovery Committee.

H. B. No. 1805: Jackson County; authorize to enter a MOU with DFA regarding Singing River Health System and healthcare workforce academy.

S. B. No. 2150: Warren County; authorize to enter into lease agreement or lease-purchase arrangement for public safety purpose.

S. B. No. 2892: City of Vicksburg; authorize to contribute to the creation, development and promotion of the Dr. Jane Ellen McAllister Museum.

S. B. No. 2922: DeSoto County; authorize to transfer parcel of county-owned property to City of Olive Branch for construction of animal shelter.

S. B. No. 2960: City of Grenada; extend repealer on hotel/motel & restaurant tourism tax.

S. B. No. 3108: Lowndes County; authorize to lease property for nominal consideration for nonprofit use for the benefit of disadvantaged children.

S. B. No. 3110: Tunica County Utility District; delete provision of law subjecting to rate regulation by Public Service Commission.

S. B. No. 3139: Jackson County; authorize Board of Supervisors and Utility Authority to share equipment, labor, services, resources and funds.

H. B. No. 1816: City of Clinton; extend repeal date on additional tourism tax on hotels and motels.

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. C. R. No. 53: Israel; commend 75th anniversary of independence of.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke,

Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Horne, Walker. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. C. R. No. 53: Israel; commend 75th anniversary of independence of.

Rep. Roberson called up:

S. C. R. No. 568: Recognize Entergy Mississippi on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Guice, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, B, Foster, Goodin, Hale, Horne, Tubb, Walker. Total-7.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

S. C. R. No. 568: Recognize Entergy Mississippi on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary.

Rep. McCarty moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1264: School districts; authorize to provide feminine hygiene products for female students in Grades 6-12.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Guice, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111. Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2. Absent or those not voting--Crudup, Foster, Goodin, Hale, Smith, Tubb, Walker, Williamson. Total-8.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. C. R. No. 46: Poplarville High School; commend upon winning their first UCA National High School Cheering Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. C. R. No. 40: Josephine Pradia Rhymes; commend for her outstanding community service and contributions.

H. C. R. No. 41: Northwest Mississippi Community College Softball Team; commend historic season and outstanding accomplishments.

H. C. R. No. 42: Taiwan; commend friendship with the State of Mississippi and encourage further economic ties.

H. C. R. No. 43: Northwest Mississippi Community College; commend upon winning Region 23 Championship.

H. C. R. No. 44: Stephen Franks; commend Kosciusko, MS automobile dealer upon nomination for the prestigious 2023 Time Dealer of the Year Award.

H. C. R. No. 45: Phi Theta Kappa All-Mississippi Academic and Workforce Team; commend on occasion of "Mississippi Phi Theta Kappa Day".

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 131: Hinds Community College Eagles Track and Field Teams; commend for outstanding achievements.

H. R. No. 132: Northwest Rankin High School Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 6A State Championship.

H. R. No. 133: Jackson Prep Patriots Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning the MAIS Overall Championship.

H. R. No. 135: Team "Wait For It..."; commend and congratulate upon winning the 2023 Mississippi FIRST Tech Challenge Competition.

H. R. No. 136: East Union Lady Urchins Powerlifting Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 2A State Championship.

H. R. No. 137: West Lauderdale High School Knights Boys Golf Team; commend on winning 2022 MHSAA Class 4A State Championship.

H. R. No. 138: JSU Men's Cross Country Team; commend and congratulate upon winning the 2021 and 2022 SWAC Championships.

H. R. No. 139: Edward Earl Wilson, Jr.; commend outstanding achievements.

H. R. No. 141: Christopher Thomas Bruni; commend his life upon passing.

H. R. No. 142: Josephine Pradia Rhymes; commend for outstanding service and contributions.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. R. No. 143: Dr. Jane Hulon Sims; commend upon occasion of retirement as president of Copiah-Lincoln Community College.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

S. B. No. 2139: Mississippi USA Semiquincentennial Commission and Mississippi Semiquincentennial Celebration Fund; create.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

S. B. No. 2218: Third-party service; prohibit from using logo or intellectual property belonging to a restaurant without agreement.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representatives Creekmore IV and Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Joseph "Joe" Cook, which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James Henry Langdon, Marvin Lee Denson, Jimmy Lee King, Jr. , Lela Calhoun, and Ruthie Mae Harper, which motion prevailed.

At 11:30 AM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Thursday, March 23, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTY-EIGHTH DAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023

(EIGHTIETH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Pro Tempore White in the chair. Prayer by Revered Robert McCallum, Priestley Chapel M. B. Church, Canton, MS.

Rep. Bell (65th) led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Walker. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Huddleston and Walker.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Thursday, March 23, 2023

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 4: Tianeptine; include in Schedule I controlled substance list.
Thursday, March 23, 2023, 2:13 PM

H. B. No. 388: Income tax; revise local governmental entities that may collect debt by a setoff against a debtor's refund. Thursday, March 23, 2023, 2:14 PM

H. B. No. 1101: Corporations and LLCs; authorize determination notices and certificates of administrative dissolution to be served by email to registered agent.
Thursday, March 23, 2023, 2:16 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 817: Early Learning Collaborative; increase minimum funding levels for full-day and half-day programs.
Senators DeBar, Wiggins, Polk

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

S. B. No. 2090: Board of Funeral Services; revise provisions related to.

S. B. No. 2323: Community hospitals; allow consolidation and collaboration involving other hospitals.

S. B. No. 2369: Department of Human Services; extend repealers and revise certain applicable sections.

S. B. No. 2750: Automated External Defibrillators in Public and Charter Schools Grant Program; establish.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 1528: Benton County; authorize to contract with and/or contribute to the Institute of Community Services, Inc.

H. B. No. 1703: Coahoma County; authorize reserve and trust fund trustees to use certain amount of fund to supplement county general fund.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 2333: Public schools; require staff training to assist with seizures.
Senators DeBar,Boyd,Polk

S. B. No. 2361: Mississippi Modified School Calendar Grant Program; establish and provide eligibility criteria.
Senators DeBar,Polk,Hopson

S. B. No. 2556: Qualifications for appointment as a conservation officer; clarify.
Senators Whaley,Suber,Younger

S. B. No. 2585: William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program; revise provisions of.
Senators DeBar,Blount,Johnson

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 3146: Lowndes County; authorize to contribute Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to certain nonprofits.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 1110: Second Amendment Financial Privacy Act; create.
Senators Caughman,Johnson,McMahan

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 677: County veteran service officers; revise certain qualifications for. Senators Seymour, McMahan, Chassaniol

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 266: Department of Public Safety Headquarters Office; name in honor of Commissioner David R. Huggins.
Senators Fillingane, Sparks, Parks

H. B. No. 400: Election crimes; revise the penalties for certain.
Senators Fillingane, England, DeBar

H. B. No. 405: Bribery of a candidate; revise statute of limitations.
Senators Fillingane, England, Thompson

H. B. No. 529: Department of Public Safety; revise various provisions.
Senators Fillingane, England, Hickman

H. B. No. 771: HELP Grant and MTAG Programs; revise level of funding provided to eligible students.
Senators Parks, Boyd, Williams

H. B. No. 795: Shoplifting; require to calculate total price of all shoplifting items for fine.
Senators Fillingane, Suber, Hill

H. B. No. 912: Firearm suppressors; authorizing manufacture and possession in Mississippi and prohibit enforcement of federal laws governing.
Senators Fillingane, McCaughn, Thompson

H. B. No. 995: Rape; revise elements for the crime of and remove spousal exception.
Senators Fillingane, Sparks, Wiggins

H. B. No. 1315: Pornographic media materials; regulate access to minors and require age verification.
Senators Fillingane, Wiggins, Hill

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 3146: Lowndes County; authorize to contribute Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to certain nonprofits. Local and Private Legislation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1819: (Representative Hood) City of Eupora; authorize conveyance of certain property located within city's industrial park. Local and Private Legislation.

H. C. R. No. 56: (Representative Scott) Representative Edward Blackmon, Jr.; commend distinguished legislative career and public service of upon the occasion of his retirement. Rules.

H. R. No. 164: (Representatives McLean, Boyd (37th)) Representative Lynn Wright; commend life and legacy of service and express sympathy upon his passing. Rules.

H. R. No. 165: (Representative Read) Anna Katherine Adams; commend and congratulate upon induction in the 2023 Class of Extraordinary Educators. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee, having had under consideration the following, favorably reports same for the reason that the relief sought cannot be obtained by invoking the jurisdiction of the courts and by reason the local nature cannot be reached by a general law:

S. B. No. 2004: Town of Duck Hill; authorize governing authorities to levy tourism tax. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2152: City of Byram; authorize governing authorities to levy parks and recreation tax on restaurants. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2519: Town of Monticello; authorize tourism tax on restaurants, hotels and motels. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3065: Bolivar County; authorize to contribute up to \$5,000.00 annually to the Fannie Lou Hamer Breast Cancer Foundation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3109: Warren County; authorize board of supervisors to contribute funds to certain nonprofit corporations. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3140: City of Gautier; authorize to enter into public/private partnership for construction of an inclusion playground. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3141: Kemper County; authorize board of supervisors to expand scope of authority of Gas District to become county utility district. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3142: Lauderdale County; extend date of repeal on authority to fund LCDF Chaplaincy program with nontax revenue generated by inmate telephone service. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3143: City of Lucedale; authorize to levy tax upon sales of restaurants for the purposes of funding parks and recreation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3145: George County; authorize to levy 3% sales tax on the sales of hotels and motels within the county and 1% tax on the sales of restaurants. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3148: Lowndes County; authorize Board of Supervisors to contribute available funds to public utilities and water/sewer associations. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3151: Rankin County; authorize to contribute county funds to Trustmark Park for economic development and tourism purposes. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3152: City of Pearl; authorize to contribute municipal funds to minor league baseball stadium for economic development and tourism purposes. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3153: City of Pearl; extend repealer on hotel/motel & restaurant tourism tax. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

MANLY BARTON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. C. R. No. 55: Chief Gary Ponthieux, Jr.; commend for many years of public service in law enforcement and congratulate upon retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 160: Shedeur Sanders; commend for being named Top HBCU Football Player for 2022. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 161: Reverend Wilford Earl Bridges; commend upon 20th pastoral anniversary. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 162: George Ferguson; commend for many years of dedicated service and congratulate upon retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 163: Head Coach Kelvin Carter; commend upon outstanding season as head coach of the Vicksburg High School Gators Boys Basketball Team. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

The Speaker announced the appointment of the Conferees on the part of the House as follows:

S. B. No. 2073: Age of majority; lower to 18 for securing loans and entering contracts for real property.

Representatives Cockerham, Reynolds, Felsher

S. B. No. 2075: Birth certificate; adoptee may obtain certified copy of original after age 21.

Representatives Cockerham, Tullos, Hood

S. B. No. 2140: National Security on State Devices and Networks Act; create.

Representatives Cockerham, Yancey, Aguirre

S. B. No. 2379: Code books; revise number required to be ordered from publisher.

Representatives Cockerham, Reynolds, Watson

S. B. No. 2382: Out-of-state lawyers; required to disclose whether licensed to practice law in Mississippi in television ads.

Representatives Cockerham, Reynolds, Oliver

S. B. No. 2729: Limitation of liability requirements for information technology contracts; clarify.

Representatives Cockerham, Felsher, Brown (20th)

S. B. No. 2082: Child support; administratively suspend obligations for incarcerated individuals.

Representatives Cockerham, Tullos, Reynolds

Representative Carpenter introduced special guest, Sergeant Pernellus Turner, a World War II Veteran, H. R. No. 156.

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. R. No. 156: Pernellus Turner; commend service during World War II.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

Representative Summers introduced special guests, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated for Blue and White Day at the Capitol.

Speaker Gunn introduced special guests, the Hinds Community College Eagles Track and Field Team, H. R. No. 131.

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. C. R. No. 55: Chief Gary Ponthieux, Jr.; commend for many years of public service in law enforcement and congratulate upon retirement.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, McCarty, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. R. No. 160: Shedeur Sanders; commend for being named Top HBCU Football Player for 2022.

H. R. No. 161: Reverend Wilford Earl Bridges; commend upon 20th pastoral anniversary.

H. R. No. 162: George Ferguson; commend for many years of dedicated service and congratulate upon retirement.

H. R. No. 163: Head Coach Kelvin Carter; commend upon outstanding season as head coach of the Vicksburg High School Gators Boys Basketball Team.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. C. R. No. 50: Respiratory syncytial virus; urge CDC to include in the Vaccines for Children program.

H. C. R. No. 51: Baptist Memorial Hospital-Golden Triangle; commend upon receiving "A" rating for 10 consecutive years.

H. C. R. No. 52: Honorable Senator Angela Turner-Ford; commend and recognize intrepid leadership as chairperson of the MLBC.

H. C. R. No. 54: Caledonia High School Volleyball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 4A State Volleyball Championship.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bounds, Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Huddleston, Ladner, McCarty, Mims, Oliver, Rosebud, Rushing, Walker. Total-11.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. R. No. 145: Jackson State University Women's Basketball Team; commend for being the 2022-2023 SWAC Regular Season Champions.

H. R. No. 146: Representative Charles Busby; commend distinguished legislative career of.

H. R. No. 147: Baptist Memorial Hospital-Golden Triangle; commend upon receiving "A" rating for 10 consecutive years.

H. R. No. 148: East Union Attendance Center Boy's Baseball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 2A State Championship.

H. R. No. 149: West Harrison High School Hurricanes Cheerleading Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 5A State Championship and placing 2nd at UCA Nationals.

H. R. No. 150: Madison-Ridgeland Academy Lady Patriots Basketball Team; commend for winning 2023 MAIS Overall State Championship.

H. R. No. 151: Booneville High School Blue Devils Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning Class 3A State Championship.

H. R. No. 152: Booneville High School Lady Blue Devils Girls Basketball Team; commend upon winning Class 3A State Championship.

H. R. No. 153: South Panola High School Tigers Cheerleading Team; commend upon winning NCA National Championship for third year in a row.

H. R. No. 154: The Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health; recognize and commend its efforts to reduce health disparities.

H. R. No. 155: Jim and Elta Johnston; commend outstanding service and contributions to the City of Jackson.

H. R. No. 157: Bruce Crowe; recognize and commend service during World War II.

H. R. No. 158: Malik Franklin; commend for being named the 2023 Vicksburg Post Boys Basketball Player of the Year.

H. R. No. 159: Master Sergeant Danny Mills; commend upon retirement from Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

The foregoing resolution were adopted.

Rep. Roberson called up:

S. C. R. No. 566: Designate last weekend in October 2023 as "Honor Your Hometown Weekend in Mississippi".

S. C. R. No. 569: Supporting the Mississippi Clean Hydrogen Hub application.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, R, Huddleston, McCarty, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. R. No. 145: Jackson State University Women's Basketball Team; commend for being the 2022-2023 SWAC Regular Season Champions.

H. R. No. 146: Representative Charles Busby; commend distinguished legislative career of.

H. R. No. 147: Baptist Memorial Hospital-Golden Triangle; commend upon receiving "A" rating for 10 consecutive years.

H. R. No. 148: East Union Attendance Center Boy's Baseball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 2A State Championship.

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H. R. No. 150: Madison-Ridgeland Academy Lady Patriots Basketball Team; commend for winning 2023 MAIS Overall State Championship.

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H. R. No. 162: George Ferguson; commend for many years of dedicated service and congratulate upon retirement.

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H. C. R. No. 54: Caledonia High School Volleyball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 4A State Volleyball Championship.

S. C. R. No. 566: Designate last weekend in October 2023 as "Honor Your Hometown Weekend in Mississippi".

S. C. R. No. 569: Supporting the Mississippi Clean Hydrogen Hub application.

On motion of Rep. Bennett the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1369: MAEP; determine cost of using Average Daily Membership (ADM) in lieu of ADA with 90% threshold attendance trigger.

H. B. No. 1390: Abstinence education; delete repealer on school board requirement to adopt a policy on abstinence-only or abstinence-plus.

H. B. No. 1365: Assistant teacher salaries; prohibit school districts from using any state-funded increase to substitute the local contribution.

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1807: City of Eupora; authorize tourism tax on hotels/motels/Airbnbs and restaurants.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1807.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--105.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Huddleston, Ladner, McCarty, McGee, Rushing, Walker. Total-7.

Present--Evans, B, Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--67

On motion of Rep. Barton unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. B. No. 1807: City of Eupora; authorize tourism tax on hotels/motels/Airbnbs and restaurants.

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 1811: Suffrage; restore to Gerald Laird of Jefferson Davis County.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1811.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--101.

Nays--Ford, J, Guice. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Bounds, Calvert, Crawford, Currie, Ford, K, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, McCarty, McLean, Mims, Morgan, Oliver, Powell, Rushing, Walker. Total-18.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--52

On motion of Rep. Bain unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. B. No. 1811: Suffrage; restore to Gerald Laird of Jefferson Davis County.

Rep. Porter called up:

H. B. No. 1812: Suffrage; restore to Rahmond Williams of Hinds County.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1812.** On motion of Rep. Porter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--95.

Nays--Arnold, Ford, J, Guice, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Bounds, Brown, C, Calvert, Currie, Eubanks, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, McCarty, McLean, Mims, Morgan, Oliver, Powell, Rushing, Walker. Total-20.

Present--Crawford. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--67

On motion of Rep. Porter unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. B. No. 1812: Suffrage; restore to Rahmond Williams of Hinds County.

Rep. Porter called up:

H. B. No. 1813: Suffrage; restore to Cornelius Clayton of Monroe County.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1813.** On motion of Rep. Porter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--99.

Nays--Ford, J, Guice, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Bounds, Brown, C, Calvert, Currie, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, McCarty, McLean, Mims, Morgan, Oliver, Powell, Rushing, Walker. Total-17.

Present--Crawford. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--69

On motion of Rep. Porter unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. B. No. 1813: Suffrage; restore to Cornelius Clayton of Monroe County.

Rep. Porter called up:

H. B. No. 1815: Suffrage; restore to Mary Green of Hinds County.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1815.** On motion of Rep. Porter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--98.

Nays--Arnold, Currie, Ford, J, Guice, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Bounds, Brown, C, Calvert, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, McCarty, McLean, Mims, Morgan, Oliver, Powell, Rushing, Walker. Total-16.

Present--Crawford. Total--1.
Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--70

On motion of Rep. Porter unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. B. No. 1815: Suffrage; restore to Mary Green of Hinds County.

Representative Miles introduced special guests, the Lake High School Lady Hornets Basketball Team - 2A Champs, H. R. No. 123.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 606: The Mobile/Online Betting Task Force; authorize.

H. B. No. 1003: Mississippi Fully Autonomous Vehicle Enabling (MS FAVE) Act of 2023; establish to regulate operation of autonomous vehicle on public roads.

H. B. No. 1306: Elections; revise certain provisions about names of candidates appearing on the ballot, judicial candidate's annual report and fraudulent absentee voter applications.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2449: Sales and use taxes; specify for computer software services and products delivered electronically in Mississippi.

S. B. No. 2664: Appropriations; revise certain FY2023 appropriations and direct transfers.

S. B. No. 3139: Jackson County; authorize Board of Supervisors and Utility Authority to share equipment, labor, services, resources and funds.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. C. R. No. 568: Recognize Entergy Mississippi on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary.

S. B. No. 2150: Warren County; authorize to enter into lease agreement or lease-purchase arrangement for public safety purpose.

S. B. No. 2575: State Department of Health; provide that health insurers may not deny the right to participate as a contract provider.

S. B. No. 2922: DeSoto County; authorize to transfer parcel of county-owned property to City of Olive Branch for construction of animal shelter.

S. B. No. 2960: City of Grenada; extend repealer on hotel/motel & restaurant tourism tax.

S. B. No. 3110: Tunica County Utility District; delete provision of law subjecting to rate regulation by Public Service Commission.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

S. B. No. 3108: Lowndes County; authorize to lease property for nominal consideration for nonprofit use for the benefit of disadvantaged children.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Bailey (23rd) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Bill Havens, Thomas Earl Griffen, Linda Whitworth Doler, and Elizabeth Kay Vance, which motion prevailed.

Representative McLean moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Daisy Ero Poros, Harry Dowdle, Jr. , Raymond Glenn, Frances Jones Borland, Mildred "Millie" Aldridge, and Frances Eloise Pannell, which motion prevailed.

Representative Evans (91st) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of John Payne Ratcliff, III, and Virginia Lu "Ginny" Varner Magee, which motion prevailed.

Representative Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Billy Wayne McCullough, which motion prevailed.

Representative Clark moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Chairy Mae Wright, which motion prevailed.

At 11:10 AM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Friday, March 24, 2023, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTY-NINTH DAY, FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2023

(EIGHTY-FIRST CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Reverend Larry Duncan, Salem Baptist Church, Lake, MS.

Rep. Miles led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Representative Miles introduced junior page, Tate Emmons, who led the House in the National Anthem.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Walker. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Huddleston and Walker.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 2359: Tourism; Mississippi Main Street Revitalization Grant Program.
Senators Chassaniol, Boyd, Hopson

S. B. No. 2512: Counties; authorize to designate ARPA funds to rural water and sewer associations and municipalities for infrastructure projects.
Senators Polk, Hill, Younger

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 704: Television series production; provide incentives for certain.
Senators Chassaniol, Harkins, Horhn

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 252: Festival wine permits; extend repealers on authority to issue and certain provisions relating to.

Senators Chassaniol, Johnson, Thompson

H. B. No. 419: Tourism; provide assistance to destination marketing organization.

Senators Chassaniol, Hopson, Boyd

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

H. B. No. 799: Inmate Welfare Fund; increase portion of the fund that is utilized to fund Inmate Incentive to Work Program.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

S. B. No. 2892: City of Vicksburg; authorize to contribute to the creation, development and promotion of the Dr. Jane Ellen McAllister Museum.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 1790: Washington County; reenact and extend repeal date on hotel and motel tax supporting a sports complex.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 1365: Assistant teacher salaries; prohibit school districts from using any state-funded increase to substitute the local contribution.

Senators DeBar, Boyd, Polk

H. B. No. 1369: MAEP; determine cost of using Average Daily Membership (ADM) in lieu of ADA with 90% threshold attendance trigger.

Senators DeBar, Polk, Boyd

H. B. No. 1390: Abstinence education; delete repealer on school board requirement to adopt a policy on abstinence-only or abstinence-plus.

Senators DeBar,Wiggins,Polk

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. C. R. No. 57: (Representative Holloway) Dr. Daphine Hill; commend accomplishments of. Rules.

H. R. No. 166: (Representative Roberson) Representative Robin Robinson; commend legislative service of. Rules.

H. R. No. 167: (Representative Creekmore IV) Ingomar Attendance Center Lady Falcons Volleyball Team; commend for winning 2022 MHSAA Class 1A State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 168: (Representative Owen) Representative Jerry Darnell; commend distinguished legislative career of. Rules.

H. R. No. 169: (Representative Crudup) Angie Thomas; recognize and commend accomplishments of. Rules.

H. R. No. 170: (Representative Stamps) "Belle Collective"; recognize and commend cast members. Rules.

H. R. No. 171: (Representative McLean) Caledonia High School Volleyball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 4A State Volleyball Championship. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee, having had under consideration the following, favorably reports same for the reason that the relief sought cannot be obtained by invoking the jurisdiction of the courts and by reason the local nature cannot be reached by a general law:

H. B. No. 1819: City of Eupora; authorize conveyance of certain property located within city's industrial park. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3146: Lowndes County; authorize to contribute Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to certain nonprofits. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

MANLY BARTON, Chairman

The Speaker announced the appointment of the Conferees on the part of the House as follows:

H. B. No. 1365: Assistant teacher salaries; prohibit school districts from using any state-funded increase to substitute the local contribution.
Representatives Bennett,McCarty,McLean

H. B. No. 1369: MAEP; determine cost of using Average Daily Membership (ADM) in lieu of ADA with 90% threshold attendance trigger.
Representatives Bennett,McCarty,Owen

H. B. No. 1390: Abstinence education; delete repealer on school board requirement to adopt a policy on abstinence-only or abstinence-plus.
Representatives Bennett,McLean,Yancey

S. B. No. 2053: Deficit Prevention Act; require state agencies to notify certain officials when likelihood of a deficit exists.
Representatives Boyd (19th),Sanford,Turner

S. B. No. 2054: Appointed state officers; provide for the removal of for certain forms of willful neglect.
Representatives Boyd (19th),Tubb,Turner

S. B. No. 2333: Public schools; require staff training to assist with seizures.
Representatives Bennett,McCarty,Owen

S. B. No. 2359: Tourism; Mississippi Main Street Revitalization Grant Program.
Representatives Currie,Felsher,Eure

S. B. No. 2361: Mississippi Modified School Calendar Grant Program; establish and provide eligibility criteria.
Representatives Bennett,McCarty,Roberson

S. B. No. 2514: Secretary of State; clarify authority to transfer land records to Department of Archives and History.
Representatives Boyd (19th),Robinson,Hobgood-Wilkes

S. B. No. 2538: Mississippi Regional Pre-Need Disaster Clean Up Act; create.
Representatives Boyd (19th),Hobgood-Wilkes,Sanford

S. B. No. 2585: William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program; revise provisions of.
Representatives Bennett,McCarty,Porter

S. B. No. 2673: Mississippi Real Estate Appraisal Board; make independent from Mississippi Real Estate Commission.
Representatives Boyd (19th),Turner,Tubb

S. B. No. 2844: Bureau of Fleet Management; revise duties thereof.
Representatives Boyd (19th),Tubb,Young

S. B. No. 2512: Counties; authorize to designate ARPA funds to rural water and sewer associations and municipalities for infrastructure projects.
Representatives Bounds,Anderson (122nd),Rushing

Speaker Gunn announced the following new conferees on the part of the House:

S. B. No. 2645: Representatives Bain, Yates, Read

At 10:07 AM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 10:18 AM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 2004: Town of Duck Hill; authorize governing authorities to levy tourism tax.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2004.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulm, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Horne, Huddleston, Ladner, McLean, Walker. Total-5.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 2152: City of Byram; authorize governing authorities to levy parks and recreation tax on restaurants.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2152.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulm, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford,

Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Boyd, R, Horne, Huddleston, Ladner, Walker. Total-6.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 2519: Town of Monticello; authorize tourism tax on restaurants, hotels and motels.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2519.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulm, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Huddleston, Ladner, Walker. Total-6.

Present--Evans, B, Owen. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 3065: Bolivar County; authorize contributions to Fannie Lou Hamer Breast Cancer Foundation and Community Action Agency.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Barton: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3065.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore,

Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--106.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, R, Calvert, Horne, Huddleston, Ladner, Rushing, Walker. Total-7.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--75

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 3109: Warren County; authorize board of supervisors to contribute funds to certain nonprofit corporations.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 3109. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--105.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Currie, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, R, Horne, Huddleston, Ladner, Rushing, Walker. Total-6.

Present--Busby, Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--75

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 3140: City of Gautier; authorize to enter into public/private partnership for construction of an inclusion playground.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 3140. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.
Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, R, Eubanks, Horne, Huddleston, Ladner, Walker.
Total-6.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--76

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 3141: Kemper County; authorize board of supervisors to expand scope of authority of Gas District to become county utility district.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3141.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.
Total--113.

Nays--Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Horne, Huddleston, Ladner, Walker. Total-5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 3142: Lauderdale County; extend date of repeal on authority to fund LCDF Chaplaincy program with certain revenue.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3142.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Criswell, Horne, Huddleston, Ladner, Massengill, Powell, Walker. Total-8.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--74

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 3143: City of Lucedale; authorize to levy tax upon sales of restaurants for the purposes of funding parks and recreation.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3143.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Horne, Huddleston, Ladner, Walker. Total-5.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 3145: George County; authorize to levy 3% sales tax on the sales of hotels and motels within the county and 1% tax on the sales of restaurants.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3145.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--106.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Crawford, Ford, K, Horne, Huddleston, Ladner, Walker. Total-7.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 3148: Lowndes County; authorize Board of Supervisors to contribute available funds to public utilities and water/sewer associations.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 3148. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Crawford, Ford, K, Horne, Huddleston, Ladner, Walker. Total-6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--76

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 3151: Rankin County; authorize to contribute county funds to Trustmark Park for economic development and tourism purposes.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 3151. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Bounds, Crawford, Holloway, Horne, Huddleston, Ladner, Sanford, Tullos, Walker. Total-9.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--74

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 3152: City of Pearl; authorize to contribute municipal funds to minor league baseball stadium for economic development and tourism purposes.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3152.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Horne, Huddleston, Ladner, Walker. Total-4.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--77

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 3153: City of Pearl; extend repealer on hotel/motel & restaurant tourism tax.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3153.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Boyd, R, Horne, Huddleston, Ladner, Walker. Total-6.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1819: City of Eupora; authorize conveyance of certain property located within city's industrial park.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1819.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Horne, Huddleston, Ladner, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 3146: Lowndes County; authorize to contribute Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to certain nonprofits.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3146.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Horne, Huddleston, Ladner, Walker. Total--5.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--76

On motion of Rep. Barton unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

S. B. No. 2004: Town of Duck Hill; authorize governing authorities to levy tourism tax.

S. B. No. 2152: City of Byram; authorize governing authorities to levy parks and recreation tax on restaurants.

S. B. No. 2519: Town of Monticello; authorize tourism tax on restaurants, hotels and motels.

S. B. No. 3065: Bolivar County; authorize contributions to Fannie Lou Hamer Breast Cancer Foundation and Community Action Agency.

S. B. No. 3109: Warren County; authorize board of supervisors to contribute funds to certain nonprofit corporations.

S. B. No. 3140: City of Gautier; authorize to enter into public/private partnership for construction of an inclusion playground.

S. B. No. 3141: Kemper County; authorize board of supervisors to expand scope of authority of Gas District to become county utility district.

S. B. No. 3142: Lauderdale County; extend date of repeal on authority to fund LCDF Chaplaincy program with certain revenue.

S. B. No. 3143: City of Lucedale; authorize to levy tax upon sales of restaurants for the purposes of funding parks and recreation.

S. B. No. 3145: George County; authorize to levy 3% sales tax on the sales of hotels and motels within the county and 1% tax on the sales of restaurants.

S. B. No. 3148: Lowndes County; authorize Board of Supervisors to contribute available funds to public utilities and water/sewer associations.

S. B. No. 3151: Rankin County; authorize to contribute county funds to Trustmark Park for economic development and tourism purposes.

S. B. No. 3152: City of Pearl; authorize to contribute municipal funds to minor league baseball stadium for economic development and tourism purposes.

S. B. No. 3153: City of Pearl; extend repealer on hotel/motel & restaurant tourism tax.

H. B. No. 1819: City of Eupora; authorize conveyance of certain property located within city's industrial park.

S. B. No. 3146: Lowndes County; authorize to contribute Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to certain nonprofits.

Rep. Bain called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 400: Election crimes; revise the penalties for certain.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 400: Election crimes; revise the penalties for certain.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 97-13-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-13-3. If any person shall offer or give a gift, money, financial award, reward or other promise thereof to another for the purpose of inducing him, by any unlawful means not amounting to bribery, to procure any person to vote at any election for or against any person or measure, the person so giving or offering such reward shall, upon conviction thereof, be imprisoned in the *** State Penitentiary not more than *** ten (10) years, or fined not more than *** Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

SECTION 2. Section 97-13-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-13-5. Any such manager who shall proceed to any election without having the ballot box locked and secured in the manner directed by law, or who shall open and read or consent to any other person opening and reading any ballot given him to be deposited in the box at such election, before it is put into the box, shall, upon conviction, be imprisoned in the *** State Penitentiary not more than *** ten (10) years, or be fined not more than *** Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

SECTION 3. Section 97-13-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-13-7. Any manager of an election who, before the votes are counted, shall dispose of or deposit the ballot box in a manner not authorized by law, or shall, at any time after the election has begun and before the ballots are counted, give access to the

ballot box with which he is entrusted to any other, shall, upon conviction, be imprisoned in the *** State Penitentiary not more than *** ten (10) years, or be fined not more than *** Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

SECTION 4. Section 97-13-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-13-9. If any manager or clerk of any election shall knowingly make or consent to any false entry on the list of persons voting, or shall permit to be put in the ballot box any ballot not given by a voter, or shall take out of such box, or permit to be so taken out, any ballot deposited therein except in the manner prescribed by law, or shall, by any other act or omission, designedly destroy or change the ballots given by the electors, he shall, upon conviction, be punished by imprisonment in the State Penitentiary for a term not *** less than two (2) years nor more than twenty (20) years, or be fined not more than *** Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

SECTION 5. Section 97-13-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-13-35. (1) Any person who shall vote at any election, not being legally qualified, or who shall vote in more than one (1) county, or at more than one (1) place in any county or in any city, town, or village entitled to separate representation, or who shall vote out of the district of his legal domicile, or who shall vote or attempt to vote in the primary election of one (1) party when he shall have voted on the same date in the primary election of another party, shall, upon conviction, be imprisoned in the *** State Penitentiary not *** less than two (2) years nor more than twenty (20) years, or be fined not more than *** Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

(2) Any person who shall vote in the second primary election of one (1) party when he voted in the first primary election of another party preceding the same regular, special, or general election shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a *** felony and be imprisoned in the *** State Penitentiary not *** less than two (2) years nor more than twenty (20) years, or be fined not more than *** Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

SECTION 6. Section 97-13-36, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-13-36. Any person who shall knowingly vote at any election in more than one (1) county or at more than one (1) place in any county, municipality or other political subdivision with the intent to have more than one (1) vote counted in any election shall be guilty of the crime of multiple voting and, upon conviction, shall be imprisoned in the State Penitentiary not *** less than two (2) years nor more than twenty (20) years, or be fined not more than *** Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or both ***.

SECTION 7. Section 97-13-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-13-37. Whoever shall procure, or endeavor to procure, the vote of any elector, or the influence of any person over other electors, at any election, for himself or any candidate, by means of violence, threats of violence, or threats of withdrawing custom, or dealing in business or trade, or of enforcing the payment of a debt, or of bringing a suit or criminal prosecution, or by any other threat or injury to be inflicted by him, or by his means, or shall violate any provision of Section 23-15-871 or 23-15-874, shall, upon conviction, be imprisoned in the county jail not *** less than two (2) years nor more than twenty (20) years, or be fined not more than *** Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

SECTION 8. Section 97-13-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-13-43. Any person who willfully tampers with or damages any voting machine or tabulating computer or device to be used or being used at or in connection with any election or who prevents or attempts to prevent the correct operation of any voting machine or tabulating computer or device shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, be punished by imprisonment for not *** less than two (2) years nor more than twenty (20) years, or be fined *** Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

SECTION 9. Section 23-15-93, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-93. If any election commissioner or registrar shall refuse or neglect to perform any of the duties imposed upon him or her by this chapter regarding the registration of electors, or shall knowingly permit any person to sign a false affidavit or otherwise knowingly permit any person to violate any provision of this chapter regarding the registration of electors, or shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter regarding the registration of electors, or if any officer taking the affidavits as provided in this chapter regarding registration of electors shall make any false statement in his or her certificate thereto attached, he or she shall be deemed guilty of a crime and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding * * * Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or by imprisonment in the State Penitentiary not exceeding * * * ten (10) years, or both, and shall be removed from office.

SECTION 10. Section 23-15-561, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-561. (1) It shall be unlawful during any primary or any other election for any candidate for any elective office or any representative of such candidate or any other person to publicly or privately put up or in any way offer any prize, cash award or other item of value to be raffled, drawn for, played for or contested for in order to encourage persons to vote or to refrain from voting in any election.

(2) Any person who shall violate the provisions of subsection (1) of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine in an amount not to exceed * * * Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00).

(3) Any candidate who shall violate the provisions of subsection (1) of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, in addition to the fine prescribed above, be punished by:

(a) Disqualification as a candidate in the race for the elective office;

or

(b) Removal from the elective office, if the offender has been elected

thereto.

SECTION 11. Section 23-15-627, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-627. Any elector described in Section 23-15-713 may request an absentee ballot application and vote in person at the office of the registrar in the county in which he or she resides. The registrar shall be responsible for furnishing an absentee ballot application form to any elector authorized to receive an absentee ballot. Except as otherwise provided in Section 23-15-625, absentee ballot applications shall be furnished to a person only upon the oral or written request of the elector who seeks to vote by absentee ballot; however, the parent, child, spouse, sibling, legal guardian, those empowered with a power of attorney for that elector's affairs or agent of the elector, who is designated in writing and witnessed by a resident of this state who shall write his or her physical address on such designation, may orally request an absentee ballot application on behalf of the elector. The written designation shall be valid for one (1) year after the date of the designation. An absentee ballot application must have the seal of the circuit or municipal clerk affixed to it and be initialed by the registrar or his or her deputy in order to be used to obtain an absentee ballot. A reproduction of an absentee ballot application shall not be valid unless it is a reproduction provided by the office of the registrar of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held and which contains the seal and initials required by this section. Such application shall be substantially in the following form:

"OFFICIAL APPLICATION FOR ABSENT ELECTOR'S BALLOT

I, _____, duly qualified and registered in the ____ Precinct of the County of _____, and State of Mississippi, coming within the purview of the definition 'ABSENT ELECTOR' will be absent from the county of my residence on election day, or unable to vote in person because (check appropriate reason):

() (PRESIDENTIAL APPLICANT ONLY:) I am currently a resident of Mississippi or have moved therefrom within thirty (30) days of the coming presidential election.

() I am an enlisted or commissioned member, male or female, of any component of the United States Armed Forces and am a citizen of Mississippi, or spouse or dependent of such member.

() I am a member of the Merchant Marine or the American Red Cross and am a citizen of Mississippi or spouse or dependent of such member.

() I am a disabled war veteran who is a patient in any hospital and am a citizen of Mississippi or spouse or dependent of such veteran.

() I am a civilian attached to and serving outside of the United States with any branch of the Armed Forces or with the Merchant Marine or American Red Cross, and am a citizen of Mississippi or spouse or dependent of such civilian.

() I am a citizen of Mississippi temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States and the District of Columbia.

() I am a student, teacher or administrator at a college, university, junior or community college, high, junior high, elementary or grade school, whose studies or employment at such institution necessitates my absence from the county of my voting residence or spouse or dependent of such student, teacher or administrator who maintains a common domicile outside the county of my voting residence with such student, teacher or administrator.

() I will be outside the county on election day.

() I have a temporary or permanent physical disability * * *.

() I am sixty-five (65) years of age or older.

() I am the parent, spouse or dependent of a person with a temporary or permanent physical disability who is hospitalized outside his or her county of residence or more than fifty (50) miles away from his or her residence, and I will be with such person on election day.

() I am a member of the congressional delegation, or spouse or dependent of a member of the congressional delegation.

() I am required to be at work on election day during the times which the polls will be open.

I hereby make application for an official ballot, or ballots, to be voted by me at the election to be held in _____, on _____.

Mail 'Absent Elector's Ballot' to me at the following address _____.

() I wish to receive an absentee ballot for the runoff election

_____.

I realize that I can be fined up to * * * Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) and sentenced up to * * * ten (10) years in the Penitentiary for making a false statement in this application and for selling my vote and violating the Mississippi Absentee Voter Law. (This sentence is to be in bold print.)

If you are temporarily or permanently disabled, you are not required to have this application notarized or signed by an official authorized to administer oaths for absentee balloting. You are required to sign this application in the proper place and have a person eighteen (18) years of age or older witness your signature and sign this application in the proper place.

DO NOT SIGN WITHOUT READING. (This sentence is to be in bold print.)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the ____ day of _____, 2____.

(Signature of absent elector)
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this the ____ day of _____, 2____.

(Official authorized to administer oaths
for absentee balloting.)

TO BE SIGNED BY WITNESS FOR VOTERS TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY DISABLED:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this application for an absent elector's ballot was signed by the above-named elector in my presence and that I am at least eighteen (18) years of age, this the ____ day of _____, 2____.

(Signature of witness)
CERTIFICATE OF DELIVERY

I hereby certify that _____ (print name of voter) has requested that I, _____ (print name of person delivering application), deliver to the voter this absentee ballot application.

(Signature of person delivering application)

(Address of person delivering application)"

SECTION 12. Section 23-15-635, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-635. (1) The form of the elector's certificate, attesting witness certification and certificate of person providing voter assistance on the back of the envelope used by absentee voters who are not absent voters as defined in Section 23-15-673, shall be as follows:

"ELECTOR'S CERTIFICATE

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

I, _____, under penalty of perjury do solemnly swear that this envelope contains the ballot marked by me indicating my choice of the candidates or propositions to be submitted at the election to be held on the ___ day of _____, 2____, and I hereby authorize the registrar to place this envelope in the ballot box on my behalf, and I further authorize the election managers to open this envelope and place my ballot among the other ballots cast before such ballots are counted, and record my name on the poll list as if I were present in person and voted.

I further swear that I marked the enclosed ballot in secret.

Penalties for vote fraud are up to * * * ten (10) years in prison and a fine of up to * * * Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00). (Miss. Code. Ann. Section 23-15-753.) Penalties for voter intimidation are * * * not less than two (2) years nor more than twenty (20) years in jail and a fine of up to * * * Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). (Miss. Code. Ann. Section 97-13-37.)

(Signature of voter)

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING WITNESS

Under penalty of perjury I affirm that the above named voter personally appeared before me, on this the ___ day of _____, 2____, and is known by me to be the person named, and who, after being duly sworn or having affirmed, subscribed the foregoing oath or affirmation. That the voter exhibited to me his or her blank ballot; that the ballot was not marked or voted before the voter exhibited the ballot to me; that the voter was not solicited or advised by me to vote for any candidate, question or issue, and that the voter, after marking his or her ballot, placed it in the envelope, closed and sealed the envelope in my presence, and signed and swore or affirmed the above certificate.

(Attesting witness)

(Address)

(Official title)

(City and State)

CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PROVIDING VOTER ASSISTANCE

(To be completed only if the voter has received assistance in marking the enclosed ballot.) I, under penalty of perjury, hereby certify that the above-named voter declared to me that he or she is blind, temporarily or permanently physically disabled, or cannot read or write, and that the voter requested that I assist the voter in marking the enclosed absentee ballot. I hereby certify that the ballot preferences on the enclosed ballot are those communicated by the voter to me, and that I have marked the enclosed ballot in accordance with the voter's instructions.

Penalties for vote fraud are up to * * * ten (10) years in prison and a fine of up to * * * Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00). (Miss. Code. Ann. Section 23-15-753.) Penalties for voter intimidation are * * * not less than two (2) years nor more

than twenty (20) years in jail and a fine of up to * * * Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).
(Miss. Code. Ann. Section 97-13-37.)

Signature of person providing assistance

Printed name of person providing assistance

Address of person providing assistance

Date and time assistance provided

Family relationship to voter (if any)"

(2) The envelope shall have printed on the flap on the back of the envelope in bold print and in a distinguishing color, the following: "YOUR VOTE WILL BE REJECTED AND NOT COUNTED IF THIS ENVELOPE IS NOT SIGNED ACROSS THE FLAP OF THIS ENVELOPE BY YOU AND AN ATTESTING WITNESS."

SECTION 13. Section 23-15-751, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-751. If any registrar or commissioner of elections shall refuse or neglect to perform any of the duties prescribed by Sections 23-15-621 through 23-15-735, or shall knowingly permit any person to sign a false affidavit or otherwise knowingly permit any person to violate Sections 23-15-621 through 23-15-735, or shall violate any of the provisions thereof, or if any officer taking the affidavits as provided in said acts shall make any false statement in his certificate thereto attached, he shall, upon conviction, be deemed guilty of a crime and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding * * * Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or by imprisonment in the Penitentiary not exceeding * * * ten (10) years, and shall be removed from office.

SECTION 14. Section 23-15-753, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-753. (1) Any person who willfully, unlawfully and feloniously procures, seeks to procure, or seeks to influence the vote of any person voting by absentee ballot, by the payment of money, the promise of payment of money, or by the delivery of any other item of value or promise to give the voter any item of value, or by promising or giving the voter any favor or reward in an effort to influence his vote, or any person who aids, abets, assists, encourages, helps, or causes any person voting an absentee ballot to violate any provision of law pertaining to absentee voting, or any person who sells his vote for money, favor, or reward, has been paid or promised money, a reward, a favor or favors, or any other item of value, or any person who shall willfully swear falsely to any affidavit provided for in Sections 23-15-621 through 23-15-735, shall be guilty of the crime of "vote fraud" and, upon conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not * * * more than * * * Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or by imprisonment in the * * * State Penitentiary for * * * not more than * * * ten (10) years, or by both fine and imprisonment * * *.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person who pays or compensates another person for assisting voters in marking their absentee ballots to base the pay or compensation on the number of absentee voters assisted or the number of absentee ballots cast by persons who have received the assistance. Any person who violates this section, upon conviction, shall * * * be fined not * * * more than * * * Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00), or imprisoned in the State Penitentiary not * * * more than * * * ten (10) years, or both.

SECTION 15. Any person who shall deny a person the right to vote for a reason that is not provided in law shall be deemed guilty of a crime and punished by a fine not exceeding Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or by imprisonment in the Department of Corrections not exceeding ten (10) years, or both.

SECTION 16. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 97-13-3, 97-13-5, 97-13-7, 97-13-9, 97-13-35, 97-13-36, 97-13-37, 97-13-43, 23-15-93, 23-15-561, 23-15-627, 23-15-635, 23-15-751 AND 23-15-753, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR COMMITTING CERTAIN ELECTION CRIMES; TO CREATE A NEW SECTION OF LAW TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PERSON WHO SHALL DENY A PERSON THE RIGHT TO VOTE SHALL BE DEEMED GUILTY OF A CRIME; TO PROVIDE THE PENALTIES FOR THE CRIME; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Nick Bain, Jansen Owen, Jill Ford

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Jeremy England, Dennis DeBar, Jr.

On motion of Rep. Bain the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--75.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Criswell, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Young. Total--40.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Evans, M, Horne, Huddleston, Ladner, Walker. Total-6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Carpenter called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1029: United States Space Force; provide that reference to "Armed Forces" and "Uniformed Services" in Mississippi law shall include members of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1029: United States Space Force; provide that reference to "Armed Forces" and "Uniformed Services" in Mississippi law shall include members of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Lester Carpenter, Dale Goodin, Randy Rushing

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joseph M. Seymour, Scott DeLano, Chad McMahan

On motion of Rep. Carpenter the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Horne, Huddleston, Ladner, Walker.
Total-5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 145: Jackson State University Women's Basketball Team; commend for being the 2022-2023 SWAC Regular Season Champions.

H. R. No. 146: Representative Charles Busby; commend distinguished legislative career of.

H. R. No. 147: Baptist Memorial Hospital-Golden Triangle; commend upon receiving "A" rating for 10 consecutive years.

H. R. No. 148: East Union Attendance Center Boy's Baseball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 2A State Championship.

H. R. No. 149: West Harrison High School Hurricanes Cheerleading Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 5A State Championship and placing 2nd at UCA Nationals.

H. R. No. 151: Booneville High School Blue Devils Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning Class 3A State Championship.

H. R. No. 152: Booneville High School Lady Blue Devils Girls Basketball Team; commend upon winning Class 3A State Championship.

H. R. No. 153: South Panola High School Tigers Cheerleading Team; commend upon winning NCA National Championship for third year in a row.

H. R. No. 155: Jim and Elta Johnston; commend outstanding service and contributions to the City of Jackson.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 156: Pernellus Turner; commend service during World War II.

H. R. No. 157: Bruce Crowe; recognize and commend service during World War II.

H. R. No. 158: Malik Franklin; commend for being named the 2023 Vicksburg Post Boys Basketball Player of the Year.

H. R. No. 160: Shedeur Sanders; commend for being named Top HBCU Football Player for 2022.

H. R. No. 162: George Ferguson; commend for many years of dedicated service and congratulate upon retirement.

H. R. No. 163: Head Coach Kelvin Carter; commend upon outstanding season as head coach of the Vicksburg High School Gators Boys Basketball Team.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. R. No. 159: Master Sergeant Danny Mills; commend upon retirement from Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 150: Madison-Ridgeland Academy Lady Patriots Basketball Team; commend for winning 2023 MAIS Overall State Championship.

H. R. No. 154: The Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health; recognize and commend its efforts to reduce health disparities.

H. R. No. 161: Reverend Wilford Earl Bridges; commend upon 20th pastoral anniversary.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. B. No. 1703: Coahoma County; authorize reserve and trust fund trustees to use certain amount of fund to supplement county general fund.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 1264: School districts; authorize to provide feminine hygiene products for female students in Grades 6-12.

H. B. No. 1528: Benton County; authorize to contract with and/or contribute to the Institute of Community Services, Inc.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. C. R. No. 569: Supporting the Mississippi Clean Hydrogen Hub application.

S. B. No. 2090: Board of Funeral Services; revise provisions related to.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. B. No. 1790: Washington County; reenact and extend repeal date on hotel and motel tax supporting a sports complex.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

S. B. No. 2750: Automated External Defibrillators in Public Places Grant Program; establish.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2323: Community hospitals; allow consolidation and collaboration involving other hospitals.

S. B. No. 2369: Department of Human Services; extend repealers and revise certain applicable sections.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Ford (54th) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Johnny M. Puckett, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hopkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Steve Gurley, Joy Dixon Payne, and Lori Lewelling Hunsucker, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Hale and Hopkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Tom Dees, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Louis James Lyell, which motion prevailed.

Representative Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Buel Buddy Dixon, which motion prevailed.

Representative Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Master Theo Starrett Smith, and Marshal Paden Glissen, which motion prevailed.

Representative Reynolds moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Timothy I. McBrayer, and Butler McCleod, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hobgood-Wilkes moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Olaf Ruben Raybon, which motion prevailed.

At 10:56 AM, on motion of Rep. Massengill the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Saturday, March 25, 2023, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTIETH DAY, SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023

(EIGHTY-SECOND CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Reverend Chris Cumbest, Wells United Methodist Church, Jackson, MS.

Speaker Gunn led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott,

Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker. Total-3.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Brown, C, Huddleston and Walker.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Haney and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMENDED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

S. B. No. 2544: Regulation of oyster beds and water bottoms by the MS Department of Marine Resources; bring forward authority.

S. B. No. 2841: Law enforcement officers & fire fighters death benefits black tag; authorize black version of regular tag.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

S. B. No. 2495: State inmates; require MDOC to pay increased rate to house inmates in county jails.

Adopted: 03/24/23

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 1325: City of Brandon; extend repealer on hotels/motel to fund amphitheater and other ancillary improvements.

H. B. No. 1793: Neshoba County; authorize contribution to Philadelphia Transit.

H. B. No. 1794: City of Charleston; extend date of repeal on restaurant tourism tax.

H. B. No. 1795: Oktibbeha County; authorize contributions to the Education Association of East Oktibbeha County Schools.

H. B. No. 1796: Oktibbeha County; authorize contributions to the J.L. King Center.

H. B. No. 1797: Oktibbeha County; authorize contributions to maintain Camp Seminole Road.

H. B. No. 1798: Oktibbeha County; authorize contribution to Brickfire Project.

H. B. No. 1799: Oktibbeha County; authorize contributions to Sally Kate Winters Family Services.

H. B. No. 1800: Holmes County; authorize contributions to the Holmes County Long-Term Recovery Committee.

H. C. R. No. 47: The Essie B. and William Earl Glenn Foundation; commend on occasion of its fourth symposium for Adverse Childhood Experiences Trauma Awareness Day.

H. C. R. No. 48: Mississippi Clean Hydrogen Hub; urge the federal government to designate Mississippi as.

H. C. R. No. 49: Baldwyn Career Advancement Center; commend 2023 SkillsUSA Quiz Bowl Team upon winning first place in state competition.

H. C. R. No. 53: Israel; commend 75th anniversary of independence of.

S. C. R. No. 567: Designate April 13, 2023, as "Reman Day" in Mississippi.

S. C. R. No. 570: Recognize leadership of Senator Angela Turner-Ford as Chair of the Mississippi Legislative Black Caucus (MLBC).

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2963: City of McComb; extend repealer on hotel/motel tourism tax.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 1697: City of Farmington; authorize the use of low-speed vehicles and golf carts on certain public streets with certain restrictions.

H. B. No. 1805: Jackson County; authorize to enter a MOU with DFA regarding Singing River Health System and healthcare workforce academy.

H. B. No. 1816: City of Clinton; extend repeal date on additional tourism tax on hotels and motels.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 3150: City of Kosciusko; authorize election for restaurant tax to fund tourism and parks and recreation.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2963: City of McComb; extend repealer on hotel/motel tourism tax. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 3150: City of Kosciusko; authorize election for restaurant tax to fund tourism and parks and recreation. Local and Private Legislation.

S. C. R. No. 567: Designate April 13, 2023, as "Reman Day" in Mississippi. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 570: Recognize leadership of Senator Angela Turner-Ford as Chair of the Mississippi Legislative Black Caucus (MLBC). Rules.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. C. R. No. 58: (Representatives Bounds, Roberson) Dr. Kent Hoblet; commend for many years of dedicated service as Dean of Mississippi State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. Rules.

Speaker Gunn announced the following new conferees on the part of the House:

S. B. No. 2372: Representatives Read, Mims, White

The Speaker announced the appointment of the Conferees on the part of the House as follows:

H. B. No. 521: Length of Service Award Program; authorize for the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters.

Representatives Zuber, Ford (54th), Busby

Rep. Horan called up the conference report on the following bill:

S. B. No. 2495: State inmates; require MDOC to pay increased rate to house inmates in county jails.

Rep. Horan moved that the conference report on the foregoing bill be recommitted, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Steverson called up the conference report on the following bill:

S. B. No. 2841: Law enforcement officers & fire fighters death benefits black tag; authorize black version of regular tag.

Rep. Steverson moved that the conference report on the foregoing bill be recommitted, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Felsher called up the conference report on the following bill:

S. B. No. 2544: Department of Marine Resources; update authority regarding regulation of oyster beds and water bottoms.

Rep. Felsher moved that the conference report on the foregoing bill be recommitted, which motion prevailed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 1325: City of Brandon; extend repealer on hotels/motel to fund amphitheater and other ancillary improvements.

H. B. No. 1793: Neshoba County; authorize contribution to Philadelphia Transit.

H. B. No. 1794: City of Charleston; extend date of repeal on restaurant tourism tax.

H. B. No. 1795: Oktibbeha County; authorize contributions to the Education Association of East Oktibbeha County Schools.

H. B. No. 1796: Oktibbeha County; authorize contributions to the J.L. King Center.

H. B. No. 1797: Oktibbeha County; authorize contributions to maintain Camp Seminole Road.

H. B. No. 1798: Oktibbeha County; authorize contribution to Brickfire Project.

H. B. No. 1799: Oktibbeha County; authorize contributions to Sally Kate Winters Family Services.

H. B. No. 1800: Holmes County; authorize contributions to the Holmes County Long-Term Recovery Committee.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. C. R. No. 47: The Essie B. and William Earl Glenn Foundation; commend on occasion of its fourth symposium for Adverse Childhood Experiences Trauma Awareness Day.

H. C. R. No. 48: Mississippi Clean Hydrogen Hub; urge the federal government to designate Mississippi as.

H. C. R. No. 49: Baldwyn Career Advancement Center; commend 2023 SkillsUSA Quiz Bowl Team upon winning first place in state competition.

H. C. R. No. 53: Israel; commend 75th anniversary of independence of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representatives Hale and Hopkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Glenn Freeman, which motion prevailed.

Representative Robinson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James Wray Bush, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of J. C. Johnson, which motion prevailed.

At 4:16 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 3:00 PM, Sunday, March 26, 2023, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTY-FIRST DAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023

(EIGHTY-THIRD CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Robin Robinson.

Rep. Robinson led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker. Total-3.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Brown, C, Huddleston and Walker.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

H. B. No. 271: Appropriation; Health Department for distributing funds to hospitals under the Health Care Impact Grant Program.

H. B. No. 272: Appropriation; Health Department for Local Provider Innovation Grant Program.

H. B. No. 1605: Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.

H. B. No. 1611: Appropriation; Arts Commission.

H. B. No. 1612: Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.

H. B. No. 1613: Appropriation; Education, Department of.

H. B. No. 1615: Appropriation; Library Commission.

H. B. No. 1616: Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.

H. B. No. 1617: Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.

H. B. No. 1618: Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.

H. B. No. 1620: Appropriation; Public Service Commission.

H. B. No. 1622: Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.

H. B. No. 1623: Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.

H. B. No. 1624: Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.

H. B. No. 1625: Appropriation: Child Protection Services, Department of.

H. B. No. 1626: Appropriation; Health, Department of.

H. B. No. 1628: Appropriation; Forestry Commission.

H. B. No. 1636: Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.

H. B. No. 1637: Appropriation; District attorneys and staff.

H. B. No. 1639: Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of.

H. B. No. 1640: Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.

H. B. No. 1641: Appropriation; Attorney General.

H. B. No. 1642: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.

H. B. No. 1715: Appropriation; Health Department for funding the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program.

H. B. No. 1717: Appropriation; DFA - Office of Insurance for reimbursing the State Health Plan for eligible expenses incurred.

H. B. No. 1718: Appropriation; DFA Bureau of Building for completing capital projects at state-owned buildings and grounds.

H. B. No. 1719: Appropriation; DFA to assist destination marketing organizations in paying for marketing activities.

H. B. No. 1722: Appropriation; UMMC for construction, repair and renovation of the School of Dentistry.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

S. B. No. 2961: Appropriations; additional for various state agencies for FY2023 and FY2024.

S. B. No. 3000: Appropriation; IHL - General support.

S. B. No. 3001: Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs.

S. B. No. 3002: Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural programs.

S. B. No. 3003: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station.

S. B. No. 3004: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service.

S. B. No. 3005: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center.

S. B. No. 3006: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of.

S. B. No. 3007: Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid.

S. B. No. 3008: Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center.

S. B. No. 3009: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses.

S. B. No. 3010: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges.

S. B. No. 3011: Appropriation; Corrections, Department of.

S. B. No. 3012: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.

S. B. No. 3013: Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of.

S. B. No. 3016: Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency.

S. B. No. 3017: Appropriation; Military Department.

S. B. No. 3021: Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of.

S. B. No. 3025: Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of.

S. B. No. 3026: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road Construction, Office of.

S. B. No. 3043: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of.

S. B. No. 3046: Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi.

S. B. No. 3047: Appropriation; Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to the Mississippi Development Authority.

S. B. No. 3049: Appropriation; Secretary of State.

S. B. No. 3113: Appropriation; additional to Office of Workforce Development for certain programs, ARPA funds.

S. B. No. 3115: Appropriation; additional to DOH for ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program.

S. B. No. 3116: Appropriation; additional to DFA for destination marketing organizations and Main Street Association, ARPA funds.

S. B. No. 3117: Appropriation; additional for DFA - Office of Insurance for State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan, ARPA funds.

S. B. No. 3118: Appropriation; additional to DFA - Bureau of Buildings, ARPA funds.

S. B. No. 3119: Appropriation; additional to DOH for Mississippi Hospital Sustainability Grant Program, ARPA funds.

S. B. No. 3120: Capital Expense Fund; FY2024 appropriation to MDOT for certain infrastructure expenses.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

S. B. No. 2495: State inmates; require MDOC to pay increased rate to house inmates in county jails.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

S. B. No. 2696: Income tax credit for qualified adoption expenses; increase amount for Mississippi children and remove CPS requirement.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

H. B. No. 261: Income tax; extend credit for qualified contributions to an endowed fund at qualified community foundations.

H. B. No. 1671: Tax credits; revise certain existing and authorize additional.

H. B. No. 1734: Bonds; authorize for various purposes.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 1667: City of Florence; authorize a tax on restaurants and hotels/motels.

H. B. No. 1807: City of Eupora; authorize tourism tax on hotels/motels/Airbnbs and restaurants.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

S. B. No. 3065: Bolivar County; authorize to contribute up to \$5,000.00 annually to the Fannie Lou Hamer Breast Cancer Foundation.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 1792: City of Starkville; revise the definitions of the terms "hotel" and "motel" under the city's motel-hotel tax.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

S. B. No. 2187: Disabled veterans motor vehicle license tags; revise certain provisions regarding disability rating.

S. B. No. 2551: Department of Marine Resources, Office of Marine Patrol; cooperate with federal law enforcement.

Adopted: 03/25/23

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

S. B. No. 3015: Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. C. R. No. 59: (Representative Roberson) Representative Tommy Reynolds; commend distinguished legislative career and public service of upon the occasion of his retirement. Rules.

H. R. No. 172: (Representatives Foster, Blackmon, Bailey, Anthony, Denton, Osborne, Straughter) Tougaloo College "Bulldogs" Men's Basketball Team; commend on winning back-to-back GCAC Regular Season and Tournament Championships. Rules.

H. R. No. 173: (Representative Roberson) Representative Randall H. Patterson; commend esteemed legislative career and public service upon his retirement. Rules.

H. R. No. 174: (Representative Roberson) Representative Steve Hopkins; commend for distinguished legislative career. Rules.

H. R. No. 175: (Representative Holloway) Dr. Daphine Hill; commend accomplishments of. Rules.

H. R. No. 176: (Representative Denton) Layla Carter; commend upon being named Miss Basketball for the MHSAA Class 5A and 2023 Vicksburg Post Girls Player of the Year. Rules.

H. R. No. 177: (Representative Blackmon) Shanise Batiste LeFlore; commend exceptional service and commitment provided to Blackmon & Blackmon, PLLC. Rules.

H. R. No. 178: (Representative Robinson) Dr. William "Bill" Myers; commend esteemed career upon his retirement. Rules.

H. R. No. 179: (Representative McLean) Tombigbee Chapter of the National Society of the DAR and Seth Burnett and Levi Burnett; commend. Rules.

H. R. No. 180: (Representative McLean) Stacy and Mable Austin; commend upon 75th wedding anniversary. Rules.

H. R. No. 181: (Representative Owen) Presley Seals; commend upon being named as an inductee of the Curriculum Associates 2023 Class of Extraordinary Educators. Rules.

H. R. No. 182: (Representatives Rosebud, Sanders, Anthony) McEvans School Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning the MHSAA Class 1A State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 183: (Representative Miles) David Tadlock; commend outstanding career and contributions of. Rules.

H. R. No. 184: (Representative Jackson) Mary Elizabeth Lee Dowdell; commend upon the occasion of her 90th birthday. Rules.

H. R. No. 185: (Representative Roberson) Representative De'Keither A. Stamps; commend legislative career and public service. Rules.

H. R. No. 186: (Representative Robinson) Northeast Jones High School "Gold Horizons" Show Choir; commend for many outstanding achievements. Rules.

H. R. No. 187: (Representative Roberson) Representative Tom Miles; commend distinguished legislative career of. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee, having had under consideration the following, favorably reports same for the reason that the relief sought cannot be obtained by invoking the jurisdiction of the courts and by reason the local nature cannot be reached by a general law:

S. B. No. 3150: City of Kosciusko; authorize election for restaurant tax to fund tourism and parks and recreation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

MANLY BARTON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. C. R. No. 56: Representative Edward Blackmon, Jr.; commend distinguished legislative career and public service of upon the occasion of his retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 57: Dr. Daphine Hill; commend accomplishments of. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 58: Dr. Kent Hoblet; commend for many years of dedicated service as Dean of Mississippi State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 164: Representative Lynn Wright; commend life and legacy of service and express sympathy upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 165: Anna Katherine Adams; commend and congratulate upon induction in the 2023 Class of Extraordinary Educators. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 166: Representative Robin Robinson; commend legislative service of. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 167: Ingomar Attendance Center Lady Falcons Volleyball Team; commend for winning 2022 MHSAA Class 1A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 168: Representative Jerry Darnell; commend distinguished legislative career of. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 169: Angie Thomas; recognize and commend accomplishments of. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 170: "Belle Collective"; recognize and commend cast members. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 171: Caledonia High School Volleyball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 4A State Volleyball Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 567: Designate April 13, 2023, as "Reman Day" in Mississippi. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 570: Recognize leadership of Senator Angela Turner-Ford as Chair of the Mississippi Legislative Black Caucus (MLBC). Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

The Speaker announced the appointment of the Conferees on the part of the House as follows:

S. B. No. 2556: Qualifications for appointment as a conservation officer; clarify. Representatives Kinkade,Hale,Mangold

Rep. Read called up the conference reports on the following bills:

H. B. No. 271: Appropriation; additional to Health Department for Mississippi Hospital Sustainability Grant Program, ARPA funds.

H. B. No. 272: Appropriation; Health Department for Local Provider Innovation Grant Program.

H. B. No. 1605: Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.

H. B. No. 1611: Appropriation; Arts Commission.

H. B. No. 1612: Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.

H. B. No. 1613: Appropriation; Education, Department of.

H. B. No. 1615: Appropriation; Library Commission.

H. B. No. 1616: Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.

H. B. No. 1617: Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.

H. B. No. 1618: Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.

H. B. No. 1620: Appropriation; Public Service Commission.

H. B. No. 1622: Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.

H. B. No. 1623: Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.

H. B. No. 1624: Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.

H. B. No. 1625: Appropriation: Child Protection Services, Department of.

H. B. No. 1626: Appropriation; Health, Department of.

H. B. No. 1628: Appropriation; Forestry Commission.

H. B. No. 1636: Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.

H. B. No. 1637: Appropriation; District attorneys and staff.

H. B. No. 1639: Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of.

H. B. No. 1640: Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.

H. B. No. 1641: Appropriation; Attorney General.

H. B. No. 1642: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.

H. B. No. 1715: Appropriation; Health Department for funding the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program.

H. B. No. 1717: Appropriation; DFA - Office of Insurance for reimbursing the State Health Plan for eligible expenses incurred.

H. B. No. 1718: Appropriation; DFA Bureau of Building for completing capital projects at state-owned buildings and grounds.

H. B. No. 1719: Appropriation; DFA to assist destination marketing organizations in paying for marketing activities.

H. B. No. 1722: Appropriation; UMMC for repair and renovation of facility used for adolescent psychiatric program.

S. B. No. 2961: Appropriations; additional for various state agencies for FY2024.

S. B. No. 3000: Appropriation; IHL - General support.

S. B. No. 3001: Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs.

S. B. No. 3002: Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural programs.

S. B. No. 3003: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station.

S. B. No. 3004: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service.

S. B. No. 3005: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center.

S. B. No. 3006: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of.

S. B. No. 3007: Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid.

S. B. No. 3008: Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center.

S. B. No. 3009: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses.

S. B. No. 3010: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges.

S. B. No. 3011: Appropriation; Corrections, Department of.

S. B. No. 3012: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.

S. B. No. 3013: Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of.

S. B. No. 3016: Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency.

S. B. No. 3017: Appropriation; Military Department.

S. B. No. 3021: Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of.

S. B. No. 3025: Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of.

S. B. No. 3026: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road Construction, Office of.

S. B. No. 3043: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of.

S. B. No. 3046: Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi.

S. B. No. 3047: Appropriation; Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to the Mississippi Development Authority.

S. B. No. 3049: Appropriation; Secretary of State.

S. B. No. 3113: Appropriation; additional to Office of Workforce Development for certain programs, ARPA funds.

S. B. No. 3115: Appropriation; additional to DOH for ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program.

S. B. No. 3116: Appropriation; additional to DFA for destination marketing organizations and Main Street Association, ARPA funds.

S. B. No. 3117: Appropriation; additional for DFA - Office of Insurance for State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan, ARPA funds.

S. B. No. 3118: Appropriation; additional to DFA - Bureau of Buildings, ARPA funds.

S. B. No. 3119: Appropriation; additional to DOH for Mississippi Hospital Sustainability Grant Program, ARPA funds.

S. B. No. 3120: Capital Expense Fund; FY2024 appropriation to MDOT for certain infrastructure expenses.

Rep. Read moved that the conference reports on the foregoing bills be recommitted, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1593: Appropriation; Athletic Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1593: Appropriation; Athletic Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.

2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Athletic Commission Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Athletic Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 139,641.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	1
Time-Limited:	0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Athletic Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar

preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 6. With the funds appropriated herein, the Chairman of the Commission shall be the ex officio recorder of permits and licenses and for his service as such shall receive an annual salary equal to Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00).

SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI ATHLETIC COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Vince Mangold

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Angela Turner-Ford, Scott DeLano

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Horne, Huddleston, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1594: Appropriation; Auctioneers Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1594: Appropriation; Auctioneers Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Auctioneers Commission for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 117,462.00.

SECTION 2. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Auctioneers Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 5. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI AUCTIONEERS COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Vince Mangold

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Angela Turner-Ford, Scott DeLano

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M,

Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.
Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Lancaster, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1595: Appropriation; Barber Examiners, Board of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1595: Appropriation; Barber Examiners, Board of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Board of Barber Examiners, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 344,410.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 7

Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no

employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

FY2024

Performance Measures		
	Target	
Examination		
Number of Examinations Given		410
Licensure & Regulation		
Average Time of Processing In State Licenses		0.00
Average Time of Processing Out of State Licenses		0.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Barber Examiners shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

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

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Vince Mangold

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Robert L. Jackson, Benjamin Suber

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Banks, Brown, C, Huddleston, Mangold, Stamps, Walker. Total-6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1596: Appropriation; Cosmetology, Board of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1596: Appropriation; Cosmetology, Board of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Board of Cosmetology, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 1,013,260.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds approved for expenditure under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 13
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. The State Board of Cosmetology shall not be authorized to expend any funds appropriated by this act after October 1, 2019, unless the board has adopted and implemented each of the following policies, which shall be conditions upon the receipt and expenditure of those funds:

(a) A policy that the board will not issue any licenses for the practice of wigology and will issue licenses and certifications only as provided under the cosmetology licensure law; and

(b) A policy that allows any person who holds a wig specialist license issued by the board before July 1, 2014, to continue his or her practice as it existed before July 1, 2014, and allows any person who holds a wig salon license issued by the board before July 1, 2014, to continue operating a wig salon under the statutory requirements as they existed before July 1, 2014, and provides that any such person will be eligible to receive a certificate of registration issued by the board.

SECTION 4. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall

be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

	FY2024
Performance Measures	
Target	
Exam Administration	
Number of Students Tested	1,500
Cost per Licensing Examination	400.00
School Coordination	
Number of School Permits	41
Establishment Inspections	
Percent of Establishments, by Type (Salons & Schools), That are Inspected Each Year	80.00
Number of Average Violations per Inspection by Type	3
Number of Documented Complaints Received	15
Percent of Documented Complaints Resolved within Six Months	100.00
Percent of School Audits Resulting in Disciplinary Actions	3.00
Licensure & Information Support	
Percent of Completed Applications Processed within Ten Business Days, by Type (Practitioners, Instructors)	100.00
Number of Business Days from Date of Completed Applications of New Salon & School to Initial Inspection	14
Collect & Report the Percent of License Renewals Issued within Seven Business Days, Ten Business Days for Schools	100.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 5. It is the intent of this legislation to provide the funds for the board to meet when necessary, but under no circumstances shall it meet more than sixty-two (62) days a year.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Cosmetology shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 9. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds

as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Vince Mangold

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Robert L. Jackson, Jeremy England

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Guice, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--106.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Evans, B, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Crudup, Currie, Goodin, Hale, Huddleston, Walker. Total-7.

Present--Young. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1597: Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, Board of Examiners for.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1597: Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, Board of Examiners for.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 269,688.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 3
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality

and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500.00) is provided for the upgrade and maintenance of the Board's Licensing and Regulatory System (LARS) to a CLOUD based system.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Vince Mangold

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Robert L. Jackson, Kathy L. Chism

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Busby, Horne, Huddleston, Walker. Total-5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1598: Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1598: Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Board of Medical Licensure, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 4,047,338.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	30
Time-Limited:	0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided

herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2024 Target
Licensure	
Percent of Licensees who Renew Online	100.00
Percent of Individual License Renewals Issued within Seven Business Days	100.00
Investigative	
Recidivism Rate for Those Receiving Disciplinary Actions	4.00
Number of Documented Complaints Received	300
Percent of Documented Complaints Resolved within Seven Business Days	15.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Medical Licensure shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

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

SECTION 6. Of the funds provided under the provisions of this act, and as approved by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (the Board), at the direction of the Board the Executive Director may negotiate and enter into a grant agreement to provide funding in an amount not to exceed Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) for the Mississippi Physician Health Program.

SECTION 7. Of the funds provided under the provisions of this act, an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000.00) may be allocated to the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy to defray the expense of the Mississippi Prescription Monitoring Program.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds are appropriated here in accordance with a signed Memorandum of Understanding with the Mississippi Department of Health to assist with the implementation of the Medical Cannabis Act for registering and monitoring compliance with the rules and regulations of the Act.

SECTION 9. It is further the intention of the Legislature that, for Fiscal Year 2024, the board shall be allowed to recover all costs from a holder of a license who has been found by the board in violation of statute after notice and a hearing as provided by law. The expenses must be direct costs associated with the investigation and conduct of a proceeding for licensure revocation, suspension or restriction.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 11. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State

Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Sam C. Mims, V

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Robert L. Jackson, Kevin Blackwell

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Barton, Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1599: Appropriation; Nursing, Board of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1599: Appropriation; Nursing, Board of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Board of Nursing, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 5,062,992.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 41
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. Of the funds provided for herein, One Million Five Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$1,560,000.00) shall be provided for the Office of Nursing Workforce (ONW). In accordance with Section 73-15-18(1), Mississippi Code of 1972, the Mississippi Board of Nursing is designated as the state agency responsible for the administration and supervision of the Nursing Workforce Program as an educational curriculum. The mission of the Office of Nursing Workforce is to carry out the scope of service and leadership tasks required of the profession by promoting a strong educational infrastructure between nursing practice and nursing education.

SECTION 4. Of the funds provided under the provisions of this act, an amount not to exceed One Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$105,000.00) may be allocated to the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy to defray the expenses of the Mississippi Prescription Monitoring Program.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds are appropriated here in accordance with a signed Memorandum of Understanding with the Mississippi Department of Health to assist with the implementation of the Medical Cannabis Act for registering and monitoring compliance with the rules and regulations of the Act.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Board of Nursing shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 9. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF NURSING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Sam C. Mims, V

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Robert L. Jackson, Joseph M. Seymour

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Lancaster, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1600: Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1600: Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Board of Nursing Home Administrators for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 205,454.00.

SECTION 2. With the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	2
Time-Limited:	0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi State Board of Nursing Home Administrators shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi State Board of Nursing Home Administrators deposit all revenue generated into a special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Board of Nursing Home Administrators and that all interest earned or deposited to the fund shall remain in the fund and not be paid into the State General Fund of Mississippi.

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

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Vince Mangold

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Robert L. Jackson, Joseph M. Seymour

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell,

Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.
Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker. Total-3.

Present--Scott. Total--1.
Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1601: Appropriation; Optometry, Board of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1601: Appropriation; Optometry, Board of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Board of Optometry, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 254,784.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 1
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal

Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Optometry shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. The Board of Optometry shall have the authority to escalate and expend funds, which are comprised of special funds of the department, in an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for the costs related to the relocation and furnishing of their office for the period beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.

The escalation of those funds and/or related transfers shall be in accordance with procedures for federal fund escalations as provided in Section 27-104-21, Mississippi Code 1972, and expended for the purposes of performing such duties as set forth by law in accordance with applicable rules and regulations of the State Fiscal Officer.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Vince Mangold

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Robert L. Jackson, Angela Burks Hill

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, R, Brown, C, Huddleston, Owen, Sanders, Walker, Weathersby. Total-7.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1602: Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1602: Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Board of Physical Therapy, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi State Board of Physical Therapy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 327,141.00.

SECTION 2. With the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 3
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed

Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi State Board of Physical Therapy shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

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

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Vince Mangold
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Robert L. Jackson, Michael McLendon

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Blackmon, Brown, C, Calvert, Huddleston, Osborne, Walker. Total-6.

Present--Steverson. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1603: Appropriation; Psychology, Board of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1603: Appropriation; Psychology, Board of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Board of Psychology, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 159,793.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 1
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi State Board of Psychology shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 6. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State

Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000.00) is provided for the administrative support of the Mississippi Autism Board as prescribed by Section 73-75-11, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Vince Mangold

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Robert L. Jackson, Scott DeLano

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Karriem, Sanders, Walker. Total-5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1604: Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1604: Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 556,525.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds approved for expenditure under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 5
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar

preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

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

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Vince Mangold

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Angela Turner-Ford, Scott DeLano

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1606: Appropriation; Fire Academy.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1606: Appropriation; Fire Academy.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Fire Academy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 6,338,768.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Fire Academy which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 235,000.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	60
Time-Limited:	0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided

herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2024 Target
Training	
Number of Students Trained	15,000
Average Cost per Student Trained	440.49

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Fire Academy shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 8. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the State Fire Academy for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds for the purpose of a state match to purchase a specialty rescue truck, as authorized in House Bill No. 1594, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 75,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for the completion of dorm rooms at the State Fire Academy.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided as matching funds to purchase vehicles.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Fire Academy is hereby authorized to pay invoices submitted by Aramark Uniform for reimbursement for prior fiscal year commodities in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Six Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$5,614.00).

SECTION 12. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State

Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM GENERAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE FIRE ACADEMY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jeff Hale

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, J. Walter Michel, Kevin Blackwell

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1607: Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1607: Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Administrative Expense Account of the Public Employees' Retirement System for the purpose of defraying the administrative expenses of the Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement System, or out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Retirement System Building Account of the Public Employees' Retirement System for the purpose of maintenance and general operation of the Retirement System Building, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 19,603,302.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 167
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement System shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 4. In accordance with the purposes of this article, there shall be established in the State Treasury the Public Employees' Retirement System Building Repair and Maintenance Fund, into which shall be deposited all funds collected as rental income from the building owned by the system located at 301 North President Street, Jackson,

Mississippi. At the end of each fiscal year, any and all unexpended funds shall be transferred to the Administrative Budget Fund of the system.

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

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, no more than Three Million Five Hundred Thirty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$3,538,000.00) is provided for the purpose of defraying those expenses associated with maintaining, upgrading and operating the computer system.

SECTION 7. The Public Employees' Retirement System is further authorized, in its discretion, to expend funds for the purchase of service pins for employees of the Public Employees' Retirement System.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, no more than Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) is provided, only for the explicit purpose of building maintenance and repair.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 10. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM BUILDING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jason White

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Brice Wiggins

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1608: Appropriation; Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1608: Appropriation; Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Real Estate Appraisal License Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 497,130.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized for the Mississippi Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 4
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

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

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI REAL ESTATE APPRAISER LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Kevin Horan

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, J. Walter Michel, Brice Wiggins

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr.

Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1609: Appropriation: Real Estate Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1609: Appropriation: Real Estate Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Real Estate License Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Real Estate Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024\$ 1,788,066.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized for the Mississippi Real Estate Commission:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 16
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal

Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Real Estate Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

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

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI REAL ESTATE COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Kevin Horan

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, J. Walter Michel, Brice Wiggins

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-

Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--106.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker. Total-3.

Present--Barnett, Felsher, Ford, J, Haney, Ladner, McLean, Powell, Tubb. Total--

8.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1610: Appropriation; Legislative expenses.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1610: Appropriation; Legislative expenses.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying salaries, mileage, insurance, matching funds and the daily expense allowance of the members of the Legislature for the Regular Session of 2024 and providing contingent funds for the House of Representatives and Senate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, as follows:

For salaries, mileage, insurance, matching funds and daily expense allowance of members of the House of Representatives	\$ 5,257,750.00.
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For Contingent Fund for the House of Representatives	\$ 8,251,159.00.
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Out of the above amount appropriated for the Contingent Fund for the House of Representatives, not more than Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) shall be expended for defraying the expenses of and for the use of the members of the Mississippi Commission on Interstate Cooperation, as created under Section 5-5-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

For salaries, mileage, insurance, matching funds and daily expense allowance of members of the Senate	\$ 2,345,814.00.
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For Contingent Fund for the Senate \$ 6,151,979.00.

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

For the joint legislative operations of the House of Representatives and the Senate \$ 1,236,408.00.

For the expenses of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee \$ 4,765,732.00.

For the expenses of the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review \$ 2,615,599.00.

For the expenses of the Joint Legislative Reapportionment Committee \$ 280,212.00.

For the expenses of the Joint Legislative Code Committee \$ 400,000.00.

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

SECTION 2. The following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying the monthly expense allowance of the members of the Legislature, as provided in Section 5-1-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, as follows:

For the House of Representatives \$ 2,392,922.00.
For the Senate \$ 1,039,050.00.

SECTION 3. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying the state's share of various assessments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 448,878.00.

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

Southern States Energy Board \$ 29,077.00.
Interstate Cooperation \$ 341,556.00.
National Conference of Commissioners
on Uniform State Laws \$ 39,845.00.
The Energy Council \$ 38,400.00.

SECTION 4. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the joint operations of the House of Representatives and the Senate not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 50,000.00.

SECTION 5. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the General Fund not otherwise appropriated for the House of Representatives for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of General Funds as authorized in HB 1597, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 500,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 6. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the General Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Senate for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of General Funds as authorized

in HB 1597, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 500,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 7. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the joint operations of the House of Representatives and the Senate for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of State General Funds, as authorized in HB 1597, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 500,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 8. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Joint Legislative Reapportionment Committee for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of State General Funds, as authorized in HB 1597, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 20,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 9. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of State General Funds, as authorized in HB 1597 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 300,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 10. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in HB 1597, 2022 Regular Session to defray expenses of the Committee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 3,867,500.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 11. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of State General Funds, as authorized in HB 1597, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 100,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 12. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 350,000.00.

SECTION 13. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 1,000,000.00.

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

SECTION 15. None of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act may be used to pay or reimburse any expenses of out-of-state travel for any member or employee of the House of Representatives without prior approval of the House Management Committee or for any member or employee of the Senate without prior approval of the Senate Rules Committee.

SECTION 16. Of the funds provided herein, the Clerk of the Mississippi House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Mississippi Senate may transfer funds between accounts for their respective chambers which are administered by the Mississippi House of Representatives and the Mississippi Senate.

SECTION 17. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 18. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE EXPENSES AND PROVIDING CONTINGENT FUNDS FOR THE LEGISLATURE, THE EXPENSES OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE, THE EXPENSES OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND EXPENDITURE REVIEW, THE EXPENSES OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE, THE EXPENSES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON COMPILATION, REVISION AND PUBLICATION OF LEGISLATION, PAYING THE MONTHLY EXPENSE ALLOWANCE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, PAYING THE STATE'S SHARE OF VARIOUS ASSESSMENTS, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Jason White, Richard Bennett

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Dennis DeBar, Jr.

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans,

M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1619: Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1619: Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Oil and Gas Board which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 7,839,186.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	Full Time	34
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for

increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Oil and Gas Board shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 4. The State Oil and Gas Board shall have the authority to receive, budget and expend funds from any source not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) for the Comprehensive Data Management Program in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

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

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE OIL AND GAS BOARD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, C. Scott Bounds, Vince Mangold
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Angela Turner-Ford, John A. Polk

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1621: Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1621: Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

- 1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
- 2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Public Utilities Staff for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....

..... \$ 2,551,071.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 27

Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The

Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Public Utilities Staff shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

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

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM GENERAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES STAFF FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, C. Scott Bounds, Casey Eure

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Scott DeLano, Dennis DeBar, Jr.

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Smith, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1627: Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1627: Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Board of Registered Foresters Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Board of Registration for Foresters for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 44,129.00.

SECTION 2. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Registration for Foresters shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records

shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 5. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Bill Pigott, Vince Mangold
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Angela Turner-Ford, Tyler McCaughn

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Micksen, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Hood, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Goodin, Huddleston, Walker. Total--4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1629: Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1629: Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission for the purpose of defraying the administrative expenses of the commission and carrying out the provisions of Section 69-27-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 595,511.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the commission, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 24,819,687.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	9
Time-Limited:	6

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance

and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 5. The State Soil and Water Conservation Commission is authorized to retain all funds generated from the sale of equipment. Any funds made available from the sale of equipment shall be deposited into the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Soil and Water Conservation Commission and shall be used solely for the purpose of purchasing equipment.

SECTION 6. The State Soil and Water Conservation Commission is authorized to receive, budget and expend any proceeds derived from the sale of bonds authorized in Section 69-27-331 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972. All expenditures shall be in accordance with conditions provided in Section 69-27-331 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Forty-seven Thousand One Hundred Seventy-seven Dollars (\$47,177.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided for a Siphon System for the maintenance of draining watershed lakes across the State of Mississippi.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 10. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Bill Pigott, Vince Mangold

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Philip Moran, Chuck Younger
On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1630: Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1630: Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is authorized and approved for expenditure out of any funds which are received by or otherwise become available to the Pat Harrison Waterway District, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 8,042,825.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds approved for expenditure under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 58

Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are

added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Pat Harrison Waterway District shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00), is authorized to be expended to defray the cost of park facilities repairs only. These repairs are to include bath houses and cabins and to exclude any Flint Creek Horse Trail repairs.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Four Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$480,000.00), is authorized to be expended to defray the cost of the Little Black Creek Dam repairs.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 7. The funds herein approved for expenditure, except and less an amount approved by the State Fiscal Officer which shall be sufficient to cover disbursements for current operations, shall be deposited at interest with any official depository of the state at a rate of interest numerically not less than one percent (1%) below the bank discount rate on United States Treasury bills of comparable maturity as determined by the State Treasurer.

SECTION 8. The Pat Harrison Waterway District shall provide a report on completed park facilities repairs. This report shall be provided to the Legislature by

December 1, 2023, and shall include photos of stated repairs. The Pat Harrison Waterway District shall provide the Joint Legislative Budget Committee a copy of this report with the subsequent fiscal year's budget submission.

SECTION 9. The Pat Harrison Waterway District shall provide an annual five-year plan containing a prioritized list detailing the purposes, goals and projected costs of projects which it intends to implement or is in the process of implementing. This report shall be provided to the Legislature on or before July 15 of each year as required in Section 51-15-119(2). The Pat Harrison Waterway District shall provide the Joint Legislative Budget Committee a copy of this report with the current year's budget submission.

SECTION 10. The Pat Harrison Waterway District shall provide an annual audit of the district operations. This report shall be provided to the Legislature as required in Section 51-15-119(3). The Pat Harrison Waterway District shall provide the Joint Legislative Budget Committee a copy of this report with the current year's budget submission.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 12. The money herein approved for expenditure shall be disbursed upon bank checks signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE PAT HARRISON WATERWAY DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Timmy Ladner, Greg Haney

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Jenifer B. Branning, Jeff Tate

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, McCarty, Morgan, Owen, Pigott, Tubb, Williamson. Total--10.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Lamar, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Ladner called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1631: Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1631: Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is authorized and approved for expenditure out of any special source funds which are received by or otherwise become available to the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 22,759,440.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	116
Time-Limited:	1

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. The funds herein approved for expenditure, except and less an amount approved by the State Fiscal Officer which shall be sufficient to cover disbursements for current operations, shall be deposited at interest with any official depository of the state at a rate of interest numerically not less than one percent (1%) below the bank discount rate on United States Treasury bills of comparable maturity as determined by the State Treasurer.

SECTION 6. None of the funds appropriated for expenditure under this act may be expended by Pearl River Valley Water Supply District until the district agrees to comply with the following condition: the District shall waive traffic control fees for any vehicle displaying a "REZ" tag.

SECTION 7. None of the funds appropriated for expenditure under this act may be expended by Pearl River Valley Water Supply District until the district agrees to comply with the following conditions: (1) If any local governmental or nonprofit entity wins the bid for the ESPN Bass Masters Classic or the FLW Major Open, these events shall be exempt from the district's lottery system for host events at the reservoir and given priority of any and all date options available. (2) If any local governmental or nonprofit entity wins the bid for such events, the district shall waive the daily launch fees or any other special event fees for the ESPN Bass Masters Classic or the FLW Major Open. (3) The Catch A Dream Foundation Bass Classic shall be held on the first Sunday in May unless any local governmental or nonprofit entity wins the bid for the ESPN Bass Masters Classic or the FLW Major Open on that date. The Catch A Dream Foundation Bass Classic shall be exempt from the district's lottery system for host events at the reservoir and given priority for the first Sunday in May. The district shall waive the daily launch fees or any other special event fees for the Classic.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated herein, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) is provided for salary increase for the purpose of funding overtime, callback or standby pay.

SECTION 9. Funds are provided herein out of the Ross Barnett Reservoir Dredging Fund for dredging and other related activities to remove sediments and debris from the bottom of the Ross Barnett Reservoir.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, Two Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,300,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office.

These funds are provided for the replacement of the Waterwood Well.

SECTION 11. The funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible

officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 12. The money herein approved for expenditure shall be disbursed upon bank checks signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law or in accordance with the provisions of a valid trust indenture.

SECTION 13. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE PEARL RIVER VALLEY WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Timmy Ladner, Richard Bennett

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Jenifer B. Branning, J. Walter Michel

On motion of Rep. Ladner the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Currie, Ford, K, Huddleston, Owen, Walker. Total-6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Ladner called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1633: Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1633: Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is authorized and approved for expenditure out of any funds which are received by or otherwise become available to the Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District, for the purpose of paying bond maturities, accrued interest, maintenance expenses, project development costs, and any other authorized expenses of the water management district, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 8,972,651.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	17
Time-Limited:	0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level

of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. All monies in possession of the district in excess of necessary operating funds shall be deposited with a bank or banks selected by the board of directors of the district. These funds shall be deposited in such bank or banks and in such manner that interest earned shall be at least equal to interest earnings on state funds deposited by the State Treasury.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 7. The money herein approved for expenditure shall be disbursed upon bank checks signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE TOMBIGBEE RIVER VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Timmy Ladner, William Tracy Arnold
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Jenifer B. Branning, Rita Potts Parks

On motion of Rep. Ladner the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Ladner called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1634: Appropriation; Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1634: Appropriation; Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is authorized and approved for expenditure out of any funds which are received by or otherwise become available to the Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Authority for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 13,930,000.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	17
Time-Limited:	0

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

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

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated herein, Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) is provided for salary increase for the purpose of funding overtime, callback or standby pay.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 7. The money herein approved for expenditure shall be disbursed upon bank checks signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE YELLOW CREEK STATE INLAND PORT AUTHORITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Timmy Ladner, William Tracy Arnold
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Jenifer B. Branning, Kelvin Butler

On motion of Rep. Ladner the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1635: Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1635: Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Veterans' Home Purchase Board's revolving fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the

Veterans' Home Purchase Board and making new home loans as authorized by law for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 74,697,126.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 19
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Veterans' Home Purchase Board shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. The funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible

officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 6. The Veterans' Home Purchase Board is hereby authorized to escalate, budget and expend funds from any source, not to exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00), for the purpose of making new home loans as authorized by law, in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE VETERANS' HOME PURCHASE BOARD AND MAKING NEW HOME LOANS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Manly Barton, Karl Oliver

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Scott DeLano, Joseph M. Seymour

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Summers, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1638: Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1638: Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Office of Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

...\$ 2,015,303.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Office of Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Office of Capital Post-Conviction Counsel of the State of Mississippi for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 215,258.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 9
Time-Limited: 0

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

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

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Office of Capital Post-Conviction Counsel shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

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

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE OF CAPITAL POST-CONVICTION COUNSEL OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Angela Cockerham, Jerry R. Turner

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Sollie B. Norwood, Tyler McCaughn

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hopkins, Huddleston, Walker. Total-4.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1643: Appropriation, Reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building - FY2024.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1643: Appropriation, Reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building - FY2024.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of Fund No. 3393100000 to the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of funds previously appropriated for construction and/or repair and renovation projects at various state agencies and institutions, as authorized in HB No. 1603, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024
\$ 90,392,052.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of special funds for construction and/or repair and renovation projects at various state agencies and institutions that had been authorized by the Legislature in prior fiscal years.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of Fund 3390200000 to the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, as authorized in HB 1603, 2022 Regular Session; HB 1391, 2021 Regular Session; HB 1705, 2020 Regular Session; HB 1666, 2019 Regular Session; HB 1616, 2018 Regular Session; SB 3015, 2017 Regular Session; SB 2911, 2016 Regular Session; SB 2902, 2014 Regular Session; and SB 2896, 2013 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 408,730.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Special Funds previously appropriated by the Legislature in prior fiscal years for construction and/or repair and renovation projects at various state agencies and institutions.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 3. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of Fund 3390300000 to the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, as authorized in HB 1603, 2022 Regular Session; HB 1391, 2021 Regular Session; HB 1705, 2020 Regular Session; HB 1666, 2019 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 60,000,000.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Special Funds previously appropriated by the Legislature in prior fiscal years for construction and/or repair and renovation projects at the Institutions of Higher Learning and Community and Junior Colleges and various state agencies and institutions.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 4. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of Fund No. 6493C00000 to the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, as authorized in HB 1603, 2022 Regular Session; HB 1391, 2021 Regular Session; HB 1705, 2020 Regular Session; HB 1666, 2019 Regular Session; HB 1616, 2018 Regular Session; and SB 3015, 2017 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 244,551.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds previously appropriated by the Legislature in prior fiscal years for upgrades and renovation of the water treatment facility at the Alcorn State University and related purposes.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2023, or change the purpose of which the funds were originally authorized. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 5. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of Fund 6493200000 to the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, as authorized in HB 1603, 2022 Regular Session; HB 1391, 2021 Regular Session; HB 1705, 2020 Regular Session; and HB 1667, 2019 Regular Session for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 87,069.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds previously appropriated by the Legislature in the prior fiscal year for improvements for the Law Enforcement Officer's Training Academy.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 6. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of Fund No. 6493300000 to the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, as authorized in HB 1603, 2022 Regular Session; HB 1391, 2021 Regular Session; HB 1705, 2020 Regular Session; and SB 3049, 2019 Regular Session for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 667,169.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense funds for construction and/or repair, renovation, and improvements of state-owned properties, universities and community colleges that had been authorized by the Legislature in a prior fiscal year.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 7. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of Fund 6493500000 to the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, as authorized in HB 1603; 2022 Regular Session and SB 2948, 2021 Regular Session for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 8,031,055.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds previously appropriated by the Legislature in the prior fiscal year for repair, renovation, and improvements of state-owned properties, universities and community colleges.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 8. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of Fund No. 6493600000 to the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, as authorized in HB 1603, 2022 Regular Session and SB 2948, 2021 Regular Session for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 37,144,402.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds previously appropriated by the Legislature in the prior fiscal year for repair, renovation, and improvements of state-owned properties, universities and community colleges.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 9. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of Fund No. 6493700000 to the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, as authorized in HB 1603, 2022 Regular Session and HB 1550, 2022 Regular Session for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 39,400,000.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds previously appropriated by the Legislature in the prior fiscal year for construction, repair, renovation, and improvements of state-owned properties, universities and community colleges.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 10. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of Fund No. 6494300000 to the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, as authorized in SB 3045, 2022 Regular Session for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 10,850,000.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds previously appropriated by the Legislature in the prior fiscal year for repair, renovation, and improvements of state-owned properties, universities and community colleges.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 11. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of Fund No. 6611300000 to the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, as authorized in HB 1353, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 35,000,000.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Special Funds previously appropriated by the Legislature in the prior fiscal year for repair, renovation, and improvements of state-owned properties, universities and community colleges.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 12. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of Fund No. 6611310000 to the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, as authorized in HB 1353, 2022 Regular Session for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 9,890,350.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Special Funds previously appropriated by the Legislature in the prior fiscal year for

repair, renovation, and improvements of state-owned properties, universities and community colleges.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 13. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of Fund No. 6611320000 to the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, as authorized in HB 1353, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024
\$ 35,250,000.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Special Funds previously appropriated by the Legislature in the prior fiscal year for repair, renovation, and improvements of state-owned properties, universities and community colleges.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 14. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of Fund No. 6611330000 to the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, as authorized in HB 1353, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024
\$ 70,890,000.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Special Funds previously appropriated by the Legislature in the prior fiscal year for repair, renovation, and improvements of state-owned properties, universities and community colleges.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 15. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of Fund No. 6611340000 to the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, as authorized in HB 1353, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024
\$ 2,994,191.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Special Funds previously appropriated by the Legislature in the prior fiscal year for repair, renovation, and improvements of state-owned properties, universities and community colleges.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023 from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 16. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of Fund No. 3391200000 to the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, as authorized in Senate Bill 3045, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024
\$9,000,000.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Special Funds escalated by the Department of Finance and Administration, Bureau of Building in the prior fiscal year for construction and/or repair, renovation, and improvement of state-owned properties, universities, and community colleges per authorization in Senate Bill 3045, 2022 Regular Session. Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 17. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of Fund No. 3391100000 to the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, as authorized in Senate Bill 3045, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$8,700,000.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Special Funds escalated by the Department of Finance and Administration, Bureau of Building in the prior fiscal year for construction and/or repair, renovation, and improvement of state-owned properties, universities, and community colleges per authorization in Senate Bill 3045, 2022 Regular Session. Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 18. The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management of the Office of General Services is expressly authorized and empowered to receive, budget and expend any state, local or other source funds designated for supplemental funding of construction and/or repair and renovation projects.

SECTION 19. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 20. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING A REAPPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO REAUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF CAPITAL EXPENSES AND SPECIAL FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED FOR CONSTRUCTION AND/OR REPAIR AND RENOVATION PROJECTS AT VARIOUS STATE AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Manly Barton, Jeff Hale

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Bart Williams

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin,

Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker. Total-3.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3014: Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock shows.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3014: Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock shows.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce's special fund account to the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce for the purposes of defraying the costs of prizes, premiums, judges and other actual and necessary costs of putting on the Dixie National Livestock Show at the State Fairgrounds in Jackson, Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 1,200,000.00.

SECTION 2. The following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund, not otherwise appropriated, to the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce as follows:

(a) For the support of annual roundup shows for junior exhibitors of junior steers, junior breeding cattle, beef cattle, dairy cattle, hogs, sheep and goats, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 54,066.00.

(b) To supplement the funds paid by the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce for livestock premiums at the State Fair, all livestock premiums to be paid on the American system of judging (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc.) on all classes entered in the senior division for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 18,565.00.

(c) For the county livestock shows in offering and paying prizes or awards to competitors in the approved county livestock shows of Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 12,644.00.

Provided, however, that of the amount herein appropriated in paragraph (c), not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) shall be expended or used in any one (1) county of the state during each fiscal year. Provided, further, that none of the monies herein appropriated in paragraph (c) shall be used in offering or paying prizes or awards

for any livestock show that is not held where there are adequate barns, pens and other facilities available for such a show.

Provided, further, in paragraph (c) that the management of such shows shall be in the hands of a county livestock association, and such association shall guarantee a minimum amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to be used in the paying of prizes, premiums or awards, and after said county show has been held and premiums paid, fifty percent (50%) of the amount, not exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), shall be paid upon requisition to the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce.

Provided, further, in paragraph (c) that in any county which has two (2) shows with proper facilities, and a contiguous county has no such fair and desires to participate in a fair to be held in an adjoining county, each of the two (2) fairs in one (1) county may receive an equal proportion of the funds hereby appropriated, provided, both shows shall not receive an aggregate sum of more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

(d) For the purpose of offering awards and prizes to competitors in the five (5) district livestock shows, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 54,585.00.

(e) For the purpose of offering awards and prizes to competitors in the five (5) state dairy shows as provided in Section 69-5-101 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 7,066.00.

Provided, further, that no part of the money herein appropriated under the provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) shall be used for any other purpose than to pay premium awards at said shows and state shows and expositions receiving legislative appropriation shall not conflict in dates in order that livestock exhibitors may make the circuit of shows. Provided, further, that none of the above-mentioned funds shall be paid to any district shows unless shows are held prior to roundup.

Not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the funds herein appropriated under the provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) shall be used in awarding prizes or premiums to 4-H Club members and Smith-Hughes School members and other boys and girls having entries in said shows.

All funds herein appropriated under the provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) for the five (5) district livestock shows and the five (5) fall state dairy shows shall be distributed in such manner that the livestock exhibitors will each draw equal premium awards for comparable grades and placings at each of the said five (5) district spring shows and the five (5) fall state shows. The management of each district spring show and each state fall show shall submit to the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce, within fifteen (15) days after the close of each said show, a full report on the number of exhibitors at each said show, with the grades and placings of the different classes of livestock exhibited.

The State Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce, together with a committee of three (3) to be named by the President of the Mississippi Livestock Council from that organization, shall summarize and prepare a unified list of awards for like classes in all spring district livestock shows and fall state dairy shows receiving state premium money, as authorized in paragraphs (d) and (e). The State Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce shall approve and present a requisition to the State Fiscal Officer for the payment of the amount of funds in paragraphs (d) and (e) due each show and said State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrant thereon, and it shall be paid by the State Treasurer.

Provided, however, as a condition of expenditure of the funds appropriated in paragraphs (d) and (e), that the board of directors of any district livestock show may, in its discretion, choose to hold its show in the fall instead of the spring. If district shows are held in both spring and fall, then all funds herein appropriated for the five (5) district livestock shows shall be distributed in such a manner that the spring livestock exhibitors will each draw equal premium awards for comparable grades and placings at each district spring show, and the fall livestock exhibitors will each draw equal premium awards for comparable grades and placings at each district fall show.

(f) For promotion and expenses of the winners of the Mississippi High School Rodeo for attending the national finals, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 11,884.00.

(g) For promotion and expenses of the winners of the Mississippi Junior High School Rodeo for attending the national finals, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 10,000.00

(h) For the support of the Southern Cutting Futurity Championship, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 42,730.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds in Section 2 of this act, any funds that are remaining at the end of the fiscal year may be transferred between the different show awards and prize monies, with the exception that no county show in paragraph (c) shall receive more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE DIXIE NATIONAL LIVESTOCK SHOW; A ROUNDUP FOR JUNIOR EXHIBITORS OF LIVESTOCK AND GOATS; SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FOR LIVESTOCK PREMIUMS; COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOWS IN OFFERING AND PAYING PRIZES OR AWARDS TO COMPETITORS IN APPROVED COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOWS; THE FIVE DISTRICT LIVESTOCK SHOWS; THE FIVE STATE DAIRY SHOWS; THE MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL RODEO; AND TO PROVIDE HOW SAID MONEY SHALL BE PAID OUT OF THE STATE TREASURY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Scott DeLano, Tyler McCaughn
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Bill Pigott, Vince Mangold

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eubanks, Huddleston, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3015: Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3015: Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Board of Animal Health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 1,641,833.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Board of Animal Health, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 1,253,690.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	23
Time-Limited:	5

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions

shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. The Mississippi Board of Animal Health is authorized to accept and expend any grant, donation, or contribution from any individual, public or private organization, or government entity for purposes of defraying the operational costs of the department. Such grants, donations, contributions, and any carryover funds shall be received and expended under the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00).

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 7. Of the funds in Section 2, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) is provided from the Animal Health Disaster Response Fund as created in H.B. 603, 2023 Regular Session. These funds are provided for expenses incurred by the Board of Animal Health in responding to animal disease outbreaks as outlined in H.B. 603, 2023 Regular Session.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, One Hundred Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$112,500.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided to the Board of Animal Health for the purpose of purchasing new vehicles.

SECTION 9. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Scott DeLano, Kelvin Butler

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Bill Pigott, Vince Mangold

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Rushing, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3018: Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3018: Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses and paying salaries of the State Veterans Affairs Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 5,540,473.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Veterans Affairs Board which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the board, for the support and maintenance of said board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 11,375,142.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act and authorized for expenditure under the provisions of Section 2 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 40
Time-Limited: 25

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the operating expenses and paying salaries of the Mississippi State Veterans Homes as established in Section 35-1-19 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 6,000,000.00.

SECTION 5. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Veterans Affairs Board, which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the board, for the purpose of defraying the expenses and paying salaries of the Mississippi State Veterans Homes as established in Section 35-1-19 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 63,720,649.00.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 4 and authorized for expenditure under the provision of Section 5 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 195
Time Limited: 25

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

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Executive Director of the State Veterans Affairs Board has the authority to transfer spending authority between and within the budgets of the State Veterans Affairs Board and the Mississippi State Veterans Homes, in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the authorized budgets in the aggregate. The purpose of this authority is to use available cash reserves more efficiently. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the State Veterans Affairs Board shall submit written justification for the transfer to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration on or before the fifteenth of the month prior to the effective date of the transfer.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this act, funds in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) are provided to defray the cost of providing care to indigent/low-income Mississippi veterans and the nonveteran surviving spouses of Mississippi veterans if the surviving spouse was a resident of a state veterans home at the time of the veteran's death and who, subsequent to the veteran's death, meets the indigent/low-income criteria established by the State Veterans Affairs Board in the state veterans homes. It is the intention of the Legislature that the provision pertaining to use of indigent/low-income surviving spouses be retroactive for any such period, prior to the effective date of this act, that a current surviving spouse may have met the criteria. This section and its provisions shall be known and cited as the "Hilton R. 'Jack' Vance Act of 1997."

SECTION 9. The State Veterans Affairs Board shall have continued authority for all actions related to the planning, development, construction, and outfitting of the Mississippi Veterans Memorial Cemeteries, pursuant to Section 35-1-41.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Veterans Affairs Board shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under the provisions of this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of details as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Veterans Affairs Board and the Mississippi State Veterans Homes are hereby authorized to escalate, budget and expend funds from fund number 3373200000, in an amount not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), for the purpose of operating the state veterans homes as authorized by law, in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Six Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,200,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided to the Mississippi State Veterans Affairs Board as a state match to relocate the Veterans Home in Jackson to state-owned property.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided to the Mississippi State Veterans Affairs Board for the purchase and repair of critical infrastructure at the State Veterans Homes.

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated in Section 5, Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for start-up and stand-up operating costs at the Tradition State Veterans Home.

SECTION 16. With the funds appropriated herein, the Mississippi State Veterans Affairs Board is authorized to make payment for expenses incurred during Fiscal Year 2021 as follows:

Vendor	Fiscal Year	Amount
McKesson Medical-Surgical	2021	\$ 11,404.00
Halosil International	2021	\$ 1,495.12
Precision Healthcare Staffing	2021	\$ 136,024.81

SECTION 17. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 18. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE VETERANS AFFAIRS BOARD AND THE MISSISSIPPI STATE VETERANS HOMES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Scott DeLano, Joseph M. Seymour

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Manly Barton, Karl Oliver

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3019: Appropriation; Ethics Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3019: Appropriation; Ethics Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Ethics Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 715,151.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Ethics Commission, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Ethics Commission of the State of Mississippi for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 14,536.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	6
Time-Limited:	0

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

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

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Ethics Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

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

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature, that of the funds provided in Section 1 of this act, the Ethics Commission is hereby authorized to purchase and pay

premiums for casualty insurance on passenger vehicles owned and operated by the agency.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 8. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated to the Ethics Commission for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in SB 3021, 2022 Regular Session to provide for upgrade and expansion of the Online Statement of Economic Interest System at the Ethics Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 10,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2 of this act, Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars (\$14,536.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided for IT equipment and related costs at the Ethics Commission.

SECTION 10. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI ETHICS COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Sollie B. Norwood, Jenifer B. Branning

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Angela Cockerham, Charles Young, Jr.

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3020: Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3020: Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Commission on Judicial Performance of the State of Mississippi for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024
\$ 704,263.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Commission on Judicial Performance, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Commission on Judicial Performance of the State of Mississippi for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024
\$ 40,029.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 5
Time-Limited: 0

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

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

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Judicial Performance Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and

whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Sollie B. Norwood, Jenifer B. Branning

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Angela Cockerham, Casey Eure

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3024: Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3024: Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred by the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 5,994,664.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Second Injury Fund (Fund Number 3352300000) for the purpose of making payments under the provisions of Section 71-3-73, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 50,000.00.

SECTION 3. With the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	55
Time-Limited:	0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that with the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission shall enter into a contract with the industrial private sector for the purpose of implementing a safety education and training program.

SECTION 5. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2024 Target
Adjudication	
Number of Cases Resolved at the Administrative or Commission Level within 3 Months	900
Number of Cases Resolved at the Administrative or Commission Level within 6 Months	950
Number of Cases Resolved at the Administrative or Commission Level within 9 Months	900
Number of Cases Resolved at the Administrative or Commission Level within 1 Year	900
Self-insurance	
Percent of Individual Self-Insurers Reviewed in the Past Fiscal Year	34.00
Percent of Individual Self-Insurer Reviews Conducted in the Past Fiscal Year Showing That Reserves are Insufficient to Cover Claims	5.00
Percent of Self-Insurance Groups Reviewed	100.00
Percent of Self-Insurance Group Reviews Conducted Showing That Reserves are Insufficient to Cover Claims	0.00
Medical Cost Containment	
Fee Schedule Adjustments (Cost in Millions)	35.00
Medical Cost Savings to Payers (as a % of Total Billings)	46.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the salary of the Workers' Compensation Commission members shall be equal and the salary of the commission chairman shall exceed these salaries as approved by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 9. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Fund, as appropriated in SB 3026, 2022 Regular Session, for infrastructure improvements to the Commission's building, including but not limited to ADA compliance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 75,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 10. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, J. Walter Michel, Angela Turner-Ford

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jeff Hale

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Williamson. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Horan called up the conference report on the following bill:

H. B. No. 799: Inmate Welfare Fund; authorize to expend funds for treatment of mental illness for certain inmates.

Rep. Horan moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Steverson called up the conference reports on the following bills:

H. B. No. 261: Income tax; extend credit for qualified contributions to an endowed fund at qualified community foundations.

H. B. No. 1671: Tax credits; revise certain existing and authorize additional.

H. B. No. 1734: Use tax; revise distribution of revenue, provide income tax credit for employer making payments for employee dependent care.

S. B. No. 2335: Income tax credit; allow for employer making direct payments to entity for dependent care on behalf of employee.

S. B. No. 2692: Bonds; repeal authorization for unissued bonds and replace with cash funds.

S. B. No. 2696: Income tax credit for qualified adoption expenses; increase amount for Mississippi children and remove CPS requirement.

Rep. Steverson moved that the foregoing conference reports be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3028: Appropriation; Chiropractic Examiners, Board of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3028: Appropriation; Chiropractic Examiners, Board of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, for the support of said board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 106,461.00.

SECTION 2. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Chiropractic Examiners Board shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 5. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Albert Butler, Benjamin Suber
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jeff Hale

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Ladner called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3027: Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3027: Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority for the purposes enumerated in Section 51-27-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 164,016.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024
\$ 355,879.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 3
Time-Limited: 0

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

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

SECTION 4. It shall be unlawful for any officer, employee or other person whatsoever to use or permit or authorize the use of any automobile or any other motor vehicle owned by the State of Mississippi or any department, agency or institution thereof for any purpose other than upon the official business of the State of Mississippi or any agency, department or institution thereof.

It is the intent of the Legislature that motor vehicles authorized to be owned and operated by this agency shall comply with Sections 25-1-77 through 25-1-93, Mississippi Code of 1972.

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

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code

of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 8. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE TENNESSEE-TOMBIGBEE WATERWAY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSES ENUMERATED IN SECTION 51-27-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Daniel H. Sparks, Rita Potts Parks

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Timmy Ladner, William Tracy Arnold

On motion of Rep. Ladner the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3024: Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3024: Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred by the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 5,994,664.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Second Injury Fund (Fund Number 3352300000) for the purpose of making payments under the provisions of Section 71-3-73, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 50,000.00.

SECTION 3. With the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 55
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that with the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission

shall enter into a contract with the industrial private sector for the purpose of implementing a safety education and training program.

SECTION 5. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2024 Target
Adjudication	
Number of Cases Resolved at the Administrative or Commission Level within 3 Months	900
Number of Cases Resolved at the Administrative or Commission Level within 6 Months	950
Number of Cases Resolved at the Administrative or Commission Level within 9 Months	900
Number of Cases Resolved at the Administrative or Commission Level within 1 Year	900
Self-insurance	
Percent of Individual Self-Insurers Reviewed in the Past Fiscal Year	34.00
Percent of Individual Self-Insurer Reviews Conducted in the Past Fiscal Year Showing That Reserves are Insufficient to Cover Claims	5.00
Percent of Self-Insurance Groups Reviewed	100.00
Percent of Self-Insurance Group Reviews Conducted Showing That Reserves are Insufficient to Cover Claims	0.00
Medical Cost Containment	
Fee Schedule Adjustments (Cost in Millions)	35.00
Medical Cost Savings to Payers (as a % of Total Billings)	46.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the salary of the Workers' Compensation Commission members shall be equal and the salary of the commission chairman shall exceed these salaries as approved by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 9. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Fund, as appropriated in SB 3026, 2022 Regular Session, for infrastructure improvements to the Commission's building, including but not

limited to ADA compliance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 75,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 10. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, J. Walter Michel, Angela Turner-Ford

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jeff Hale

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Williamson. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3029: Appropriation; Dental Examiners, Board of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3029: Appropriation; Dental Examiners, Board of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners, for the support of said board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 1,157,582.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	8
Time-Limited:	0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. Of the funds provided under the provisions of this act, an amount not to exceed Twenty-seven Thousand Dollars (\$27,000.00) shall be allocated to the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy to defray the expenses of the Mississippi Prescription Monitoring Program.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

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

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

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF SPECIAL FUNDS TO THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Albert Butler, Benjamin Suber
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jeff Hale

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Williamson. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Evans, B, Huddleston, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Barton called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3030: Appropriation; Funeral Services Board.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3030: Appropriation; Funeral Services Board.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Board of Funeral Services for the purpose of defraying the expenses of said board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 307,166.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	2
Time-Limited:	0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Funeral Services Board shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the

same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

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

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Albert Butler, Benjamin Suber
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Manly Barton, Jeff Hale

On motion of Rep. Barton the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Banks, Brown, C, Huddleston, Oliver, Walker. Total-5.

Present--Reynolds. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3031: Appropriation; Massage Therapy, Board of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3031: Appropriation; Massage Therapy, Board of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Board of Massage Therapy Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi State Board of Massage Therapy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 192,736.00.

SECTION 2. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board of Massage Therapy shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 4. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Albert Butler, Benjamin Suber
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jeff Hale

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford,

Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Sanders, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3032: Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3032: Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Board of Pharmacy, for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred by said board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 4,223,072.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent: 20

Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure

that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2024 Target
Licensure	
Percent of Licenses Issued within Ten Business Days	100.00
Percent of Renewals Issued within Two Business Days	100.00
Compliance	
Number of Written Complaints Received	80
Percent of Written Complaints Resolved within Six Months	100.00
Number of Investigations Conducted Due to the Diversion of Prescription Drugs, Impaired	16
Number of Investigations Conducted Due to the Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians	28
Recidivism Rate for Those Receiving Disciplinary Actions	20.00
Prescription Monitoring Prg	
Percent of In-State Physicians Registered to PMP	100.00
Percent of Licensed APRNs Registered to PMP	100.00
Percent of Pharmacists Registered to PMP	100.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and

whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board of Pharmacy shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, the Board of Pharmacy shall have the authority to expend Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) for the costs related to the relocation and furnishing of their office.

SECTION 8. In accordance with the Pharmacy Benefit Prompt Pay Act, Sections 73-21-151 through 73-21-163, Mississippi Code of 1972, the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy may escalate the appropriate funds not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) of its budget during the fiscal year for the purposes of conducting compliance examinations and regulatory oversight as authorized by the Act.

SECTION 9. In accordance with Section 73-21-127(h), Mississippi Code of 1972, the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy may accept and expend funds from any other state agency to defray the expenses of the Prescription Monitoring Program.

SECTION 10. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF SPECIAL FUNDS TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Albert Butler, Brice Wiggins

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jeff Hale

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Williamson. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Goodin, Huddleston, Walker. Total-4.

Present--Brown, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3033: Appropriation; Counselors, Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3033: Appropriation; Counselors, Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 276,716.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 2

Time-Limited: 0

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and

whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

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

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Albert Butler, Hillman Terome Frazier

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jeff Hale

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Banks, Brown, C, Hines, Huddleston, Walker. Total-5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3034: Appropriation; Veterinary Examiners, Board of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3034: Appropriation; Veterinary Examiners, Board of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. That the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Board of Veterinary Examiners for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred by said board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 200,296.00.

SECTION 2. Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law.

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

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Veterinary Examiners Board shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF SPECIAL FUNDS TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Albert Butler, Angela Turner-Ford

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Bill Pigott

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R,

Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.
Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Ford, J, Huddleston, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3035: Appropriation; Architecture, Board of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3035: Appropriation; Architecture, Board of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Board of Architecture and Landscape Architecture Advisory Committee, for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred by said board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 358,242.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 2

Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist

of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board of Architecture shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

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

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF SPECIAL FUNDS TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Angela Turner-Ford, Scott DeLano

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jerry R. Turner

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Eure called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3036: Appropriation; Gaming Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3036: Appropriation; Gaming Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Gaming Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending
June 30, 2024 \$ 9,022,834.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Gaming Commission, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission for

the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$
1,637,292.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 120
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, a portion shall be derived from the amount of forfeited property that is seized by the Gaming Commission, which shall be deposited into a special fund created by the Department of Finance and Administration and may be expended by the commission for the specific purpose of increasing law enforcement resources as outlined in Section 41-29-185, Mississippi Code 1972.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, a portion shall be derived from the amount that is received by the Gaming Commission under the Gaming Control Act, which shall be deposited into a special fund created by the Department of Finance and Administration and may be expended by the commission for the purpose of investigating, permitting, interagency fees, and providing fingerprint analysis by the Department of Public Safety.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Gaming Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 8. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2024 Target
Riverboat Gaming	
Annual State Riverboat Gaming Revenues (\$ in Billions)	2.00
Number of Casinos Regulated	26.00
Average Cost per Employee to Total State Riverboat Gaming Revenues	18,476,000.00
Charitable Bingo	
Number of Bingo Applications Received	30.00
Number of Bingo Halls Regulated	50.00
Average Cost per Employee to Total State Charitable Bingo Revenues	4,676,905.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) is authorized to be transferred to the nonprofit organization, Mississippi Council on Compulsive Gambling, which provides crisis intervention and support services.

SECTION 11. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI GAMING COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Angela Turner-Ford, John A. Polk

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Casey Eure, Richard Bennett

On motion of Rep. Eure the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford,

Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker. Total-3.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3037: Appropriation; Geologists, Board of Registered Professional.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3037: Appropriation; Geologists, Board of Registered Professional.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Board of Registered Professional Geologists for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the board, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 140,568.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	1
Time-Limited:	0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized

for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 5. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Angela Turner-Ford, Scott DeLano

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jerry R. Turner

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford,

Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3038: Appropriation; Motor Vehicle Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3038: Appropriation; Motor Vehicle Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission, as provided by Section 63-17-51 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of said commission, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 369,868.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	3
Time-Limited:	0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure

that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 5. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Angela Turner-Ford, Brice Wiggins

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jerry R. Turner

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans,

M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.
Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Newman, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3039: Appropriation; Accountancy, Board of Public.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3039: Appropriation; Accountancy, Board of Public.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy, for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred by said board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 730,208.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	5
Time-Limited:	0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for

promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Forty-two Thousand Dollars (\$42,000.00) shall only be expended for investigation, testimony, and administrative hearings related to matters under the jurisdiction of the board.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

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

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF SPECIAL FUNDS TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Angela Turner-Ford, Scott DeLano

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jerry R. Turner

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R,

Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3040: Appropriation; Contractors, Board of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3040: Appropriation; Contractors, Board of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Board of Public Contractors, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of said board, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$
4,218,897.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNTS:

Permanent: 17

Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized

for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Contractors may expend funds not to exceed Two Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,300,000.00) for the purpose of defraying the cost of (1) enforcement as set forth in Section 31-3-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, (2) enlisting of any private collection firm(s) to locate and collect any uncollected fines, and (3) administrative costs associated with collections. Any funds spent for this purpose shall be subject to a performance audit if requested by the Appropriations Chairmen in either the House or Senate.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

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

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC CONTRACTORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Angela Turner-Ford, John A. Polk

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jerry R. Turner

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3041: Appropriation; Audit, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3041: Appropriation; Audit, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying salaries and defraying the expenses of the State Department of Audit in making the audits and investigations of public offices of the state and counties as provided by Section 7-7-201 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 8,889,918.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any special funds in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Department of Audit's special fund account for the purpose of paying salaries and

defraying the expenses of the State Department of Audit in making the audits and investigations of public offices of the state and counties as provided by Section 7-7-201 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 4,871,879.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 164
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2024 Target
Finance & Compliance	
County Government Audits- Percent Audited by CPA Firms	65.00
County Government Audits- Percent Audited by OSA	35.00
Single Audit Federal Program Coverage - Percent Audited by CPA Firms	25.00
Single Audit Federal Program Coverage - Percent Audited by OSA	75.00
ACFR Opinion Units - Percent General	

Fund Assets	75.00
ACFR Opinion Units - Percent General	
Fund Reserves	75.00
Technical Assistance	
Number of Technical Assistance Inquiries	6,400
Cost per Technical Assistance Inquiry	15.00
Percent Customer Satisfaction Rating of 70% or Higher	75.00
Investigations	
Recovered Embezzled and/or Misspent Funds as a Result of Investigations Conducted by this Office	600,000.00
Recovered Funds as a Percent of Total Misspent Funds	18.00
Performance Audits	
Number of Performance Audit Reports Completed	10.00
Number of Positive Changes Recommended in Performance Audits or Bond Monitoring Reports	25.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

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

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) is provided for the purpose of paying fees for a CPA Review Course for the Office of the State Auditor's employees to be reimbursed over a 12-month period by the employee taking the course.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Auditor is hereby authorized to escalate, budget and expend funds from any source made available to comply with the Single Audit Act of 1984 for the purpose of employing staff, paying related expenses, or to engage private accountants, as necessary, to comply with the provisions of the act, in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

SECTION 8. No more than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) may be provided to defray expenses incurred by the Office of the State Auditor pursuant to the rules and regulations of the United States Department of Justice Federal Equitable Sharing Program. These funds may only be used for nonbudgeted law enforcement purposes by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Department of Audit shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) is provided for the purpose of the Accountancy Fellowship Program as provided by Section 7-7-204, et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 11. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State

Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Kevin Blackwell
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, C. Scott Bounds, Vince Mangold

On motion of Rep. Bounds the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.
Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hobgood-Wilkes, Huddleston, Oliver, Walker. Total-5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3042: Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3042: Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Department of Banking and Consumer Finance, for the support of the State Department of Banking and Consumer Finance, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 11,790,886.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 81
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Banking and Consumer Finance shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

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

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND CONSUMER FINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Chris Caughman
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jerry R. Turner

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3044: Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3044: Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for expenses of the Executive Department, being the Governor's Office and staff, and for expenses incidental to the proper operation of the Governor's Mansion and residence of the Governor for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 3,111,321.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in Special Funds in the State Treasury to the credit of the Governor's Office for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred by the Executive Department, being the Governor's Office and staff, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 646,265.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 39
Time-Limited: 7

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

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

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Executive Department shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

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

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR EXPENSES OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BEING THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND STAFF, AND FOR EXPENSES INCIDENTAL TO THE PROPER OPERATION OF THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION AND RESIDENCE OF THE GOVERNOR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Kevin Blackwell

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Jason White, Richard Bennett

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3045: Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3045: Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 26,440,476.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying expenses of the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services as established in Section 27-104-203,

Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 25,252,878.00.

The funds in this section are provided to defray the costs incurred by the Department of Information Technology Services for providing telecommunication services, data center services, and/or other information technology services to state agencies.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 127
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that the Executive Director of Information Technology Services (ITS) shall have authority to transfer an amount not to exceed Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) to the ITS Revolving Fund (3360900000). The purpose of this authority is to provide operating cash to alleviate cash flow problems in the ITS Revolving Fund. Any funds transferred during the fiscal year shall be transferred back to the State General Fund before the end of the lapse period for the fiscal year.

SECTION 5. In addition to all other funds appropriated herein, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund, not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Wireless Communication Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 11,352,814.00.

The Wireless Communication Commission shall follow all state procurement and bid laws for all contracts and consultants.

SECTION 6. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Wireless Communication Commission which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying expenses of the Wireless Communication Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....
\$ 11,000,000.00.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 10
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

The commission is hereby authorized to escalate federal funds and other special funds in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act for the Wireless Communication Commission (WCC) shall be expended for the purpose of making a payment of any kind or for any purpose, directly or indirectly, to a member of the State of Mississippi Legislature, state official, WCC member, or person who has been a member of the WCC within the last year.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Information Technology Services shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under the provisions of this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of details as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a

format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 6, Eleven Million Dollars (\$11,000,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for the completion of the statewide refurbishment of the Mississippi Wireless Information Network (MSWIN) system.

SECTION 13. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Wireless Communication Commission for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Fund, as appropriated in SB 3047, 2022 Regular Session, for the statewide refurbishment of the Mississippi Wireless Information Network (MSWIN) system for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending

June 30, 2024 \$ 3,904,644.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 14. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 15. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Bart Williams

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, C. Scott Bounds, Casey Eure

On motion of Rep. Bounds the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks,

Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.
Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.
Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Boyd, A, Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker.
Total-5.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3048: Appropriation; Personnel Board.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3048: Appropriation; Personnel Board.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the State Personnel Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 4,911,468.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 45
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the

responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. None of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act may be expended until the State Personnel Board, based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, determines and publishes the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions for all agencies with compliance language in their appropriation bills.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Personnel Board shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

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

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer, and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Sarita Simmons
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Jason White, Jerry R. Turner

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3050: Appropriation; Treasurer's Office.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3050: Appropriation; Treasurer's Office.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Treasurer's office which are collected by or otherwise become available, to defray the expenses of the Office of the State Treasurer for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 6,280,736.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 37
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The

Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Education Improvement Trust Fund No. 3219 for the purpose of investing funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 150,000.00.

SECTION 4. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Trust Fund for the purpose of paying all amounts due for prepaid tuition contracts of the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Program, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 35,000,000.00.

It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Treasurer is hereby authorized to accept, budget and expend an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) from any funds authorized for the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Program, for paying amounts due for prepaid tuition contracts of the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Program. Such funds shall be escalated in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

SECTION 5. No part of the funds appropriated herein shall be used in the payment of attorney's fees, nor shall any of said funds be used either directly or indirectly, for the purpose of paying any clerk, stenographer, assistant, deputy or other person who may be related by blood or marriage within the third degree, computed by the rules of the civil law, to the official employing or having the right of employment or selection thereof; and in the event of any such payment, then the official or person approving and making or receiving such payment shall be jointly and severally liable to return to the State of Mississippi and to pay into the State Treasury three (3) times any such amount so paid or received, to be recovered at suit of the Attorney General; provided that when the relationship is by affinity and the person through whom the relationship was established is dead, this provision shall not apply.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Office of the State Treasurer shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under the provisions of this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of details as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated to the State Treasury under the provisions of Section 1, the following amounts shall be available for expenditure in the following program budgets:

(a) Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition program \$ 1,854,655.00.

(b) Mississippi Affordable College Savings program \$ 177,860.00.

(c) Treasury Office - Support programs \$ 4,248,221.00.

Further, no funds to the credit of the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Administrative Fund shall be expended for purposes related to any program other than the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition program.

SECTION 9. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, J. Walter Michel
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jason White

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Banks, Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker. Total-4.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.
Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3051: Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3051: Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying service charges to banks for acting as agents of the State of Mississippi in paying bonds and interest on the full faith and credit bonds of the state, this appropriation to be available from the effective date of this act until such bonds shall be paid or until June 30, 2024, whichever shall first occur; and for the purpose of paying maturing bonds and interest on the full faith and credit bonds of the State of Mississippi falling due during Fiscal Year 2024 \$ 437,396,754.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury which is comprised of special source funds and interest earnings on bond proceeds for the purpose of paying maturing bonds and interest on the full faith and credit bonds of the State of Mississippi falling due during Fiscal Year 2024 \$ 13,425,250.00.

SECTION 3. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized to expend any money in the State Treasury which is comprised of special source funds and interest earnings on bond proceeds for the purpose of paying maturing bonds and interest on the revenue bonds of the State of Mississippi falling due during Fiscal Year 2024 \$ 39,581,600.00.

SECTION 4. The several items covering maturing bonds and interest as evidenced by coupons on the bonds shall be paid out of the State Treasury as and when provided by law and according to the schedule of interest payments in the several issues of full faith and credit bonds or revenue bonds on which principal and interest is due and payable between the dates of July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Treasurer is hereby authorized to accept, budget and expend any excess funds which become available from interest earnings on bond proceeds or from loan repayments received pursuant to bond documents. Such funds shall be escalated in accordance with the rules

and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act hereof, the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is herein appropriated for paying bank service charges. Itemized statements of banks making service charges shall be attached to requisitions of the State Treasurer.

SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PAYMENT OF SERVICE CHARGES TO BANKS FOR ACTING AS AGENTS OF THE STATE IN PAYING FULL FAITH AND CREDIT BONDS AND INTEREST OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT UNTIL SUCH BONDS SHALL BE PAID OR UNTIL JUNE 30, 2024, WHICHEVER SHALL FIRST OCCUR; AND FOR THE PAYMENT OF MATURING BONDS AND INTEREST ON THE FULL FAITH AND CREDIT BONDS OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FALLING DUE DURING FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Kevin Blackwell
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jason White

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3022: Appropriation; Revenue, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3022: Appropriation; Revenue, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Department of Revenue, including the Homestead Exemption Division, the Motor Vehicle Comptroller functions, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division Liquor Distribution Center, and The Enforcement Division for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 55,210,731.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Department of Revenue which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 23,418,648.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 668

Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of the Chairman of the Mississippi Department of Revenue, and he is hereby empowered to select in the manner provided by Section 27-3-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, such employees as may be necessary to the administration of all acts relating to the exemption of homesteads and the reimbursement of tax losses to the several taxing units of the state, and to assign them to the use of the Mississippi Department of Revenue.

SECTION 5. The money herein appropriated may be used for any expenses which the commission may legally incur. Provided, however, that no part of the money herein appropriated shall be used for the payment of attorney's fees, except upon recommendation of the Governor with the approval of the Attorney General, nor shall any of said funds be used either directly or indirectly for the purpose of paying any clerk, stenographer, assistant, deputy or other employee who may be related by blood or marriage within the third degree, computed by the rule of civil law, to the official employing or having the right of employment or selection thereof, except that when the relationship is by affinity and the person is dead through whom the relationship was established, this rule shall not apply. In the event of any such payment, then the official or person approving and making such payment shall be liable to return to the State of Mississippi and to pay into the State Treasury to the credit of the General Fund three (3) times any such amount so paid to be recovered at suit by the Attorney General.

SECTION 6. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2024 Target
Tax Administration	
Cost per Unit of Work (Item/Case/Call)	12.67
Cost per Call Center Call Answered	3.87
Audit	
Cost per Audit	932.14
Tax Production per Audit	5,909.09
Tax Enforcement	
Cost per Dollar Collected in Recovery Actions	0.06
General Administration	
Average Cost per Return Processed	4.95
ROI - Revenue Collected per Dollar of Expense	150.25
Property & Motor Vehicle Services	
Cost per Homestead Exemption Application	3.60
Cost per Title Issued	2.79
Abc Liquor Distribution Center	
Cost per Case Shipped	2.48
ROI - GF Dollars Returned per Dollar of Cost	11.32
Enforcement	
Number of Permits-Alcohol	2,400
Number of Permits-Medical Cannabis	130
Number of Violations-Medical Cannabis	20
Average Number of Days to Issue Permit-Alcohol	23
Average Number of Days to Issue Permit-Medical Cannabis	25

Enforcement and Permitting Cost Per Permit-Alcohol	1,387.70
Enforcement and Permitting Cost Per Permit-Medical Cannabis	4,388.44
Percent of Medical Cannabis Permits Receiving Administrative Action	5.00
Percent of Medical Cannabis Permits Receiving Criminal Action	10.00
Percent of Medical Cannabis Permits Inspected	100.00
Percent of Permit Applications Approved-Medical Cannabis	90.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 7. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi Department of Revenue for the purpose of reimbursing the counties of the state, the road districts and school districts therein and the municipal separate school districts, for tax losses incurred by reason of the exemption of homes from certain ad valorem taxes under the provisions of Section 27-33-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 92,000,000.00.

SECTION 8. Each county, road district, school district and municipal separate school district which has incurred a tax loss that is reimbursable under Section 7 of this act shall be reimbursed a sum which is equivalent to the amount of tax loss produced by the application of tax rates annually fixed for maintenance and current expenses to the assessed value of homes, or so much thereof as has been lawfully authorized under the provisions of Section 27-33-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

The disbursements from the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 7 of this act shall be based upon the certificates required of the clerks of the county boards of supervisors and of the clerks of the municipalities, which certificates shall conform strictly in every respect to the requirements of the provisions of Section 27-33-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

All disbursements from the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 7 of this act shall be made strictly in accordance with the provisions of Section 27-33-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, and no disbursements other than those clearly authorized by those sections shall be made, the provisions of any other law to the contrary notwithstanding.

SECTION 9. None of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 7 of this act may be distributed to any county, municipality, school district or other taxing district in which the assessed valuation of the taxing district has increased as a result of reappraisal of the property of the taxing district unless the governing board of the taxing district has published a notice in a newspaper having a general circulation in the taxing district, stating the lower millage rate that would produce the same amount of revenue from ad valorem taxation on property of the taxing district that was produced in the fiscal year before the property of the taxing district was reappraised.

SECTION 10. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Department of Revenue – License Tag Commission from any other special source funds made available to the License Tag Commission, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 11,300,000.00.

SECTION 11. None of the funds appropriated in Section 10 of this act shall be expended to purchase motor vehicle license tags made or manufactured by any department, agency or instrumentality of a state other than the State of Mississippi. None of the funds appropriated in this section shall be used for the purchase of bolts, nuts or other fastening devices for attaching said motor vehicle license tags. Provided further,

that all motor vehicles belonging to any state department, agency, commission, institution or any other division of state government shall have license tags which shall bear the words "Government" at the bottom of such license tags.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Revenue shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that up to Eight Hundred Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Dollars (\$811,740.00) shall be allocated as follows: to the Municipal Court Collections Program Four Hundred Five Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$405,870.00) and to the Justice Court Collections Program Four Hundred Five Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$405,870.00) to be supported from General Fund court assessments.

SECTION 15. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 16. With the funds appropriated herein, the Department of Revenue is authorized to make payment for expenses incurred during Fiscal Years 2021 to Hilton Garden Inn Clinton, MS, for the following amount \$ 2,848.00.

SECTION 17. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Department of Revenue for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in SB 3024, 2022 Regular Session to provide for the funding of IT infrastructure, facility repairs, and equipment upgrades for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 1,300,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 18. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Department of Revenue for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in SB 3024, 2022 Regular Session to provide to defray operational expenses relate to the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 1,800,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 19. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Department of Revenue for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in SB 3024, 2022 Regular Session to comply with the provisions of SB 2844, 2022 Regular Session related to contracting with a third party entity

to operate the Alcohol Beverage Control Liquor Distribution Center for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 1,920,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 20. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, One Million One-Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,100,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing the funds necessary to authorize the expenditure of funds for the replacement of computer hardware and other equipment.

SECTION 21. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 22. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, INCLUDING THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION DIVISION, THE MOTOR VEHICLE COMPTROLLER FUNCTIONS, THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL DIVISION LIQUOR DISTRIBUTION CENTER, THE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF REIMBURSING THE COUNTIES, COUNTY DISTRICTS AND MUNICIPAL SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR TAX LOSSES INCURRED BY REASON OF THE EXEMPTION OF HOMES FROM CERTAIN AD VALOREM TAXES, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, J. Walter Michel, Tyler McCaughn

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, C. Scott Bounds, Jason White

On motion of Rep. Bounds the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker. Total-3.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3023: Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3023: Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Board of Tax Appeals for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 647,571.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 6
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written

approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 5. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE BOARD OF TAX APPEALS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, J. Walter Michel, Rod Hickman
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, C. Scott Bounds, Jason White

On motion of Rep. Bounds the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3052: Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund; FY2024 reappropriate to certain agencies.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3052: Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund; FY2024 reappropriate to certain agencies.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 1 with the following exception(s):

AMEND on line 367 by changing "\$172,621.00" to "\$238,532.00"

FURTHER, AMEND by adding the following new section after line 414 and renumber subsequent sections accordingly:

SECTION *. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board, as authorized in House Bill No. 1521, 2022 Regular Session, as amended by Senate Bill 2373, 2023 Regular Session for the purpose of providing funding for the Skilled Nursing Home and Hospital Nurses Retention Loan Repayment Program, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 6,000,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation is made for the purposes authorized in House Bill No. 1521, 2022 Regular Session, as amended by Senate Bill No. 2373, 2023 Regular Session, and is subject to the same conditions therein.

FURTHER, AMEND on line 417 by changing "18" to "19"

FURTHER, AMEND on line 420 by changing "22" to "24"

FURTHER, AMEND on lines 476-477 by deleting ", and shall stand repealed from and after June 29, 2022"

2. That the House concur in the above exception(s).

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Dennis DeBar, Jr.
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Sam C. Mims, V

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin,

Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. McCarty called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 817: Early Learning Collaborative; increase minimum funding levels for full-day and half-day programs.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 817: Early Learning Collaborative; increase minimum funding levels for full-day and half-day programs.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Richard Bennett, Kent McCarty, Kevin Felsher

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Dennis DeBar, Jr., Brice Wiggins, John A. Polk

On motion of Rep. McCarty the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Weathersby called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 917: Mississippi Worker's Comp commission office building; place under the supervision and care of DFA.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 917: Mississippi Worker's Comp commission office building; place under the supervision and care of DFA.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House concur in Senate Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Tom Weathersby, Gregory Holloway, Sr., Karl Oliver
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Angela Turner-Ford, W. Briggs Hopson III, Joseph M. Seymour

On motion of Rep. Weathersby the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Smith, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Mims called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2781: Mississippi Access to Maternal Assistance Program; create and provides for duties and responsibilities.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2781: Mississippi Access to Maternal Assistance Program; create and provide for duties and responsibilities.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) For the purpose of this section, the term "agencies" means the Mississippi State Department of Health, the Mississippi Department of Human Services, the Mississippi Department of Mental Health, the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services, the Mississippi Office of Workforce Development, the Mississippi Department of Employment Security and the Mississippi Division of Medicaid, and the term "agency" means any one (1) of those entities.

(2) The Department of Information Technology Services (ITS) shall develop, implement and manage a separate website and a mobile application (app) that coordinate and promote information and services related to pregnancy, childbirth and care for dependent children for expectant mothers and new parents. The website and mobile app shall include, but shall not be limited to, comprehensive information and resources related to adoption assistance, child care, domestic abuse protection, early intervention, food, clothing and supplies related to pregnancy and newborn care, job training and placement, unemployment benefits, paternity, parenting skills, mental health, and prenatal and postpartum care provided by the State of Mississippi or any other governmental entity, or relevant nonprofit organizations, including religious institutions.

(3) The Attorney General shall have the ultimate authority for oversight of the administration of this act and shall coordinate the activities of the agencies and the Department of Information Technology Services under the provisions of this act in order to best effectuate the purpose and intent of this act.

(4) (a) The information about the services and resources that will be included on the website and mobile app shall be provided to the Attorney General by the agencies about the particular programs and services of the agency that are related to the purpose of the website and mobile app.

(b) The Attorney General, the agencies and each county health department shall provide a prominent link on their own websites to the website and mobile app authorized by this act.

(5) The agencies shall cooperate with ITS, as overseen by the Attorney General, in developing, implementing and managing the website and mobile app. The website shall be operational not later than October 1, 2023, and the mobile app shall be operational not later than January 1, 2024.

(6) ITS and the agencies, in consultation with the Attorney General, shall apply for any federal grants that may be available to assist in paying the costs of developing, implementing and managing the website and mobile app.

(7) The Attorney General shall promulgate such rules as necessary to implement this act.

(8) Not later than October 1, 2024, the Attorney General shall report to the Chairs of the Senate Judiciary, Division A, and the House Judiciary A Committees, and the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee and the House Public Health and Human Services Committee on the operation and status of the website and mobile app.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES (ITS) TO DEVELOP, IMPLEMENT, AND MANAGE A WEBSITE AND A MOBILE APPLICATION TO COORDINATE AND PROMOTE INFORMATION AND SERVICES RELATED TO PREGNANCY, CHILDBIRTH AND CARE FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS AND NEW PARENTS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE WEBSITE AND MOBILE APPLICATION SHALL INCLUDE INFORMATION CONCERNING CERTAIN RESOURCES RELATED TO

ADOPTION ASSISTANCE, CHILDCARE, DOMESTIC ABUSE PROTECTION, EARLY INTERVENTION, FOOD, CLOTHING AND SUPPLIES RELATED TO PREGNANCY AND NEWBORN CARE, JOB TRAINING AND PLACEMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, PATERNITY, PARENTING SKILLS, AND PRENATAL AND POSTPARTUM CARE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL HAVE AUTHORITY FOR OVERSIGHT AT THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS ACT AND SHALL COORDINATE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE AGENCIES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT IN ORDER TO BEST EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE AND INTENT OF THIS ACT; TO REQUIRE THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES, THE MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY AND THE MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF MEDICAID TO SUBMIT INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICES AND RESOURCES THAT WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE WEBSITE AND MOBILE APPLICATION TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL; TO REQUIRE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE AGENCIES AND EACH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO DISPLAY A PROMINENT LINK TO THE WEBSITE AND MOBILE APPLICATION ON THEIR OWN WEBSITES; TO REQUIRE THE AGENCIES TO COOPERATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES IN THE CREATION OF THE WEBSITE AND MOBILE APPLICATION; TO PROVIDE THAT THE WEBSITE SHALL BE OPERATIONAL NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1, 2023; TO PROVIDE THAT THE MOBILE APPLICATION SHALL BE OPERATIONAL NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 2024; TO REQUIRE A REPORT TO BE FILED WITH THE LEGISLATURE NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1, 2024, CONCERNING THE OPERATION AND STATUS OF THE WEBSITE AND MOBILE APPLICATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Brice Wiggins, Nicole Boyd, Jenifer B. Branning

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam C. Mims, V, Missy McGee, Dana McLean

On motion of Rep. Mims the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Barton moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1816: City of Clinton; extend repeal date on additional tourism tax on hotels and motels.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.
Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.
Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Brown, C, Horne, Huddleston, Walker. Total-5.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Barton moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1697: City of Farmington; authorize the use of low-speed vehicles and golf carts on certain public streets with certain restrictions.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.
Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Oliver, Williamson. Total--5.
Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Crawford, Horne, Huddleston, Morgan, Walker. Total-6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Barton moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1805: Jackson County; authorize to enter a MOU with DFA regarding Singing River Health System and healthcare workforce academy.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M,

Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eubanks, Horne, Huddleston, Walker, Williamson. Total-6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--69

At 5:00 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 5:07 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 3150: City of Kosciusko; authorize election for restaurant tax to fund tourism and parks and recreation.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 3150. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Brown, C, Horne, Huddleston, Ladner, Walker. Total-6.

Present--Evans, B, Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--68

On motion of Rep. Barton unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

S. B. No. 3150: City of Kosciusko; authorize election for restaurant tax to fund tourism and parks and recreation.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 1667: City of Florence; authorize a tax on restaurants and hotels/motels.

H. B. No. 1807: City of Eupora; authorize tourism tax on hotels/motels/Airbnbs and restaurants.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Hood moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Harold Wayne Brasfield, Jr., Doris Williams Whitt, Freddie D. Ashford, Charles "Chuck" Boyd Hickman, Lesley Ane Whitehead Boatner, Margaret Ann Reed, Jimmy Avent, Parker McMinn Jones, Sydnee Claire Stokes, Molly Raines, Raymond Ray Jenkins, Loye Washington Stephens, Brenda Halderman Mullen, Shirley Hamill Smith, Alan Shepherd, Charles Thomas "Chuck" Pepper, Nita Joy Hartness, Margarete Card Staggs, Louise Brassfield, Ronnie Lowell White, Sr., Peggy Joyce Kerr Clinton, Katie Sue Patterson, and Elizabeth Anne Betterton Woods, which motion prevailed.

Representative Evans (91st) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sylvith Evans Fortenberry, Mary Katherine Slocum, and Timothy Ryan Stoner, which motion prevailed.

Representative McLean moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jerry Lynn Brackin, Elizabeth Ann Jones Wilkins, and William "Bill" L. Plyler, which motion prevailed.

Representative Smith moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ruby Helen Smith, Dorothy Ratcliffe Lightsey, Billy Todd Pritchett, Alton Ravon Ivy, Irma Gay Avera, James Virgil Dearman, Eddie Ray Dearman, Karen Lee Cockrell, William Edgar Long, Vera G. Mena, Cora Lisa Carney, Jeanette McDonald Dees, Wanda C. Shirley, Clifford Martin Gavin, and Michael Almon Hayes, which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Corvain "Moose" Brantley, and James P. Shepherd, Jr., which motion prevailed.

At 5:11 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Monday, March 27, 2023, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTY-SECOND DAY, MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023

(EIGHTY-FOURTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Stacey Hobgood-Wilkes.

Rep. Hobgood-Wilkes led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese,

Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-3.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Huddleston, Robinson and Walker.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Monday, March 27, 2023

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 1115: Durable legal custody; clarify jurisdiction for. Monday, March 27, 2023, 1:01 PM

H. B. No. 1157: Vehicle rental; require those engaged in to disclose total charges, including all additional mandatory charges. Monday, March 27, 2023, 1:02 PM

H. B. No. 1158: Medical Cannabis Act; revise certain provisions of. Monday, March 27, 2023, 1:08 PM

H. B. No. 1168: Municipal special sales tax; revise use of revenue for certain. Monday, March 27, 2023, 1:10 PM

H. B. No. 1169: Income tax; revise method of collecting delinquent tax from public officers and employees. Monday, March 27, 2023, 1:12 PM

H. B. No. 1561: Ad valorem taxation; revise types of new enterprises eligible for tax exemption. Monday, March 27, 2023, 1:16 PM

H. B. No. 1668: Income tax; revise certain provisions regarding pass-through entities. Monday, March 27, 2023, 1:18 PM

H. B. No. 1723: Tax credits; authorize for business contributions to certain organizations supporting food pantries or soup kitchens. Monday, March 27, 2023, 1:20 PM

H. B. No. 1733: Income tax; revise deduction for depreciation for certain expenditures and property. Monday, March 27, 2023, 1:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMENDED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

S. B. No. 3037: Appropriation; Geologists, Board of Registered Professional.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMENDED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

H. B. No. 1623: Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMENDED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

H. B. No. 1612: Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 521: Length of Service Award Program; authorize for the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters.

Senators Michel, McLendon, Hopson

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMENDED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

S. B. No. 3017: Appropriation; Military Department.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMENDED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

S. B. No. 3000: Appropriation; IHL - General support.

S. B. No. 3001: Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs.

S. B. No. 3009: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

S. B. No. 3043: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

S. B. No. 3052: Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund; FY2024 reappropriate to certain agencies.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. C. R. No. 51: Baptist Memorial Hospital-Golden Triangle; commend upon receiving "A" rating for 10 consecutive years.

H. C. R. No. 52: Honorable Senator Angela Turner-Ford; commend and recognize intrepid leadership as chairperson of the MLBC.

H. C. R. No. 54: Caledonia High School Volleyball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 4A State Volleyball Championship.

H. C. R. No. 55: Chief Gary Ponthieux, Jr.; commend for many years of public service in law enforcement and congratulate upon retirement.

S. C. R. No. 571: Israel; commend 75th Anniversary of independence of.

S. C. R. No. 572: Legislature; suspend deadlines for SCR No. 533, 2023 Regular Session.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

S. B. No. 2692: Bonds; repeal authorization for unissued bonds and replace with cash funds.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

H. B. No. 1310: Elections; revise provisions related to the integrity of.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

S. B. No. 2335: Income tax credit; allow for employer making direct payments to entity for dependent care on behalf of employee.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

S. B. No. 2544: Regulation of oyster beds and water bottoms by the MS Department of Marine Resources; bring forward authority.

Adopted: 03/26/23

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

H. B. No. 400: Election crimes; revise the penalties for certain.

H. B. No. 1315: Pornographic media materials; regulate access to minors and require age verification.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. C. R. No. 59: Representative Tommy Reynolds; commend distinguished legislative career and public service of upon the occasion of his retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 172: Tougaloo College "Bulldogs" Men's Basketball Team; commend on winning back-to-back GCAC Regular Season and Tournament Championships. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 173: Representative Randall H. Patterson; commend esteemed legislative career and public service upon his retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 174: Representative Steve Hopkins; commend for distinguished legislative career. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 175: Dr. Daphine Hill; commend accomplishments of. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 176: Layla Carter; commend upon being named Miss Basketball for the MHSAA Class 5A and 2023 Vicksburg Post Girls Player of the Year. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 177: Shanise Batiste LeFlore; commend exceptional service and commitment provided to Blackmon & Blackmon, PLLC. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 178: Dr. William "Bill" Myers; commend esteemed career upon his retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 179: Tombigbee Chapter of the National Society of the DAR and Seth Burnett and Levi Burnett; commend. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 180: Stacy and Mable Austin; commend upon 75th wedding anniversary. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 181: Presley Seals; commend upon being named as an inductee of the Curriculum Associates 2023 Class of Extraordinary Educators. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 182: McEvans School Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning the MHSAA Class 1A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 183: David Tadlock; commend outstanding career and contributions of. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 184: Mary Elizabeth Lee Dowdell; commend upon the occasion of her 90th birthday. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 185: Representative De'Keither A. Stamps; commend legislative career and public service. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 186: Northeast Jones High School "Gold Horizons" Show Choir; commend for many outstanding achievements. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 187: Representative Tom Miles; commend distinguished legislative career of. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 188: Coach Troy Stewart; commend for outstanding 2022-2023 season as head coach of the Vicksburg High School Missy Gators. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 189: Viola Allen; commend career success of. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 190: Pastor Dr. Joe May; commend upon occasion of his retirement from pastoral duties. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 191: Dr. Cindy Ayers Elliott; commend for being named USA Today's 2023 Woman of the Year Honoree for Mississippi. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

Representative Denton introduced special guest, Nicholas Anderson, H. R. No. 94.

Representative Jackson introduced special guests, the South Panola High School Cheerleaders, H. R. No. 153.

Representative Oliver called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on **S. B. No. 3015:** (Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of.), and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Oliver moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Representative Oliver called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on **S. B. No. 3052:** (Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund; FY2024 reappropriate to certain agencies.), and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Oliver moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Bell (21st) called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 588: Office of Workforce Development; revise funding mechanism for and revise powers and duties of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 588: MS Workforce Training and Education Act; extend repealer on the act and in 2004 chapter law for conforming code sections.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 71-5-353, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

71-5-353. (1) (a) Each employer shall pay unemployment insurance contributions equal to five and four-tenths percent (5.4%) of taxable wages paid by him each calendar year, except as may be otherwise provided in Section 71-5-361 and except that each newly subject employer shall pay unemployment insurance contributions at the rate of one percent (1%) of taxable wages, for his first year of liability, one and one-tenth percent (1.1%) of taxable wages for his second year of liability, and one and two-tenths percent (1.2%) of taxable wages for his third and subsequent years of liability unless the employer's experience-rating record has been chargeable throughout at least the twelve (12) consecutive calendar months ending on the most recent computation date at the time the rate for a year is determined; thereafter the employer's contribution rate shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of Section 71-5-355.

(b) Notwithstanding the newly subject employer contribution rate provided for in paragraph (a) of this subsection, the contribution rate of all newly subject employers shall be reduced by seven one-hundredths of one percent (.07%) for calendar year 2013 only. The contribution rate of all newly subject employers shall be reduced by three one-hundredths of one percent (.03%) for calendar year 2014 only. For purposes of this chapter, "newly subject employers" means employers whose unemployment insurance experience-rating record has not been chargeable throughout at least the twelve (12) consecutive calendar months ending on the most recent computation date at the time the contribution rate for a year is determined.

(2) (a) (i) There is hereby created in the Treasury of the State of Mississippi special funds to be known as the "Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund" * * *, the "Mississippi Works Fund" and the "Mississippi Office of Workforce Development Fund" which consist of funds collected pursuant to subsection (3) of this section and any other monies that may be appropriated to the funds from the Legislature.

(ii) Special funds collected shall initially be deposited into the Mississippi Department of Employment Security bank account for clearing contribution collections and subsequently appropriate amounts shall be transferred to the Mississippi Workforce Investment and Training Fund Holding Account described in Section 71-5-453. In the event any employer pays an amount insufficient to cover the total contributions due, the amounts due shall be satisfied in the following order:

1. Unemployment contributions;
2. Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training contributions, * * * Mississippi Office of Workforce Development contributions and the Mississippi Works contributions, known collectively as the Mississippi Workforce Investment and Training contributions, on a pro rata basis;
3. Interest and damages; then
4. Legal and processing costs.

The amount of unemployment insurance contributions due for any period will be the amount due according to the actual computations unless the employer is

participating in the MLPP. In that event, the amount due is the MLPP amount computed by the department.

Cost of collection and administration of the Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training contribution, the *** Mississippi Office of Workforce Development contribution and the Mississippi Works contribution shall be allocated based on a plan approved by the United States Department of Labor (USDOL). The Mississippi Community College Board shall pay the cost of collecting the Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training contributions, the *** Office of Workforce Development shall pay the cost of collecting the *** Mississippi Office of Workforce Development contributions and the Mississippi Department of Employment Security shall pay the cost of collecting the Mississippi Works contributions. Payments shall be made semiannually with the cost allocated to each based on a USDOL approved plan on a pro rata basis, for periods ending in June and December of each year. Payment shall be made by each organization to the department no later than sixty (60) days after the billing date. Cost shall be allocated under the USDOL's approved plan and in the same ratio as each contribution type represents to the total authorized by subparagraph (ii)2 of this paragraph to be collected for the period.

(b) Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training contributions and *** Mississippi Office of Workforce Development contributions shall be distributed *** for calendar years *** after calendar year 2014 as follows, ninety-three and seventy-five one-hundredths percent (93.75%) shall be distributed to the Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund and the remainder shall be distributed to the *** Mississippi Office of Workforce Development Fund;

(c) All contributions collected for the State Workforce Enhancement Training Fund, the *** Mississippi Office of Workforce Development Fund and the Mississippi Works Fund will be initially deposited into the Mississippi Department of Employment Security bank account for clearing contribution collections and subsequently transferred to the Workforce Investment and Training Holding Account and will be held by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security in such account for a period of not less than thirty (30) days. After such period, the Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training contributions shall be transferred to the Mississippi Community College Board Treasury Account, with oversight provided by the Mississippi Office of Workforce Development, the *** Mississippi Office of Workforce Development contributions shall be transferred to the Mississippi Office of Workforce Development Treasury Account and the Mississippi Works contributions shall be transferred to the Mississippi Department of Employment Security Mississippi Works Treasury Account. The Mississippi Office of Workforce Development contributions and the Mississippi Works contributions shall be transferred in the same ratio as each contribution type represents to the total authorized by paragraph (a)(ii)2 of this subsection to be collected for the period and within the time frame determined by the department; however, except in cases of extraordinary circumstances, these funds shall be transferred within fifteen (15) days. Interest earnings or interest credits on deposit amounts in the Workforce Investment and Training Holding Account shall be retained in the account to pay the banking costs of the account. If after the period of twelve (12) months interest earnings less banking costs exceeds Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), such excess amounts shall be transferred to the respective accounts within thirty (30) days following the end of each calendar year on the basis described in paragraph (b) of this subsection. Interest earnings and/or interest credits for the *** Mississippi Office of Workforce Development funds shall be used for the payment of banking costs and excess amounts shall be used in accordance with the rules and regulations of the *** Mississippi Office of Workforce Development expenditure policies.

(d) All enforcement procedures for the collection of delinquent unemployment contributions contained in Sections 71-5-363 through 71-5-383 shall be applicable in all respects for collections of delinquent unemployment insurance contributions designated for the Unemployment Compensation Fund, the Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund, the *** Mississippi Office of Workforce Development Fund and the Mississippi Works Fund.

(e) (i) Except as otherwise provided for in this subparagraph (i), all monies deposited into the Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund Treasury

Account shall be directed by the Mississippi Office of Workforce Development, in collaboration with the Mississippi Community College Board, in accordance with the Workforce Training Act of 1994 (Section 37-153-1 et seq.) and under policies approved by the Mississippi Office of Workforce Development for the following purposes: to provide training in collaboration with the Mississippi Community College Board and individual community and junior colleges to employers and employees in order to enhance employee productivity. Such training may be subject to a minimal administrative fee of not more than five percent (5%) to be paid from the Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund as established by the Office of Workforce Development. The initial priority of these funds shall be for the benefit of existing businesses located within the state. Employers may request training for existing employees and/or newly hired employees from the Mississippi Office of Workforce Development. The office, in consultation with the Mississippi Community College Board, will be responsible for approving the training. A portion of the funds collected for the Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund shall be used for the development of performance measures to measure the effectiveness of the use of the Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund dollars. These performance measures shall be uniform for all training projects and shall be reported to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, and members of the Legislature. Nothing in this section or elsewhere in law shall be interpreted as giving the Office of Workforce Development or State Workforce Investment Board authority to direct the Mississippi Community College Board or individual community or junior colleges on how to expend other funds, aside from funds appropriated to the Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund and Mississippi Works Fund, appropriated or received for workforce training. The Mississippi Office of Workforce Development, Mississippi Community College Board, individual community or junior colleges, State Workforce Investment Board and other agencies implementing or coordinating state-funded workforce development programs under state law shall cooperate with each other to promote effective workforce training in Mississippi, under the direction of the office. Any subsequent changes to these performance measures shall also be reported to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, and members of the Legislature. A performance report for each training project and community college, based upon these measures, shall be submitted annually to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, and members of the Legislature.

(ii) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph (e), all funds deposited into the * * * Mississippi Office of Workforce Development Fund shall be used for any of the following purposes: administration of State Workforce Investment Board business, the Office of Workforce Development, grants related to training, the Mississippi K-12 Workforce Development Grant Program, and other projects as determined appropriate by the * * * Office of Workforce Development. Any funds remaining in the State Workforce Investment board bank account on June 30, 2023, shall be transferred to the Mississippi Office of Workforce Development Fund.

(iii) All funds deposited into the Mississippi Department of Employment Security Mississippi Works Fund shall be disbursed exclusively by the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the Office of Workforce Development, in support of workforce training activities approved by the Mississippi Office of Workforce Development in support of economic development activities. Funds allocated by the executive director under this subparagraph (iii) shall only be utilized for the training of unemployed persons, for immediate training needs for the net new jobs created by an employer, for the retention of jobs, to create a work-ready applicant pool of Mississippians with credentials and/or postsecondary education in accordance with the state's Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act plan, or for the support of local economic and community development activities related to workforce development in the state. The Mississippi Office of Workforce Development, in collaboration with the Mississippi Public Community College System and its partners, shall be the primary entity to facilitate training. Training conducted utilizing these Mississippi Works funds may be subject to a minimal administrative fee of not more than five percent (5%) to be paid from the Mississippi Works Fund as authorized by the Mississippi Office of Workforce Development. All costs

associated with the administration of these funds shall be reimbursed to the Mississippi Department of Employment Security from the Mississippi Works Fund.

(iv) 1. The Department of Employment Security shall be the fiscal agent for the receipt and disbursement of all funds remaining in the State Workforce Investment Board bank account, subject to the administrative oversight of the Office of Workforce Development. The Mississippi Department of Employment Security shall be the fiscal agent for all funds appropriated to it for use by the Office of Workforce Development.

2. * * * The Office of Workforce Development, in coordination with the Mississippi Department of Employment Security as fiscal agent, shall ensure that any funds expended for contractual services rendered to the Office of Workforce Development over Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) shall be paid only to service providers who have been selected on a competitive basis. Any contract for services entered into using funds * * * appropriated to the Mississippi Department of Employment Security for the Office of Workforce Development shall meet the requirements * * * established in policies approved by the State Workforce Investment Board's executive committee deemed to be practical, feasible and in the public interest.

3. Any commodities over Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) procured for the office * * * to further its purpose shall be procured competitively, in accordance with office policies approved by the State Workforce Investment Board's executive committee deemed to be practical, feasible and in the public interest.

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(3) (a) (i) Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training contributions and * * * Mississippi Office of Workforce Development contributions shall be collected * * * for calendar years * * * after calendar year 2016 * * * at a rate of twenty one-hundredths percent (.20%), based upon taxable wages, of which fifteen one-hundredths percent (.15%) shall be the Workforce Enhancement Training contribution, one-hundredths of one percent (.01%) shall be the * * * Mississippi Office of Workforce Development contribution and four one-hundredths percent (.04%) shall be the Mississippi Works contribution. The Mississippi Works contribution shall be collected for calendar years in which the general experience ratio, adjusted on the basis of the trust fund adjustment factor and reduced by fifty percent (50%), results in a general experience rate of less than two-tenths percent (.2%). In all other years the Mississippi Works contribution shall not be in effect.

(* * *ii) The Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund contribution, the * * * Mississippi Office of Workforce Development Fund contribution and the Mississippi Works contribution shall be in addition to the general experience rate plus the individual experience rate of all employers but shall not be charged to reimbursing or rate-paying political subdivisions or institutions of higher learning, or reimbursing nonprofit organizations, as described in Sections 71-5-357 and 71-5-359.

(b) All Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training contributions, * * * Mississippi Office of Workforce Development contributions and Mississippi Works contributions collected shall be deposited initially into the Mississippi Department of Employment Security bank account for clearing contribution collections and shall within two (2) business days be transferred to the Workforce Investment and Training Holding Account. Any Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund and/or * * * Mississippi Office of Workforce Development Fund and/or Mississippi Works Fund transactions from the Mississippi Department of Employment Security bank account for clearing contribution collections that are deposited into the Workforce Investment and Training Fund Holding Account and are not honored by a financial institution will be transferred back to the Mississippi Department of Employment Security bank account for clearing contribution collections out of funds in the Mississippi Workforce Investment and Training Fund Holding Account.

(c) Suspension of the Workforce Enhancement Training Fund contributions required pursuant to this chapter shall occur if the insured unemployment rate exceeds an average of five and five-tenths percent (5.5%) for the three (3) consecutive months immediately preceding the effective date of the new rate year following such occurrence and shall remain suspended throughout the duration of that

rate year. Such suspension shall continue until such time as the three (3) consecutive months immediately preceding the effective date of the next rate year that has an insured unemployment rate of less than an average of four and five-tenths percent (4.5%). Upon such occurrence, reactivation shall be effective upon the first day of the rate year following the event that lifts suspension and shall be in effect for that year and shall continue until such time as a subsequent suspension event as described in this chapter occurs.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein, contribution collections for the * * * Mississippi Office of Workforce Development Fund, Mississippi Works Fund and Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund shall not be suspended, under any circumstances, for tax rate year 2021, and the resulting contribution rate of twenty one-hundredths percent (.20%) shall be added to the employer's general and individual experience rate to obtain the total unemployment insurance rate for 2021.

(4) All collections due or accrued prior to any suspension of the Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund will be collected based upon the law at the time the contributions accrued, regardless of when they are actually collected.

SECTION 2. (1) The Office of Workforce Development shall establish and administer the Mississippi K-12 Workforce Development Grant Program for the purpose of constructing, remodeling, purchasing or upgrading equipment or otherwise providing support to career technical centers at the K-12 education level. The grant program shall be funded from any funds available to the Office of Workforce Development.

(2) The Office of Workforce Development shall prescribe the terms and conditions of the grant program. To be eligible to receive a grant from the Office of Workforce Development under the grant program, a school at the K-12 education level shall provide the following information:

- (a) The number of students enrolled in the workforce development program for which the funds will be used;
- (b) The purpose of the program;
- (c) Whether the program fits into the ecosystem for the training needs in the area;
- (d) Evidence of the school's local involvement with industry partners in the area; and
- (e) Any other information that the office determines is necessary.

(3) The Office of Workforce Development may use a maximum of five percent (5%) of funds for the program for the administration of the program.

(4) The Office of Workforce Development shall comply with the reporting requirements provided in Section 37-153-7. Each school that received grants from the program shall assist the office in completing the reporting requirement.

SECTION 3. Section 37-153-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-153-7. (1) There is created the Mississippi Office of Workforce Development and the Mississippi State Workforce Investment Board, which shall serve as the advisory board for the office. The Mississippi State Workforce Investment Board shall be composed of thirty-one (31) voting members, of which a majority shall be representatives of business and industry in accordance with the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, or any successive acts.

(2) The members of the State Workforce Investment Board shall include:

- (a) The Governor, or his designee;
- (b) Nineteen (19) members, appointed by the Governor, of whom:
 - (i) A majority shall be representatives of businesses in the

state, who:

1. Are owners of businesses, chief executives or operating officers of businesses, or other business executives or employers with optimum policymaking or hiring authority, and who, in addition, may be members of a local board described in Section 3122(b)(2)(A)(i) of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. At least two (2) of the members appointed under this item 1. shall be small business owners, chief executives or operating officers of businesses with less than fifty (50) employees;

2. Represent businesses, including small businesses, or organizations representing businesses, which provide employment opportunities that, at a minimum, include high-quality, work-relevant training and development in high-demand industry sectors or occupations in the state; and

3. Are appointed from among individuals nominated by state business organizations and business trade associations;

(ii) Not less than twenty percent (20%) shall consist of representatives of the workforce within the state, which:

1. Includes labor organization representatives who have been nominated by state labor federations;

2. Includes a labor organization member or training director from an apprenticeship program in the state, which shall be a joint labor-management apprenticeship program if such a program exists in the state;

3. May include representatives of community-based organizations, including organizations serving veterans or providing or supporting competitive, integrated employment for individuals with disabilities, who have demonstrated experience and expertise in addressing employment, training or education needs of individuals with barriers to employment; and

4. May include representatives of organizations, including organizations serving out-of-school youth, who have demonstrated experience or expertise in addressing the employment, training or education needs of eligible youth;

(iii) The balance shall include government representatives, including the lead state officials with primary responsibility for core programs, and chief elected officials (collectively representing both cities and counties, where appropriate);

(c) Two (2) representatives of businesses in the state appointed by the Lieutenant Governor;

(d) Two (2) representatives of businesses in the state appointed by the Governor from a list of three (3) recommendations from the Speaker of the House; and

(e) The following state officials:

(i) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Employment Security;

(ii) The Executive Director of the Department of Rehabilitation Services;

(iii) The State Superintendent of Public Education;

(iv) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Development Authority;

(v) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Community College Board;

(vi) The President of the Community College Association; and

(vii) The Commissioner of the Institutions of Higher Learning.

(f) One (1) senator, appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, and one (1) representative, appointed by the Speaker of the House, shall serve on the state board in a nonvoting capacity.

(g) The Governor may appoint additional members if required by the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, or any successive acts.

(h) Members of the board shall serve a term of four (4) years, and shall not serve more than three (3) consecutive terms.

(i) The membership of the board shall reflect the diversity of the State of Mississippi.

(j) The Governor shall designate the Chairman of the Mississippi State Workforce Investment Board from among the business and industry voting members of the board, and a quorum of the board shall consist of a majority of the voting members of the board.

(k) The voting members of the board who are not state employees shall be entitled to reimbursement of their reasonable expenses in the manner and

amount specified in Section 25-3-41 and shall be entitled to receive per diem compensation as authorized in Section 25-3-69.

(3) Members of the state board may be recalled by their appointing authority for cause, including a felony conviction, fraudulent or dishonest acts or gross abuse of discretion, failure to meet board member qualifications, or chronic failure to attend board meetings.

(4) The Mississippi Department of Employment Security shall establish limits on administrative costs for each portion of Mississippi's workforce development system consistent with the federal Workforce Investment Act or any future federal workforce legislation.

(5) The Mississippi State Workforce Investment Board shall have the following duties. These duties are intended to be consistent with the scope of duties provided in the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, amendments and successor legislation to this act, and other relevant federal law:

(a) Through the office, develop and submit to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House a strategic plan for an integrated state workforce development system that aligns resources and structures the system to more effectively and efficiently meet the demands of Mississippi's employers and job seekers. This plan will comply with the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998, as amended, the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 and amendments and successor legislation to these acts;

(b) Assist the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House in the development and continuous improvement of the statewide workforce investment system that shall include:

(i) Development of linkages in order to assure coordination and nonduplication among programs and activities; and

(ii) Review local workforce development plans that reflect the use of funds from the federal Workforce Investment Act, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, the Wagner-Peyser Act and the amendment or successor legislation to the acts, and the Mississippi Comprehensive Workforce Training and Education Consolidation Act;

(c) Recommend to the office the designation of local workforce investment areas as required in Section 116 of the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014. There shall be four (4) workforce investment areas that are generally aligned with the planning and development district structure in Mississippi. Planning and development districts will serve as the fiscal agents to manage Workforce Investment Act funds, oversee and support the local workforce investment boards aligned with the area and the local programs and activities as delivered by the one-stop employment and training system. The planning and development districts will perform this function through the provisions of the county cooperative service districts created under Sections 19-3-101 through 19-3-115; however, planning and development districts currently performing this function under the Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1974, Sections 17-13-1 through 17-13-17, may continue to do so;

(d) Assist the Governor in the development of an allocation formula for the distribution of funds for adult employment and training activities and youth activities to local workforce investment areas;

(e) Recommend comprehensive, results-oriented measures that shall be applied to all of Mississippi's workforce development system programs;

(f) Assist the Governor in the establishment and management of a one-stop employment and training system conforming to the requirements of the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, as amended, recommending policy for implementing the Governor's approved plan for employment and training activities and services within the state. In developing this one-stop career operating system, the Mississippi State Workforce Investment Board, in conjunction with local workforce investment boards, shall:

(i) Design broad guidelines for the delivery of workforce development programs;

(ii) Identify all existing delivery agencies and other resources;

(iii) Define appropriate roles of the various agencies to include an analysis of service providers' strengths and weaknesses;

(iv) Determine the best way to utilize the various agencies to deliver services to recipients; and

(v) Develop a financial plan to support the delivery system that shall, at a minimum, include an accountability system;

(g) To provide authority, in accordance with any executive order of the Governor, for developing the necessary collaboration among state agencies at the highest level for accomplishing the purposes of this article;

(h) To monitor the effectiveness of the workforce development centers and WIN job centers;

(i) To advise the Governor, public schools, community/junior colleges and institutions of higher learning on effective school-to-work transition policies and programs that link students moving from high school to higher education and students moving between community colleges and four-year institutions in pursuit of academic and technical skills training;

(j) To work with industry to identify barriers that inhibit the delivery of quality workforce education and the responsiveness of educational institutions to the needs of industry;

(k) To provide periodic assessments on effectiveness and results of the overall Mississippi comprehensive workforce development system and district councils;

(l) Develop broad statewide development goals, including a goal to raise the state's labor force participation rate;

(m) Perform a comprehensive review of Mississippi's workforce development efforts, including the amount spent and effectiveness of programs supported by state or federal money; and

(n) To assist the Governor in carrying out any other responsibility required by the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998, as amended and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, successor legislation and amendments.

(6) The Mississippi State Workforce Investment Board shall coordinate all training programs and funds within its purview, consistent with the federal Workforce Investment Act, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, amendments and successor legislation to these acts, and other relevant federal law.

Each state agency director responsible for workforce training activities shall advise the Mississippi Office of Workforce Development and the State Workforce Investment Board of appropriate federal and state requirements. Each state agency, department and institution shall report any monies received for workforce training activities or career and technical education and a detailed itemization of how those monies were spent to the state board. The board shall compile the data and provide a report of the monies and expenditures to the Chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committee, the Chair of the House Workforce Development Committee and the Chair of the Senate Economic and Workforce Development Committee by October 1 of each year. Each such state agency director shall remain responsible for the actions of his agency; however, each state agency and director shall work cooperatively to fulfill the state's goals.

(7) The State Workforce Investment Board shall establish an executive committee, which shall consist of the following State Workforce Investment Board members:

(a) The Chair of the State Workforce Investment Board;

(b) Two (2) business representatives currently serving on the state board selected by the Governor;

(c) The two (2) business representatives currently serving on the state board appointed by the Lieutenant Governor;

(d) The two (2) business representatives currently serving on the state board appointed by the Governor from a list of three (3) recommendations from the Speaker of the House;

(e) The two (2) legislators, who shall serve in a nonvoting capacity, one (1) of whom shall be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor from the membership of the Mississippi Senate and one (1) of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the

House of Representatives from the membership of the Mississippi House of Representatives.

(8) The executive committee shall select an executive director of the Office of Workforce Development, with the advice and consent of a majority of the State Workforce Investment Board. The executive committee shall seek input from economic development organizations across the state when selecting the executive director. The executive director shall:

(a) Be a person with extensive experience in development of economic, human and physical resources, and promotion of industrial and commercial development. The executive director shall have a bachelor's degree from a state-accredited institution and no less than eight (8) years of professional experience related to workforce or economic development;

(b) Perform the functions necessary for the daily operation and administration of the office, with oversight from the executive committee and the State Workforce Investment Board, to fulfill the duties of the state board as described in Chapter 476, Laws of 2020;

(c) Hire staff needed for the performance of his or her duties under Chapter 476, Laws of 2020. The executive director, with approval from the executive committee, shall set the compensation of any hired employees from any funds made available for that purpose;

(d) Enter any part of the Mississippi Community College Board, individual community and junior colleges, or other workforce training facilities operated by the state or its subdivisions;

(e) Serve at the will and pleasure of the executive committee;

(f) Promulgate rules and regulations, subject to oversight by the executive committee, not inconsistent with this article, as may be necessary to enforce the provisions in Chapter 476, Laws of 2020; and

(g) Perform any other actions he or she, in consultation with the executive committee, deems necessary to fulfill the duties under Chapter 476, Laws of 2020.

(9) The Office of Workforce Development and Mississippi Community College Board shall collaborate in the administration and oversight of the Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund and Mississippi Works Fund, as described in Section 71-5-353. The executive director shall maintain complete and exclusive operational control of the office's functions.

(10) The office shall file an annual and a quarterly report with the Governor, Secretary of State, President of the Senate, * * * Speaker of the House, * * * Chairman of the House Workforce Development Committee and Chairman of the Senate Economic and Workforce Development Committee. The annual report shall be filed not later than October 1 of each year regarding all funds approved by the office to be expended on workforce training during the prior calendar year. The quarterly and annual reports shall include:

(a) Information on the performance of the Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund and the Mississippi Works Fund, in terms of adding value to the local and state economy, the contribution to future growth of the state economy, and movement toward state goals, including increasing the labor force participation rate; * * *

(b) With respect to specific workforce training projects:

(i) The location of the training;

(ii) The amount allocated to the project;

(iii) The purpose of the project;

(iv) The specific business entity that is the beneficiary of

the project; * * *

(v) The number of employees intended to be trained and actually trained, if applicable, in the course of the project * * *; and

(vi) The types of funds used for the project;

(c) With respect to the grants that have been awarded under the Mississippi K-12 Workforce Development Grant Program created in Section 2 of this act:

(i) The entity that was awarded the grant;

(ii) The amount allocated to the grant;

- (iii) The purpose of the grant; and
- (iv) How the grant has been used since it was awarded;

and

(d) With respect to the office's authority to select tools and resources, including necessary online platforms and similar systems in furtherance of the mission of the office:

(i) The policies that the office has adopted or amended on the process for the selection of tools and resources, including necessary online platforms and similar systems in furtherance of the mission of the office;

(ii) The eligible entities that the office determined may provide services, such as companies, nonprofit organizations, or other similar groups;

(iii) Any tools and resources, including necessary online platforms and similar systems in furtherance of the mission of the office, that have been selected by the office; and

(iv) What entity received the benefit of the tools and resources that were selected.

(e) All information concerning a proposed project which is provided to the executive director shall be kept confidential. Except as provided in subsections (13) and (14), such confidentiality shall not limit disclosure under the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983 of records describing the nature, quantity, cost or other pertinent information related to the activities of, or services performed using, the Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund or the Mississippi Works Fund.

(11) In addition to other powers and duties provided in this section, the Office of Workforce Development shall also have the following powers and duties:

(a) Direct access to accounting and banking statements for all funds under its direction to ensure accurate and efficient management of funds and to improve internal control;

(b) The ability to enter into nondisclosure agreements to effectively support economic development activities and the proprietary nature of customized training for existing and new industry;

(c) To adopt and promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary or desirable for the purpose of implementing the Mississippi K-12 Workforce Development Grant Program created in Section 2 of this act;

(d) To receive contributions, donations, gifts, bequests of money, other forms of financial assistance and property, equipment, materials or manpower from persons, foundations, trust funds, corporations, organizations and other sources, public or private, made to the office, and may expend or use the same in accordance with the conditions prescribed by the donor, provided that no such condition is contrary to any provision of law;

(e) To contract with state agencies, governing authorities or economic and workforce development entities for shared programmatic efforts and support service or joint employment of personnel in order to further the office's purposes;

(f) To determine, subject to appropriation, the need for and, if desired, the selection of tools and resources, including necessary online platforms and similar systems in furtherance of the mission of the office, through processes established in policies adopted by the office that are deemed to be practical, feasible and in the public interest. These processes shall outline eligible entities that may provide such services, such as companies, nonprofit organizations, or other similar groups and shall ensure the office determines metrics for success, including deliverables as required by the office;

(g) To implement the career coaching program provided for in Section 37-73-3;

(h) To provide career coaches with access to technology to develop customized career pathways and connect students with post-secondary and employment opportunities matching their skills and interests; and

(i) To implement and oversee programs providing support to community and junior colleges for training needs that may arise when new businesses locate in Mississippi, to include providing support to existing industries that may lose employees as a result of the new business.

Through December 31, 2024, the provisions of Section 27-104-7 related to rental agreements or leasing of real property for the purpose of conducting agency business shall not apply to the office.

(** *12) Nothing in Chapter 476, Laws of 2020 [Senate Bill No. 2564] shall void or otherwise interrupt any contract, lease, grant or other agreement previously entered into by the State Workforce Investment Board, Mississippi Community College Board, individual community or junior colleges, or other entities.

(13) Any records of the office which contain client information from the Mississippi Development Authority or local economic development entities concerning development projects shall be exempt from the provisions of the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983 for a period of two (2) years after receipt of the information by the office. Confidential client information as described in this section shall not include the information which must be disclosed by the certified applicant related to a qualified economic development project in the annual report described in Section 57-1-759.

(14) Confidential client information in public records held by the office shall be exempt from the provisions of the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983 during any period of review and negotiation on a project proposal facilitated by the Mississippi Development Authority or local economic development entities and for a period of thirty (30) days after approval, disapproval or abandonment of the proposal not to exceed one (1) year.

SECTION 4. Section 27-104-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 249, House Bill No. 540 and Senate Bill No. 2887, 2023 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

27-104-7. (1) (a) There is created the Public Procurement Review Board, which shall be reconstituted on January 1, 2018, and shall be composed of the following members:

(i) Three (3) individuals appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate;

(ii) Two (2) individuals appointed by the Lieutenant Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate; and

(iii) The Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, serving as an ex officio and nonvoting member.

(b) The initial terms of each appointee shall be as follows:

(i) One (1) member appointed by the Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2019;

(ii) One (1) member appointed by the Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2020;

(iii) One (1) member appointed by the Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2021;

(iv) One (1) member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2019; and

(v) One (1) member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2020.

After the expiration of the initial terms, all appointed members' terms shall be for a period of four (4) years from the expiration date of the previous term, and until such time as the member's successor is duly appointed and qualified.

(c) When appointing members to the Public Procurement Review Board, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall take into consideration persons who possess at least five (5) years of management experience in general business, health care or finance for an organization, corporation or other public or private entity. Any person, or any employee or owner of a company, who receives any grants, procurements or contracts that are subject to approval under this section shall not be appointed to the Public Procurement Review Board. Any person, or any employee or owner of a company, who is a principal of the source providing a personal or professional service shall not be appointed to the Public Procurement Review Board if the principal owns or controls a greater than five percent (5%) interest or has an ownership value of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in the source's business, whichever is smaller. No member shall be an officer or employee of the State of Mississippi while serving as a voting member on the Public Procurement Review Board.

(d) Members of the Public Procurement Review Board shall be entitled to per diem as authorized by Section 25-3-69 and travel reimbursement as authorized by Section 25-3-41.

(e) The members of the Public Procurement Review Board shall elect a chair from among the membership, and he or she shall preside over the meetings of the board. The board shall annually elect a vice chair, who shall serve in the absence of the chair. No business shall be transacted, including adoption of rules of procedure, without the presence of a quorum of the board. Three (3) members shall be a quorum. No action shall be valid unless approved by a majority of the members present and voting, entered upon the minutes of the board and signed by the chair. Necessary clerical and administrative support for the board shall be provided by the Department of Finance and Administration. Minutes shall be kept of the proceedings of each meeting, copies of which shall be filed on a monthly basis with the chairs of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairs of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives.

(2) The Public Procurement Review Board shall have the following powers and responsibilities:

(a) Approve all purchasing regulations governing the purchase or lease by any agency, as defined in Section 31-7-1, of commodities and equipment, except computer equipment acquired pursuant to Sections 25-53-1 through 25-53-29;

(b) Adopt regulations governing the approval of contracts let for the construction and maintenance of state buildings and other state facilities as well as related contracts for architectural and engineering services.

The provisions of this paragraph (b) shall not apply to such contracts involving buildings and other facilities of state institutions of higher learning which are self-administered as provided under this paragraph (b) or Section 37-101-15(m);

(c) Adopt regulations governing any lease or rental agreement by any state agency or department, including any state agency financed entirely by federal funds, for space outside the buildings under the jurisdiction of the Department of Finance and Administration. These regulations shall require each agency requesting to lease such space to provide the following information that shall be published by the Department of Finance and Administration on its website: the agency to lease the space; the terms of the lease; the approximate square feet to be leased; the use for the space; a description of a suitable space; the general location desired for the leased space; the contact information for a person from the agency; the deadline date for the agency to have received a lease proposal; any other specific terms or conditions of the agency; and any other information deemed appropriate by the Division of Real Property Management of the Department of Finance and Administration or the Public Procurement Review Board. The information shall be provided sufficiently in advance of the time the space is needed to allow the Division of Real Property Management of the Department of Finance and Administration to review and preapprove the lease before the time for advertisement begins;

(d) Adopt, in its discretion, regulations to set aside at least five percent (5%) of anticipated annual expenditures for the purchase of commodities from minority businesses; however, all such set-aside purchases shall comply with all purchasing regulations promulgated by the department and shall be subject to all bid requirements. Set-aside purchases for which competitive bids are required shall be made from the lowest and best minority business bidder; however, if no minority bid is available or if the minority bid is more than two percent (2%) higher than the lowest bid, then bids shall be accepted and awarded to the lowest and best bidder. However, the provisions in this paragraph shall not be construed to prohibit the rejection of a bid when only one (1) bid is received. Such rejection shall be placed in the minutes. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "minority business" means a business which is owned by a person who is a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States and who is:

(i) Black: having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa;

(ii) Hispanic: of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish or Portuguese culture or origin regardless of race;

(iii) Asian-American: having origins in any of the original people of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands;

(iv) American Indian or Alaskan Native: having origins in any of the original people of North America; or

(v) Female;

(e) In consultation with and approval by the Chairs of the Senate and House Public Property Committees, approve leases, for a term not to exceed eighteen (18) months, entered into by state agencies for the purpose of providing parking arrangements for state employees who work in the Woolfolk Building, the Carroll Gartin Justice Building or the Walter Sillers Office Building;

(f) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (xv) of this paragraph, promulgate rules and regulations governing the solicitation and selection of contractual services personnel, including personal and professional services contracts for any form of consulting, policy analysis, public relations, marketing, public affairs, legislative advocacy services or any other contract that the board deems appropriate for oversight, with the exception of:

(i) Any personal service contracts entered into by any agency that employs only nonstate service employees as defined in Section 25-9-107(c) * * *;

(ii) Any personal service contracts entered into for computer or information technology-related services governed by the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services * * *;

(iii) Any personal service contracts entered into by the individual state institutions of higher learning * * *;

(iv) Any personal service contracts entered into by the Mississippi Department of Transportation * * *;

(v) Any personal service contracts entered into by the Department of Human Services through June 30, 2019, which the Executive Director of the Department of Human Services determines would be useful in establishing and operating the Department of Child Protection Services * * *;

(vi) Any personal service contracts entered into by the Department of Child Protection Services through June 30, 2019 * * *;

(vii) Any contracts for entertainers and/or performers at the Mississippi State Fairgrounds entered into by the Mississippi Fair Commission * * *;

(viii) Any contracts entered into by the Department of Finance and Administration when procuring aircraft maintenance, parts, equipment and/or services * * *;

(ix) Any contract entered into by the Department of Public Safety for service on specialized equipment and/or software required for the operation at such specialized equipment for use by the Office of Forensics Laboratories * * *;

(x) Any personal or professional service contract entered into by the Mississippi Department of Health * * * or the Department of Revenue solely in connection with their respective responsibilities under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act from February 2, 2022, through June 30, * * * 2026;

(xi) Any contract for attorney, accountant, actuary auditor, architect, engineer, anatomical pathologist, or utility rate expert services * * *;

(xii) Any personal service contracts approved by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration and entered into by the Coordinator of Mental Health Accessibility through June 30, 2022 * * *;

(xiii) Any personal or professional services contract entered into by the State Department of Health in carrying out its responsibilities under the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program through June 30, 2026 * * *;

(xiv) And any personal or professional services contract entered into by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality in carrying out its responsibilities under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022, through June 30, 2026.

Any such rules and regulations shall provide for maintaining continuous internal audit covering the activities of such agency affecting its revenue and expenditures as

required under Section 7-7-3(6)(d). Any rules and regulation changes related to personal and professional services contracts that the Public Procurement Review Board may propose shall be submitted to the Chairs of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the Chairs of the Appropriation Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives at least fifteen (15) days before the board votes on the proposed changes, and those rules and regulation changes, if adopted, shall be promulgated in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Act; and

(xv) From and after July 1, 2024, the Public Procurement Review Board shall promulgate rules and regulations that require the Department of Finance and Administration to conduct personal and professional services solicitations as provided in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph for those services in excess of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) for the Department of Marine Resources, the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency and the Mississippi Development Authority, with assistance to be provided from these entities. Any powers that have been conferred upon agencies in order to comply with the provisions of this section for personal and professional services solicitations shall be conferred upon the Department of Finance and Administration to conduct personal and professional services solicitations for the Department of Marine Resources, the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency and the Mississippi Development Authority for those services in excess of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00). The Department of Finance and Administration shall make any submissions that are required to be made by other agencies to the Public Procurement Review Board for the Department of Marine Resources, the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency and the Mississippi Development Authority.

The provisions of this subparagraph (xv) shall stand repealed on June 30, 2027.

(g) Approve all personal and professional services contracts involving the expenditures of funds in excess of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), except as provided in paragraph (f) of this subsection (2) and in subsection (8);

(h) Develop mandatory standards with respect to contractual services personnel that require invitations for public bid, requests for proposals, record keeping and financial responsibility of contractors. The Public Procurement Review Board shall, unless exempted under this paragraph (h) or under paragraph (i) or (o) of this subsection (2), require the agency involved to submit the procurement to a competitive procurement process, and may reserve the right to reject any or all resulting procurements;

(i) Prescribe certain circumstances by which agency heads may enter into contracts for personal and professional services without receiving prior approval from the Public Procurement Review Board. The Public Procurement Review Board may establish a preapproved list of providers of various personal and professional services for set prices with which state agencies may contract without bidding or prior approval from the board;

(i) Agency requirements may be fulfilled by procuring services performed incident to the state's own programs. The agency head shall determine in writing whether the price represents a fair market value for the services. When the procurements are made from other governmental entities, the private sector need not be solicited; however, these contracts shall still be submitted for approval to the Public Procurement Review Board.

(ii) Contracts between two (2) state agencies, both under Public Procurement Review Board purview, shall not require Public Procurement Review Board approval. However, the contracts shall still be entered into the enterprise resource planning system;

(j) Provide standards for the issuance of requests for proposals, the evaluation of proposals received, consideration of costs and quality of services proposed, contract negotiations, the administrative monitoring of contract performance by the agency and successful steps in terminating a contract;

(k) Present recommendations for governmental privatization and to evaluate privatization proposals submitted by any state agency;

(l) Authorize personal and professional service contracts to be effective for more than one (1) year provided a funding condition is included in any such multiple year contract, except the State Board of Education, which shall have the authority to enter into contractual agreements for student assessment for a period up to ten (10) years. The State Board of Education shall procure these services in accordance with the Public Procurement Review Board procurement regulations;

(m) Request the State Auditor to conduct a performance audit on any personal or professional service contract;

(n) Prepare an annual report to the Legislature concerning the issuance of personal and professional services contracts during the previous year, collecting any necessary information from state agencies in making such report;

(o) Develop and implement the following standards and procedures for the approval of any sole source contract for personal and professional services regardless of the value of the procurement:

(i) For the purposes of this paragraph (o), the term "sole source" means only one (1) source is available that can provide the required personal or professional service.

(ii) An agency that has been issued a binding, valid court order mandating that a particular source or provider must be used for the required service must include a copy of the applicable court order in all future sole source contract reviews for the particular personal or professional service referenced in the court order.

(iii) Any agency alleging to have a sole source for any personal or professional service, other than those exempted under paragraph (f) of this subsection (2) and subsection (8), shall publish on the procurement portal website established by Sections 25-53-151 and 27-104-165, for at least fourteen (14) days, the terms of the proposed contract for those services. In addition, the publication shall include, but is not limited to, the following information:

1. The personal or professional service offered in the contract;
2. An explanation of why the personal or professional service is the only one that can meet the needs of the agency;
3. An explanation of why the source is the only person or entity that can provide the required personal or professional service;
4. An explanation of why the amount to be expended for the personal or professional service is reasonable; and
5. The efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the personal or professional service.

(iv) If any person or entity objects and proposes that the personal or professional service published under subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph (o) is not a sole source service and can be provided by another person or entity, then the objecting person or entity shall notify the Public Procurement Review Board and the agency that published the proposed sole source contract with a detailed explanation of why the personal or professional service is not a sole source service.

(v) 1. If the agency determines after review that the personal or professional service in the proposed sole source contract can be provided by another person or entity, then the agency must withdraw the sole source contract publication from the procurement portal website and submit the procurement of the personal or professional service to an advertised competitive bid or selection process.

2. If the agency determines after review that there is only one (1) source for the required personal or professional service, then the agency may appeal to the Public Procurement Review Board. The agency has the burden of proving that the personal or professional service is only provided by one (1) source.

3. If the Public Procurement Review Board has any reasonable doubt as to whether the personal or professional service can only be provided by one (1) source, then the agency must submit the procurement of the personal or professional service to an advertised competitive bid or selection process. No action taken by the Public Procurement Review Board in this appeal process shall be valid

unless approved by a majority of the members of the Public Procurement Review Board present and voting.

(vi) The Public Procurement Review Board shall prepare and submit a quarterly report to the House of Representatives and Senate Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees that details the sole source contracts presented to the Public Procurement Review Board and the reasons that the Public Procurement Review Board approved or rejected each contract. These quarterly reports shall also include the documentation and memoranda required in subsection (4) of this section. An agency that submitted a sole source contract shall be prepared to explain the sole source contract to each committee by December 15 of each year upon request by the committee;

(p) Assess any fines and administrative penalties provided for in Sections 31-7-401 through 31-7-423.

(3) All submissions shall be made sufficiently in advance of each monthly meeting of the Public Procurement Review Board as prescribed by the Public Procurement Review Board. If the Public Procurement Review Board rejects any contract submitted for review or approval, the Public Procurement Review Board shall clearly set out the reasons for its action, including, but not limited to, the policy that the agency has violated in its submitted contract and any corrective actions that the agency may take to amend the contract to comply with the rules and regulations of the Public Procurement Review Board.

(4) All sole source contracts for personal and professional services awarded by state agencies, other than those exempted under Section 27-104-7(2)(f) and (8), whether approved by an agency head or the Public Procurement Review Board, shall contain in the procurement file a written determination for the approval, using a request form furnished by the Public Procurement Review Board. The written determination shall document the basis for the determination, including any market analysis conducted in order to ensure that the service required was practicably available from only one (1) source. A memorandum shall accompany the request form and address the following four (4) points:

(a) Explanation of why this service is the only service that can meet the needs of the purchasing agency;

(b) Explanation of why this vendor is the only practicably available source from which to obtain this service;

(c) Explanation of why the price is considered reasonable; and

(d) Description of the efforts that were made to conduct a noncompetitive negotiation to get the best possible price for the taxpayers.

(5) In conjunction with the State Personnel Board, the Public Procurement Review Board shall develop and promulgate rules and regulations to define the allowable legal relationship between contract employees and the contracting departments, agencies and institutions of state government under the jurisdiction of the State Personnel Board, in compliance with the applicable rules and regulations of the federal Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for federal employment tax purposes. Under these regulations, the usual common law rules are applicable to determine and require that such worker is an independent contractor and not an employee, requiring evidence of lawful behavioral control, lawful financial control and lawful relationship of the parties. Any state department, agency or institution shall only be authorized to contract for personnel services in compliance with those regulations.

(6) No member of the Public Procurement Review Board shall use his or her official authority or influence to coerce, by threat of discharge from employment, or otherwise, the purchase of commodities, the contracting for personal or professional services, or the contracting for public construction under this chapter.

(7) Notwithstanding any other laws or rules to the contrary, the provisions of subsection (2) of this section shall not be applicable to the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport.

(8) Nothing in this section shall impair or limit the authority of the Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement System to enter into any personal or professional services contracts directly related to their constitutional obligation to manage the trust funds, including, but not limited to, actuarial, custodial banks, cash management, investment consultant and investment management contracts.

Nothing in this section shall impair or limit the authority of the State Treasurer to enter into any personal or professional services contracts involving the management of trust funds, including, but not limited to, actuarial, custodial banks, cash management, investment consultant and investment management contracts.

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(9) Through December 31, 2024, the provisions of this section related to rental agreements or leasing of real property for the purpose of conducting agency business shall not apply to the Office of Workforce Development created in Section 37-153-7.

SECTION 5. Section 71-5-355, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by Senate Bill No. 2810, 2023 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

71-5-355. (1) As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Tax year" means any period beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31 of a year.

(b) "Computation date" means June 30 of any calendar year immediately preceding the tax year during which the particular contribution rates are effective.

(c) "Effective date" means January 1 of the tax year.

(d) Except as hereinafter provided, "payroll" means the total of all wages paid for employment by an employer as defined in Section 71-5-11, subsection H, plus the total of all remuneration paid by such employer excluded from the definition of wages by Section 71-5-351. For the computation of modified rates, "payroll" means the total of all wages paid for employment by an employer as defined in Section 71-5-11, subsection H.

(e) For the computation of modified rates, "eligible employer" means an employer whose experience-rating record has been chargeable with benefits throughout the thirty-six (36) consecutive calendar-month period ending on the computation date, except that any employer who has not been subject to the Mississippi Employment Security Law for a period of time sufficient to meet the thirty-six (36) consecutive calendar-month requirement shall be an eligible employer if his or her experience-rating record has been chargeable throughout not less than the twelve (12) consecutive calendar-month period ending on the computation date. No employer shall be considered eligible for a contribution rate less than five and four-tenths percent (5.4%) with respect to any tax year, who has failed to file any two (2) quarterly reports within the qualifying period by September 30 following the computation date. No employer or employing unit shall be eligible for a contribution rate of less than five and four-tenths percent (5.4%) for the tax year in which the employing unit is found by the department to be in violation of Section 71-5-19(2) or (3) and for the next two (2) succeeding tax years. No representative of such employing unit who was a party to a violation as described in Section 71-5-19(2) or (3), if such representative was or is an employing unit in this state, shall be eligible for a contribution rate of less than five and four-tenths percent (5.4%) for the tax year in which such violation was detected by the department and for the next two (2) succeeding tax years.

(f) With respect to any tax year, "reserve ratio" means the ratio which the total amount available for the payment of benefits in the Unemployment Compensation Fund, excluding any amount which has been credited to the account of this state under Section 903 of the Social Security Act, as amended, and which has been appropriated for the expenses of administration pursuant to Section 71-5-457 whether or not withdrawn from such account, on October 31 (close of business) of each calendar year bears to the aggregate of the taxable payrolls of all employers for the twelve (12) calendar months ending on June 30 next preceding.

(g) "Modified rates" means the rates of employer unemployment insurance contributions determined under the provisions of this chapter and the rates of newly subject employers, as provided in Section 71-5-353.

(h) For the computation of modified rates, "qualifying period" means a period of not less than the thirty-six (36) consecutive calendar months ending on the computation date throughout which an employer's experience-rating record has been chargeable with benefits; except that with respect to any eligible employer who has not been subject to this article for a period of time sufficient to meet the thirty-six (36)

consecutive calendar-month requirement, "qualifying period" means the period ending on the computation date throughout which his or her experience-rating record has been chargeable with benefits, but in no event less than the twelve (12) consecutive calendar-month period ending on the computation date throughout which his or her experience-rating record has been so chargeable.

(i) The "exposure criterion" (EC) is defined as the cash balance of the Unemployment Compensation Fund which is available for the payment of benefits as of November 16 of each calendar year or the next working day if November 16 falls on a holiday or a weekend, divided by the total wages, exclusive of wages paid by all state agencies, all political subdivisions, reimbursable nonprofit corporations, and tax-exempt public service employment, for the twelve-month period ending June 30 immediately preceding such date. The EC shall be computed to four (4) decimal places and rounded up if any fraction remains. Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein, the date for determining the cash balance of the Unemployment Compensation Fund which is available for the payment of benefits for the calendar years 2020 and 2021 shall be December 31.

(j) The "cost rate criterion" (CRC) is defined as follows: Beginning with January 1974, the benefits paid for the twelve-month period ending December 1974 are summed and divided by the total wages for the twelve-month period ending on June 30, 1975. Similar ratios are computed by subtracting the earliest month's benefit payments and adding the benefits of the next month in the sequence and dividing each sum of twelve (12) months' benefits by the total wages for the twelve-month period ending on the June 30 which is nearest to the final month of the period used to compute the numerator. If December is the final month of the period used to compute the numerator, then the twelve-month period ending the following June 30 will be used for the denominator. Benefits and total wages used in the computation of the cost rate criterion shall exclude all benefits and total wages applicable to state agencies, political subdivisions, reimbursable nonprofit corporations, and tax-exempt PSE employment.

The CRC shall be computed as the average for the highest monthly value of the cost rate criterion computations during each of the economic cycles since the calendar year 1974 as defined by the National Bureau of Economic Research. The CRC shall be computed to four (4) decimal places and any remainder shall be rounded up.

The CRC shall be adjusted only through annual computations and additions of future economic cycles.

(k) "Size of fund index" (SOFI) is defined as the ratio of the exposure criterion (EC) to the cost rate criterion (CRC). The target size of fund index will be fixed at 1.0. If the insured unemployment rate (IUR) exceeds a four and five-tenths percent (4.5%) average for the most recent completed July to June period, the target SOFI will be .8 and will remain at that level until the computed SOFI (the average exposure criterion of the current year and the preceding year divided by the average cost rate criterion) equals 1.0 or the average IUR falls to four and five-tenths percent (4.5%) or less for any period July to June. However, if the IUR falls below two and five-tenths percent (2.5%) for any period July to June the target SOFI shall be 1.2 until such time as the computed SOFI is equal to or greater than 1.0 or the IUR is equal to or greater than two and five-tenths percent (2.5%), at which point the target SOFI shall return to 1.0.

(l) No employer's unemployment contribution general experience rate plus individual unemployment experience rate shall exceed five and four-tenths percent (5.4%). Accrual rules shall apply for purposes of computing contribution rates including associated functions.

(m) The term "general experience rate" has the same meaning as the minimum tax rate.

(2) Modified rates:

(a) For any tax year, when the reserve ratio on the preceding November 16, in the case of any tax year, equals or exceeds three percent (3%), the modified rates, as hereinafter prescribed, shall be in effect. In computation of this reserve ratio, any remainder shall be rounded down.

(b) Modified rates shall be determined for the tax year for each eligible employer on the basis of his or her experience-rating record in the following manner:

(i) The department shall maintain an experience-rating record for each employer. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to grant any employer or individuals performing services for him or her any prior claim or rights to the amounts paid by the employer into the fund.

(ii) Benefits paid to an eligible individual shall be charged against the experience-rating record of his or her base period employers in the proportion to which the wages paid by each base period employer bears to the total wages paid to the individual by all the base period employers, provided that benefits shall not be charged to an employer's experience-rating record if the department finds that the individual:

1. Voluntarily left the employ of such employer without good cause attributable to the employer or to accept other work;

2. Was discharged by such employer for misconduct connected with his or her work;

3. Refused an offer of suitable work by such employer without good cause, and the department further finds that such benefits are based on wages for employment for such employer prior to such voluntary leaving, discharge or refusal of suitable work, as the case may be;

4. Had base period wages which included wages for previously uncovered services as defined in Section 71-5-511(e) to the extent that the Unemployment Compensation Fund is reimbursed for such benefits pursuant to Section 121 of Public Law 94-566;

5. Extended benefits paid under the provisions of Section 71-5-541 which are not reimbursable from federal funds shall be charged to the experience-rating record of base period employers;

6. Is still working for such employer on a regular part-time basis under the same employment conditions as hired. Provided, however, that benefits shall be charged against an employer if an eligible individual is paid benefits who is still working for such employer on a part-time "as-needed" basis;

7. Was hired to replace a United States serviceman or servicewoman called into active duty and was laid off upon the return to work by that serviceman or servicewoman, unless such employer is a state agency or other political subdivision or instrumentality of the state;

8. Was paid benefits during any week while in training with the approval of the department, under the provisions of Section 71-5-513B, or for any week while in training approved under Section 236(a)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974, under the provisions of Section 71-5-513C;

9. Is not required to serve the one-week waiting period as described in Section 71-5-505(2). In that event, only the benefits paid in lieu of the waiting period week may be noncharged; or

10. Was paid benefits as a result of a fraudulent claim, provided notification was made to the Mississippi Department of Employment Security in writing or by email by the employer, within ten (10) days of the mailing of the notice of claim filed to the employer's last-known address.

(iii) Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein, an employer shall not be noncharged when the department finds that the employer or the employer's agent of record was at fault for failing to respond timely or adequately to the request of the department for information relating to an unemployment claim that was subsequently determined to be improperly paid, unless the employer or the employer's agent of record shows good cause for having failed to respond timely or adequately to the request of the department for information. For purposes of this subparagraph "good cause" means an event that prevents the employer or employer's agent of record from timely responding, and includes a natural disaster, emergency or similar event, or an illness on the part of the employer, the employer's agent of record, or their staff charged with responding to such inquiries when there is no other individual who has the knowledge or ability to respond. Any agency error that resulted in a delay in, or the failure to deliver notice to, the employer or the employer's agent of record shall also be considered good cause for purposes of this subparagraph.

(iv) The department shall compute a benefit ratio for each eligible employer, which shall be the quotient obtained by dividing the total benefits

charged to his or her experience-rating record during the period his or her experience-rating record has been chargeable, but not less than the twelve (12) consecutive calendar-month period nor more than the thirty-six (36) consecutive calendar-month period ending on the computation date, by his or her total taxable payroll for the same period on which all unemployment insurance contributions due have been paid on or before the September 30 immediately following the computation date. Such benefit ratio shall be computed to the tenth of a percent (.1%), rounding any remainder to the next higher tenth.

(v) 1. The unemployment insurance contribution rate for each eligible employer shall be the sum of two (2) rates: his or her individual experience rate in the range from zero percent (0%) to five and four-tenths percent (5.4%), plus a general experience rate. In no event shall the resulting unemployment insurance rate be in excess of five and four-tenths percent (5.4%), however, it is the intent of this section to provide the ability for employers to have a tax rate, the general experience rate plus the individual experience rate, of up to five and four-tenths percent (5.4%).

2. The employer's individual experience rate shall be equal to his or her benefit ratio as computed under paragraph (b)(iv) of this subsection (2).

3. The general experience rate shall be determined in the following manner: The department shall determine annually, for the thirty-six (36) consecutive calendar-month period ending on the computation date, the amount of benefits which were not charged to the record of any employer and of benefits which were ineffectively charged to the employer's experience-rating record. For the purposes of this item 3, the term "ineffectively charged benefits" shall include:

a. The total of the amounts of benefits charged to the experience-rating records of all eligible employers which caused their benefit ratios to exceed five and four-tenths percent (5.4%);

b. The total of the amounts of benefits charged to the experience-rating records of all ineligible employers which would cause their benefit ratios to exceed five and four-tenths percent (5.4%) if they were eligible employers; and

c. The total of the amounts of benefits charged or chargeable to the experience-rating record of any employer who has discontinued his or her business or whose coverage has been terminated within such period; provided, that solely for the purposes of determining the amounts of ineffectively charged benefits as herein defined, a "benefit ratio" shall be computed for each ineligible employer, which shall be the quotient obtained by dividing the total benefits charged to his or her experience-rating record throughout the period ending on the computation date, during which his or her experience-rating record has been chargeable with benefits, by his or her total taxable payroll for the same period on which all unemployment insurance contributions due have been paid on or before the September 30 immediately following the computation date; and provided further, that such benefit ratio shall be computed to the tenth of one percent (.1%) and any remainder shall be rounded to the next higher tenth.

The ratio of the sum of these amounts (subsection (2)(b)(v)3a, b and c) to the taxable wages paid during the same period divided by all eligible employers whose benefit ratio did not exceed five and four-tenths percent (5.4%), computed to the next higher tenth of one percent (.1%), shall be the general experience rate; however, the general experience rate for rate year 2014 shall be two-tenths of one percent (.2%) and to that will be added the employer's individual experience rate for the total unemployment insurance rate.

4. a. Except as otherwise provided in this item 4, the general experience rate shall be adjusted by use of the size of fund index factor. This factor may be positive or negative, and shall be determined as follows: From the target SOFI, as defined in subsection (1)(k) of this section, subtract the simple average of the current and preceding years' exposure criterions divided by the cost rate criterion, as defined in subsection (1)(j) of this section. The result is then multiplied by the product of the CRC, as defined in subsection (1)(j) of this section, and total wages for the twelve-month period ending June 30 divided by the taxable wages for the twelve-month

period ending June 30. This is the percentage positive or negative added to the general experience rate. The sum of the general experience rate and the trust fund adjustment factor shall be multiplied by fifty percent (50%) and this product shall be computed to one (1) decimal place, and rounded to the next higher tenth.

b. Notwithstanding the minimum rate provisions as set forth in subsection (1)(l) of this section, the general experience rate of all employers shall be reduced by seven one-hundredths of one percent (.07%) for calendar year 2013 only.

5. The general experience rate shall be zero percent (0%) unless the general experience ratio for any tax year as computed and adjusted on the basis of the trust fund adjustment factor and reduced by fifty percent (50%) is an amount equal to or greater than two-tenths of one percent (.2%), then the general experience rate shall be the computed general experience ratio and adjusted on the basis of the trust fund adjustment factor and reduced by fifty percent (50%); however, in no case shall the sum of the general experience plus the individual experience unemployment insurance rate exceed five and four-tenths percent (5.4%). For rate years subsequent to 2014, Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training contribution rate, and/or * * * Mississippi Office of Workforce Development contribution rate, and/or Mississippi Works contribution rate, when in effect, shall be added to the unemployment contribution rate, regardless of whether the addition of this contribution rate causes the total contribution rate for the employer to exceed five and four-tenths percent (5.4%).

6. The department shall include in its annual rate notice to employers a brief explanation of the elements of the general experience rate, and shall include in its regular publications an annual analysis of benefits not charged to the record of any employer, and of the benefit experience of employers by industry group whose benefit ratio exceeds four percent (4%), and of any other factors which may affect the size of the general experience rate.

7. Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein, the general experience rate for calendar year 2021 shall be zero percent (0%). Charges attributed to each employer's individual experience rate for the period March 8, 2020, through June 30, 2020, will not impact the employer's individual experience rate calculations for purposes of calculating the total unemployment insurance rate for 2021 and the two (2) subsequent tax rate years. Moreover, charges attributed to each employer's individual experience rate for the period July 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020, will not impact the employer's individual experience rate calculations for purposes of calculating the total unemployment insurance rate for 2022 and the two (2) subsequent tax rate years. Furthermore, noncharges as defined hereinabove caused by the COVID-19 pandemic will not be used for the purpose of calculating the general experience rate.

(vi) When any employing unit in any manner succeeds to or acquires the organization, trade, business or substantially all the assets thereof of an employer, excepting any assets retained by such employer incident to the liquidation of his or her obligations, whether or not such acquiring employing unit was an employer within the meaning of Section 71-5-11, subsection H, prior to such acquisition, and continues such organization, trade or business, the experience-rating and payroll records of the predecessor employer shall be transferred as of the date of acquisition to the successor employer for the purpose of rate determination.

(vii) When any employing unit succeeds to or acquires a distinct and severable portion of an organization, trade or business, the experience-rating and payroll records of such portion, if separately identifiable, shall be transferred to the successor upon:

1. The mutual consent of the predecessor and the successor;
2. Approval of the department;
3. Continued operation of the transferred portion by the successor after transfer; and
4. The execution and the filing with the department by the predecessor employer of a waiver relinquishing all rights to have the

experience-rating and payroll records of the transferred portion used for the purpose of determining modified rates of contribution for such predecessor.

(viii) If the successor was an employer subject to this chapter prior to the date of acquisition, it shall continue to pay unemployment insurance contributions at the rate applicable to it from the date the acquisition occurred until the end of the then current tax year. If the successor was not an employer prior to the date of acquisition, it shall pay unemployment insurance contributions at the rate applicable to the predecessor or, if more than one (1) predecessor and the same rate is applicable to both, the rate applicable to the predecessor or predecessors, from the date the acquisition occurred until the end of the then current tax year. If the successor was not an employer prior to the date the acquisition occurred and simultaneously acquires the businesses of two (2) or more employers to whom different rates of unemployment insurance contributions are applicable, it shall pay unemployment insurance contributions from the date of the acquisition until the end of the current tax year at a rate computed on the basis of the combined experience-rating and payroll records of the predecessors as of the computation date for such tax year. In all cases the rate of unemployment insurance contributions applicable to such successor for each succeeding tax year shall be computed on the basis of the combined experience-rating and payroll records of the successor and the predecessor or predecessors.

(ix) The department shall notify each employer quarterly of the benefits paid and charged to his or her experience-rating record; and such notification, in the absence of an application for redetermination filed within thirty (30) days after the date of such notice, shall be final, conclusive and binding upon the employer for all purposes. A redetermination, made after notice and opportunity for a fair hearing, by a hearing officer designated by the department who shall consider and decide these and related applications and protests; and the finding of fact in connection therewith may be introduced into any subsequent administrative or judicial proceedings involving the determination of the rate of unemployment insurance contributions of any employer for any tax year, and shall be entitled to the same finality as is provided in this subsection with respect to the findings of fact in proceedings to redetermine the contribution rate of an employer.

(x) The department shall notify each employer of his or her rate of contribution as determined for any tax year as soon as reasonably possible after September 1 of the preceding year. Such determination shall be final, conclusive and binding upon such employer unless, within thirty (30) days after the date of such notice to his or her last-known address, the employer files with the department an application for review and redetermination of his or her contribution rate, setting forth his or her reasons therefor. If the department grants such review, the employer shall be promptly notified thereof and shall be afforded an opportunity for a fair hearing by a hearing officer designated by the department who shall consider and decide these and related applications and protests; but no employer shall be allowed, in any proceeding involving his or her rate of unemployment insurance contributions or contribution liability, to contest the chargeability to his or her account of any benefits paid in accordance with a determination, redetermination or decision pursuant to Sections 71-5-515 through 71-5-533 except upon the ground that the services on the basis of which such benefits were found to be chargeable did not constitute services performed in employment for him or her, and then only in the event that he or she was not a party to such determination, redetermination, decision or to any other proceedings provided in this chapter in which the character of such services was determined. The employer shall be promptly notified of the denial of this application or of the redetermination, both of which shall become final unless, within ten (10) days after the date of notice thereof, there shall be an appeal to the department itself. Any such appeal shall be on the record before said designated hearing officer, and the decision of said department shall become final unless, within thirty (30) days after the date of notice thereof to the employer's last-known address, there shall be an appeal to the Circuit Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in accordance with the provisions of law with respect to review of civil causes by certiorari.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following shall apply regarding assignment of rates and transfers of experience:

(a) (i) If an employer transfers its trade or business, or a portion thereof, to another employer and, at the time of the transfer, there is substantially common ownership, management or control of the two (2) employers, then the unemployment experience attributable to the transferred trade or business shall be transferred to the employer to whom such business is so transferred. The rates of both employers shall be recalculated and made effective on January 1 of the year following the year the transfer occurred.

(ii) If, following a transfer of experience under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (a), the department determines that a substantial purpose of the transfer of trade or business was to obtain a reduced liability of unemployment insurance contributions, then the experience-rating accounts of the employers involved shall be combined into a single account and a single rate assigned to such account.

(b) Whenever a person who is not an employer or an employing unit under this chapter at the time it acquires the trade or business of an employer, the unemployment experience of the acquired business shall not be transferred to such person if the department finds that such person acquired the business solely or primarily for the purpose of obtaining a lower rate of unemployment insurance contributions. Instead, such person shall be assigned the new employer rate under Section 71-5-353, unless assignment of the new employer rate results in an increase of less than two percent (2%), in which case such person would be assigned the new employer rate plus an additional two percent (2%) penalty for the rate year. In determining whether the business was acquired solely or primarily for the purpose of obtaining a lower rate of unemployment insurance contributions, the department shall use objective factors which may include the cost of acquiring the business, whether the person continued the business enterprise of the acquired business, how long such business enterprise was continued, or whether a substantial number of new employees were hired for performance of duties unrelated to the business activity conducted prior to acquisition.

(c) (i) If a person knowingly violates or attempts to violate paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection or any other provision of this chapter related to determining the assignment of a contribution rate, or if a person knowingly advises another person in a way that results in a violation of such provision, the person shall be subject to the following penalties:

1. If the person is an employer, then such employer shall be assigned the highest rate assignable under this chapter for the rate year during which such violation or attempted violation occurred and the three (3) rate years immediately following this rate year. However, if the person's business is already at such highest rate for any year, or if the amount of increase in the person's rate would be less than two percent (2%) for such year, then the person's tax rate shall be increased by two percent (2%) for such year. The penalty rate will apply to the successor business as well as the related entity from which the employees were transferred in an effort to obtain a lower rate of unemployment insurance contributions.

2. If the person is not an employer, such person shall be subject to a civil money penalty of not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). Each such transaction for which advice was given and each occurrence or reoccurrence after notification being given by the department shall be a separate offense and punishable by a separate penalty. Any such fine shall be deposited in the penalty and interest account established under Section 71-5-114.

(ii) For purposes of this paragraph (c), the term "knowingly" means having actual knowledge of or acting with deliberate ignorance or reckless disregard for the prohibition involved.

(iii) For purposes of this paragraph (c), the term "violates or attempts to violate" includes, but is not limited to, intent to evade, misrepresentation or willful nondisclosure.

(iv) In addition to the penalty imposed by subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (c), any violation of this subsection may be punishable by a fine of not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) or by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years, or by both such fine and imprisonment. This subsection shall prohibit prosecution under any other criminal statute of this state.

(d) The department shall establish procedures to identify the transfer or acquisition of a business for purposes of this subsection.

(e) For purposes of this subsection:

(i) "Person" has the meaning given such term by Section 7701(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and

(ii) "Employing unit" has the meaning as set forth in Section 71-5-11.

(f) This subsection shall be interpreted and applied in such a manner as to meet the minimum requirements contained in any guidance or regulations issued by the United States Department of Labor.

SECTION 6. Section 71-5-453, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

71-5-453. The department shall be the treasurer and custodian of the fund, and shall administer such fund in accordance with the directions of the department, and shall issue its warrants upon it in accordance with such regulations as the department shall prescribe. The department shall maintain within the fund three (3) separate accounts: (a) a clearing account, (b) an unemployment trust fund account, and (c) a benefit payment account. All monies payable to the fund, upon receipt thereof by the department, shall be immediately deposited in the clearing account. Refunds payable pursuant to Section 71-5-383 may be paid from the clearing account by the department. Transfers pursuant to Section 71-5-114 of all interest, penalties and damages collected shall be made to the Special Employment Security Administration Fund as soon as practicable after the end of each calendar quarter. Workforce Enhancement Training contributions, * * * Mississippi Office of Workforce Development contributions and Mississippi Works contributions shall be deposited into the Workforce Investment and Training Holding Account as described in this section. All other monies in the clearing account shall be immediately deposited with the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States of America to the Unemployment Trust Fund account for the State of Mississippi, established and maintained pursuant to Section 904 of the Social Security Act, as amended, any provisions of law in this state relating to the deposit, administration, release or disbursement of monies in the possession or custody of this state to the contrary notwithstanding. The benefit account shall consist of all monies requisitioned from this state's account in the Unemployment Trust Fund. Except as herein otherwise provided, monies in the clearing and benefit accounts may be deposited by the department, in any bank or public depository in which general funds of the state may be deposited, but no public deposit insurance charge or premium shall be paid out of the fund. The department shall be liable for the faithful performance of its duties in connection with the Unemployment Compensation Fund under this chapter. A Workforce Investment and Training Holding Account shall be established by and maintained under the control of the Mississippi Department of Employment Security. Contributions collected pursuant to the provisions in this chapter for the Workforce Enhancement Training Fund, * * * Mississippi Office of Workforce Development Fund and the Mississippi Works Fund shall be transferred from the clearing account into the Workforce Investment and Training Holding Account on the same schedule and under the same conditions as funds transferred to the Unemployment Compensation Fund. Such funds shall remain on deposit in the holding account for a period of thirty (30) days. After such period, Workforce Enhancement Training contributions shall be transferred to the appropriate Mississippi Community College Board Treasury Account, with oversight provided by the Mississippi Office of Workforce Development, by the department. The * * * Mississippi Office of Workforce Development contributions shall be transferred to the * * * Mississippi Office of Workforce Development Treasury Account for the Mississippi Office of Workforce Development Fund. The Mississippi Works contributions shall be transferred to the Mississippi Department of Employment Security Treasury Account for the Mississippi Works Fund. Such transfers shall occur within fifteen (15) days after the funds have resided in the Workforce Investment and Training Holding Account for thirty (30) days. One (1) such transfer shall be made monthly, but the department, in its discretion, may make additional transfers in any month. In the event such funds transferred are subsequently determined to be erroneously paid or collected, or if deposit of such funds is denied or rejected by the banking institution for any reason, or deposits are unable to clear drawer's account for

any reason, the funds must be reimbursed by the recipient of such funds within thirty (30) days of mailing of notice by the department demanding such refund, unless funds are available in the Workforce Investment and Training Holding Account. In that event such amounts shall be immediately withdrawn from the Workforce Investment and Training Holding Account by the department and redeposited into the clearing account.

SECTION 7. Section 25-61-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

25-61-5. (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided by Sections 25-61-9, 25-61-11 ***, 25-61-11.2 and 37-153-7, all public records are hereby declared to be public property, and any person shall have the right to inspect, copy or mechanically reproduce or obtain a reproduction of any public record of a public body in accordance with reasonable written procedures adopted by the public body concerning the cost, time, place and method of access, and public notice of the procedures shall be given by the public body, or, if a public body has not adopted written procedures, the right to inspect, copy or mechanically reproduce or obtain a reproduction of a public record of the public body shall be provided within one (1) working day after a written request for a public record is made. No public body shall adopt procedures which will authorize the public body to produce or deny production of a public record later than seven (7) working days from the date of the receipt of the request for the production of the record.

(b) If a public body is unable to produce a public record by the seventh working day after the request is made, the public body must provide a written explanation to the person making the request stating that the record requested will be produced and specifying with particularity why the records cannot be produced within the seven-day period. Unless there is mutual agreement of the parties, or the information requested is part of ongoing negotiations related to a request for competitive sealed proposals, in no event shall the date for the public body's production of the requested records be any later than fourteen (14) working days from the receipt by the public body of the original request. Production of competitive sealed proposals in accordance with requests made pursuant to this section shall be no later than seven (7) working days after the notice of intent to award is issued to the winning proposer. Persons making a request for production of competitive sealed proposals after the notice of intent to award is issued by the public body shall have a reasonable amount of time, but in no event less than seven (7) working days after the production of the competitive sealed proposals, to protest the procurement or intended award prior to contract execution. However, in any instance where a person has filed for a protective order for a competitive sealed proposal and the court has not ruled on the protective order within ninety (90) days of filing, then the public body may proceed with awarding the contract without production of competitive sealed proposals and the contract may be protested after execution.

(2) If any public record contains material which is not exempted under this chapter, the public agency shall redact the exempted material and make the nonexempted material available for examination. Such public agency shall be entitled to charge a reasonable fee for the redaction of any exempted material, not to exceed the agency's actual cost.

(3) Denial by a public body of a request for access to or copies of public records under this chapter shall be in writing and shall contain a statement of the specific exemption relied upon by the public body for the denial. Each public body shall maintain a file of all denials of requests for public records. Public bodies shall be required to preserve such denials on file for not less than three (3) years from the date such denials are made. This file shall be made available for inspection or copying, or both, during regular office hours to any person upon written request.

(4) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2024.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 71-5-353, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY WHICH SHALL CONSIST OF FUNDS COLLECTED FROM THE

OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS AND ANY OTHER MONIES THAT MAY BE APPROPRIATED TO IT FROM THE LEGISLATURE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD CONTRIBUTIONS THAT WERE BEING DEPOSITED INTO THE STATE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD BANK ACCOUNT SHALL NOW BE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND DEPOSITED INTO THE MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUND; TO PROVIDE THAT ADMINISTRATIVE FEES COLLECTED FOR THE TRAINING PROVIDED USING THE MISSISSIPPI WORKFORCE ENHANCEMENT TRAINING AND MISSISSIPPI WORKS FUNDS MAY NOT BE MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY SHALL BE THE FISCAL AGENT FOR ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO IT FOR USE BY THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT; TO CREATE A NEW SECTION THAT ESTABLISHES THE MISSISSIPPI K-12 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PURPOSE FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM SHALL BE FOR CONSTRUCTING, REMODELING, PURCHASING OR UPGRADING EQUIPMENT OR OTHERWISE PROVIDING SUPPORT TO CAREER TECHNICAL CENTERS AT THE K-12 EDUCATION LEVEL; TO PROVIDE HOW A SCHOOL MAY APPLY FOR A GRANT; TO PROVIDE THAT MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF FUNDS THAT MAY BE USED FOR ADMINISTERING THE PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 37-153-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT; TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC POWERS AND DUTIES FOR THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT; TO PROVIDE TIME-LIMITED EXEMPTIONS FROM THE MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC RECORDS ACT FOR CERTAIN RECORDS AND CONFIDENTIAL CLIENT INFORMATION FROM THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OR LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ENTITIES HELD BY THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT; TO AMEND SECTIONS 71-5-355 AND 71-5-453, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 27-104-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED BY HOUSE BILL NO. 249, HOUSE BILL NO. 540 AND SENATE BILL NO. 2810, 2023 REGULAR SESSION, TO CONFORM TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 25-61-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Donnie Bell, Kevin Felsher, Jill Ford

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: David Parker, Chuck Younger, Jeremy England

On motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, R, Huddleston, Robinson, Straughter, Walker, Watson. Total-6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Bell (21st) called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2595: ARPA Workforce Development and Retention Act; provide expiration date of grant funds.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2595: ARPA Workforce Development and Retention Act; provide expiration date of grant funds.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: David Parker, Daniel H. Sparks, J. Walter Michel

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Donnie Bell, Kevin Felsher, Otis Anthony

On motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bell (21st) called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2810: MS Workforce Training and Education Act; extend repealer on the act and in 2004 chapter law for conforming sections.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2810: Office of Workforce Development; amend certain provisions relating to.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 37-153-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

37-153-1. This article shall be known and may be cited as the "Mississippi Comprehensive Workforce Training and Education Consolidation Act of 2004."

SECTION 2. Section 37-153-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

37-153-3. It is the intent of the Legislature by the passage of Chapter 572, Laws of 2004, to establish one (1) comprehensive workforce development system in the State of Mississippi that is focused on achieving results, using resources efficiently and ensuring that workers and employers can easily access needed services. This system shall reflect a consolidation of the Mississippi Workforce Development Advisory Council and the Mississippi State Workforce Investment Act Board. The purpose of Chapter 572, Laws of 2004, is to provide workforce activities, through a statewide system that maximizes cooperation among state agencies, that increase the employment, retention and earnings of participants, and increase occupational skill attainment by participants and as a result, improve the quality of the workforce, reduce welfare dependency and enhance the productivity and competitiveness of the State of Mississippi.

SECTION 3. Section 37-153-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

37-153-5. For purposes of this article, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "State board" or "board" means the Mississippi State Workforce Investment Board.

(b) "District councils" means the Local Workforce Development Councils.

(c) "Local workforce investment board" means the board that oversees the workforce development activities of local workforce areas under the federal Workforce Investment Act.

(d) "Office" means the Mississippi Office of Workforce Development, housed at the Department of Finance and Administration.

SECTION 4. Section 37-153-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

37-153-7. (1) There is created the Mississippi Office of Workforce Development and the Mississippi State Workforce Investment Board, which shall serve as the advisory board for the office. The Mississippi State Workforce Investment Board shall be composed of thirty-one (31) voting members, of which a majority shall be representatives of business and industry in accordance with the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, or any successive acts.

(2) The members of the State Workforce Investment Board shall include:

(a) The Governor, or his designee;

(b) Nineteen (19) members, appointed by the Governor, of whom:

(i) A majority shall be representatives of businesses in the

state, who:

1. Are owners of businesses, chief executives or operating officers of businesses, or other business executives or employers with optimum policymaking or hiring authority, and who, in addition, may be members of a local board described in Section 3122(b)(2)(A)(i) of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. At least two (2) of the members appointed under this item 1. shall be

small business owners, chief executives or operating officers of businesses with less than fifty (50) employees;

2. Represent businesses, including small businesses, or organizations representing businesses, which provide employment opportunities that, at a minimum, include high-quality, work-relevant training and development in high-demand industry sectors or occupations in the state; and

3. Are appointed from among individuals nominated by state business organizations and business trade associations;

(ii) Not less than twenty percent (20%) shall consist of representatives of the workforce within the state, which:

1. Includes labor organization representatives who have been nominated by state labor federations;

2. Includes a labor organization member or training director from an apprenticeship program in the state, which shall be a joint labor-management apprenticeship program if such a program exists in the state;

3. May include representatives of community-based organizations, including organizations serving veterans or providing or supporting competitive, integrated employment for individuals with disabilities, who have demonstrated experience and expertise in addressing employment, training or education needs of individuals with barriers to employment; and

4. May include representatives of organizations, including organizations serving out-of-school youth, who have demonstrated experience or expertise in addressing the employment, training or education needs of eligible youth;

(iii) The balance shall include government representatives, including the lead state officials with primary responsibility for core programs, and chief elected officials (collectively representing both cities and counties, where appropriate);

(c) Two (2) representatives of businesses in the state appointed by the Lieutenant Governor;

(d) Two (2) representatives of businesses in the state appointed by the Governor from a list of three (3) recommendations from the Speaker of the House; and

(e) The following state officials:

(i) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Employment Security;

(ii) The Executive Director of the Department of Rehabilitation Services;

(iii) The State Superintendent of Public Education;

(iv) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Development Authority;

(v) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Community College Board;

(vi) The President of the Community College Association; and

(vii) The Commissioner of the Institutions of Higher Learning.

(f) One (1) senator, appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, and one (1) representative, appointed by the Speaker of the House, shall serve on the state board in a nonvoting capacity.

(g) The Governor may appoint additional members if required by the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, or any successive acts.

(h) Members of the board shall serve a term of four (4) years, and shall not serve more than three (3) consecutive terms.

(i) The membership of the board shall reflect the diversity of the State of Mississippi.

(j) The Governor shall designate the Chairman of the Mississippi State Workforce Investment Board from among the business and industry voting members of the board, and a quorum of the board shall consist of a majority of the voting members of the board.

(k) The voting members of the board who are not state employees shall be entitled to reimbursement of their reasonable expenses in the manner and amount specified in Section 25-3-41 and shall be entitled to receive per diem compensation as authorized in Section 25-3-69.

(3) Members of the state board may be recalled by their appointing authority for cause, including a felony conviction, fraudulent or dishonest acts or gross abuse of discretion, failure to meet board member qualifications, or chronic failure to attend board meetings.

(4) The Mississippi Department of Employment Security shall establish limits on administrative costs for each portion of Mississippi's workforce development system consistent with the federal Workforce Investment Act or any future federal workforce legislation.

(5) The Mississippi State Workforce Investment Board shall have the following duties. These duties are intended to be consistent with the scope of duties provided in the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, amendments and successor legislation to this act, and other relevant federal law:

(a) Through the office, develop and submit to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House a strategic plan for an integrated state workforce development system that aligns resources and structures the system to more effectively and efficiently meet the demands of Mississippi's employers and job seekers. This plan will comply with the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998, as amended, the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 and amendments and successor legislation to these acts;

(b) Assist the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House in the development and continuous improvement of the statewide workforce investment system that shall include:

(i) Development of linkages in order to assure coordination and nonduplication among programs and activities; and

(ii) Review local workforce development plans that reflect the use of funds from the federal Workforce Investment Act, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, the Wagner-Peyser Act and the amendment or successor legislation to the acts, and the Mississippi Comprehensive Workforce Training and Education Consolidation Act;

(c) Recommend to the office the designation of local workforce investment areas as required in Section 116 of the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014. There shall be four (4) workforce investment areas that are generally aligned with the planning and development district structure in Mississippi. Planning and development districts will serve as the fiscal agents to manage Workforce Investment Act funds, oversee and support the local workforce investment boards aligned with the area and the local programs and activities as delivered by the one-stop employment and training system. The planning and development districts will perform this function through the provisions of the county cooperative service districts created under Sections 19-3-101 through 19-3-115; however, planning and development districts currently performing this function under the Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1974, Sections 17-13-1 through 17-13-17, may continue to do so;

(d) Assist the Governor in the development of an allocation formula for the distribution of funds for adult employment and training activities and youth activities to local workforce investment areas;

(e) Recommend comprehensive, results-oriented measures that shall be applied to all of Mississippi's workforce development system programs;

(f) Assist the Governor in the establishment and management of a one-stop employment and training system conforming to the requirements of the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, as amended, recommending policy for implementing the Governor's approved plan for employment and training activities and services within the state. In developing this one-stop career operating system, the Mississippi State Workforce Investment Board, in conjunction with local workforce investment boards, shall:

(i) Design broad guidelines for the delivery of workforce development programs;

(ii) Identify all existing delivery agencies and other resources;

(iii) Define appropriate roles of the various agencies to include an analysis of service providers' strengths and weaknesses;

(iv) Determine the best way to utilize the various agencies to deliver services to recipients; and

(v) Develop a financial plan to support the delivery system that shall, at a minimum, include an accountability system;

(g) To provide authority, in accordance with any executive order of the Governor, for developing the necessary collaboration among state agencies at the highest level for accomplishing the purposes of this article;

(h) To monitor the effectiveness of the workforce development centers and WIN job centers;

(i) To advise the Governor, public schools, community/junior colleges and institutions of higher learning on effective school-to-work transition policies and programs that link students moving from high school to higher education and students moving between community colleges and four-year institutions in pursuit of academic and technical skills training;

(j) To work with industry to identify barriers that inhibit the delivery of quality workforce education and the responsiveness of educational institutions to the needs of industry;

(k) To provide periodic assessments on effectiveness and results of the overall Mississippi comprehensive workforce development system and district councils;

(l) Develop broad statewide development goals, including a goal to raise the state's labor force participation rate;

(m) Perform a comprehensive review of Mississippi's workforce development efforts, including the amount spent and effectiveness of programs supported by state or federal money; and

(n) To assist the Governor in carrying out any other responsibility required by the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998, as amended and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, successor legislation and amendments.

(6) The Mississippi State Workforce Investment Board shall coordinate all training programs and funds within its purview, consistent with the federal Workforce Investment Act, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, amendments and successor legislation to these acts, and other relevant federal law.

Each state agency director responsible for workforce training activities shall advise the Mississippi Office of Workforce Development and the State Workforce Investment Board of appropriate federal and state requirements. Each state agency, department and institution shall report any monies received for workforce training activities or career and technical education and a detailed itemization of how those monies were spent to the state board. The board shall compile the data and provide a report of the monies and expenditures to the Chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committee, the Chair of the House Workforce Development Committee and the Chair of the Senate Economic and Workforce Development Committee by October 1 of each year. Each such state agency director shall remain responsible for the actions of his agency; however, each state agency and director shall work cooperatively to fulfill the state's goals.

(7) The State Workforce Investment Board shall establish an executive committee, which shall consist of the following State Workforce Investment Board members:

(a) The Chair of the State Workforce Investment Board;

(b) Two (2) business representatives currently serving on the state board selected by the Governor;

(c) The two (2) business representatives currently serving on the state board appointed by the Lieutenant Governor;

(d) The two (2) business representatives currently serving on the state board appointed by the Governor from a list of three (3) recommendations from the Speaker of the House;

(e) The two (2) legislators, who shall serve in a nonvoting capacity, one (1) of whom shall be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor from the membership of the Mississippi Senate and one (1) of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives from the membership of the Mississippi House of Representatives.

(8) The executive committee shall select an executive director of the Office of Workforce Development, with the advice and consent of a majority of the State Workforce Investment Board. The executive committee shall seek input from economic development organizations across the state when selecting the executive director. The executive director shall:

(a) Be a person with extensive experience in development of economic, human and physical resources, and promotion of industrial and commercial development. The executive director shall have a bachelor's degree from a state-accredited institution and no less than eight (8) years of professional experience related to workforce or economic development;

(b) Perform the functions necessary for the daily operation and administration of the office, with oversight from the executive committee and the State Workforce Investment Board, to fulfill the duties of the state board as described in Chapter 476, Laws of 2020;

(c) Hire staff needed for the performance of his or her duties under Chapter 476, Laws of 2020. The executive director, with approval from the executive committee, shall set the compensation of any hired employees from any funds made available for that purpose;

(d) Enter any part of the Mississippi Community College Board, individual community and junior colleges, or other workforce training facilities operated by the state or its subdivisions;

(e) Serve at the will and pleasure of the executive committee;

(f) Promulgate rules and regulations, subject to oversight by the executive committee, not inconsistent with this article, as may be necessary to enforce the provisions in Chapter 476, Laws of 2020; and

(g) Perform any other actions he or she, in consultation with the executive committee, deems necessary to fulfill the duties under Chapter 476, Laws of 2020.

(9) The Office of Workforce Development and Mississippi Community College Board shall collaborate in the administration and oversight of the Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund and Mississippi Works Fund, as described in Section 71-5-353. The executive director shall maintain complete and exclusive operational control of the office's functions.

(10) The office shall file an annual report with the Governor, Secretary of State, President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Speaker of the House, and Clerk of the House not later than October 1 of each year regarding all funds approved by the office to be expended on workforce training during the prior calendar year. The report shall include:

(a) Information on the performance of the Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund and the Mississippi Works Fund, in terms of adding value to the local and state economy, the contribution to future growth of the state economy, and movement toward state goals, including increasing the labor force participation rate; and

(b) With respect to specific workforce training projects:

(i) The location of the training;

(ii) The amount allocated to the project;

(iii) The purpose of the project;

(iv) The specific business entity that is the beneficiary of

the project; and

(v) The number of employees intended to be trained and actually trained, if applicable, in the course of the project.

(c) All information concerning a proposed project which is provided to the executive director shall be kept confidential. Such confidentiality shall not limit disclosure under the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983 of records describing the nature, quantity, cost or other pertinent information related to the activities of, or services

performed using, the Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund or the Mississippi Works Fund.

(11) Nothing in Chapter 476, Laws of 2020 [Senate Bill No. 2564] shall void or otherwise interrupt any contract, lease, grant or other agreement previously entered into by the State Workforce Investment Board, Mississippi Community College Board, individual community or junior colleges, or other entities.

SECTION 5. Section 37-153-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

37-153-9. (1) In accordance with the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998, there shall be established, for each of the four (4) state workforce areas prescribed in Section 37-153-3 (2)(c), a local workforce investment board to set policy for the portion of the state workforce investment system within the local area and carry out the provisions of the Workforce Investment Act.

(2) Each community college district shall have an affiliated District Workforce Development Council. The district council shall be composed of a diverse group of fifteen (15) persons appointed by the board of trustees of the affiliated public community or junior college. The members of each district council shall be selected from persons recommended by the chambers of commerce, employee groups, industrial foundations, community organizations and local governments located in the community college district of the affiliated community college with one (1) appointee being involved in basic literacy training. However, at least eight (8) members of each district council shall be chief executive officers, plant managers that are representatives of employers in that district or service sector executives. The District Workforce Development Council affiliated with each respective community or junior college shall advise the president of the community or junior college on the operation of its workforce development center/one-stop center.

The Workforce Development Council shall have the following advisory duties:

(a) To develop an integrated and coordinated district workforce investment strategic plan that:

(i) Identifies workforce investment needs through job and employee assessments of local business and industry;

(ii) Sets short-term and long-term goals for industry-specific training and upgrading and for general development of the workforce; and

(iii) Provides for coordination of all training programs, including ABE/High School Equivalency Diploma, Skills Enhancement and Industrial Services, and shall work collaboratively with the State Literacy Resource Center;

(b) To coordinate and integrate delivery of training as provided by the workforce development plan;

(c) To assist business and industry management in the transition to a high-powered, quality organization;

(d) To encourage continuous improvement through evaluation and assessment; and

(e) To oversee development of an extensive marketing plan to the employer community.

SECTION 6. Section 37-153-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

37-153-11. (1) There are created workforce development centers to provide assessment, training and placement services to individuals needing retraining, training and upgrading for small business and local industry. Each workforce development center shall be affiliated with a separate public community or junior college district and shall coordinate with the Office of Workforce Development.

(2) Each workforce development center shall be staffed and organized locally by the affiliated community college. The workforce development center shall serve as staff to the affiliated district council.

(3) Each workforce development center, working in concert with its affiliated district council, shall offer and arrange services to accomplish the purposes of this article, including, but not limited to, the following:

(a) For individuals needing training and retraining:

(i) Recruiting, assessing, counseling and referring to training or jobs;

(ii) Preemployment training for those with no experience in the private enterprise system;

(iii) Basic literacy skills training and high school equivalency education;

(iv) Vocational and technical training, full-time or part-time; and

(v) Short-term skills training for educationally and economically disadvantaged adults in cooperation with federally established employment and training programs;

(b) For specific small businesses, industries or firms within the district:

(i) Job analysis, testing and curriculum development;

(ii) Development of specific long-range training plans;

(iii) Industry or firm-related preemployment training;

(iv) Workplace basic skills and literacy training;

(v) Customized skills training;

(vi) Assistance in developing the capacity for total quality management training;

(vii) Technology transfer information and referral services to business of local applications of new research in cooperation with the University Research Center, the state's universities and other laboratories; and

(viii) Development of business plans;

(c) For public schools within the district technical assistance to secondary schools in curriculum coordination, development of tech prep programs, instructional development and resource coordination; and

(d) For economic development, a local forum and resource center for all local industrial development groups to meet and promote regional economic development.

(4) Each workforce development center shall compile and make accessible to the Office of Workforce Development and Mississippi State Workforce Investment Board necessary information for use in evaluating outcomes of its efforts and in improving the quality of programs at each community college, and shall include information on literacy initiatives. Each workforce development center shall, through an interagency management information system, maintain records on new small businesses, placement, length of time on the job after placement and wage rates of those placed in a form containing such information as established by the state council.

(5) The Mississippi Community College Board is authorized to designate one or more workforce development centers at the request of affiliated community or junior colleges to provide skills training to individuals to enhance their ability to be employed in the motion picture industry in this state.

SECTION 7. Section 37-153-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

37-153-13. The Mississippi Community College Board, in collaboration with the Office of Workforce Development, is designated as the primary support agency to the workforce development centers. The Mississippi Community College Board, in collaboration with the Office of Workforce Development, may exercise the following powers:

(a) To provide the workforce development centers the assistance necessary to accomplish the purposes of this article;

(b) To provide the workforce development centers consistent standards and benchmarks to guide development of the local workforce development system and to provide a means by which the outcomes of local services can be measured;

(c) To develop the staff capacity to provide, broker or contract for the provision of technical assistance to the workforce development centers, including, but not limited to:

(i) Training local staff in methods of recruiting, assessment and career counseling;

- (ii) Establishing rigorous and comprehensive local preemployment training programs;
- (iii) Developing local institutional capacity to deliver total quality management training;
- (iv) Developing local institutional capacity to transfer new technologists into the marketplace;
- (v) Expanding the Skills Enhancement Program and improving the quality of adult literacy programs; and
- (vi) Developing data for strategic planning;
- (d) To collaborate with the Mississippi Development Authority, Office of Workforce Development, individual community and junior colleges, and other economic development and educational organizations and political subdivisions to increase the economic development potential and the state's labor force participation rate;
- (e) To administer presented and approved certification programs by the community colleges for tax credits and partnership funding for corporate training;
- (f) To create and maintain an evaluation team that examines which kinds of curricula and programs and what forms of quality control of training are most productive so that the knowledge developed at one (1) institution of education can be transferred to others;
- (g) To develop internal capacity to provide services and to contract for services from universities and other providers directly to local institutions;
- (h) To develop and administer an incentive certification program;
- (i) To develop and hire staff and purchase equipment necessary to accomplish the goals set forth in this section; and
- (j) To collaborate, partner and contract for services with community-based organizations and disadvantaged businesses in the delivery of workforce training and career information especially to youth, as defined by the federal Workforce Investment Act, and to those adults who are in low income jobs or whose individual skill levels are so low as to be unable initially to be aided by a workforce development center. Community-based organizations and disadvantaged businesses must meet performance-based certification requirements set by the Mississippi Community College Board, in collaboration with the Office of Workforce Development.

SECTION 8. Section 37-153-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

37-153-15. (1) As used in this article:

- (a) The words "industry certification" mean a process through which students are assessed by an independent, third-party certifying entity using predetermined standards for knowledge, skills and competencies, resulting in the award of a credential that is nationally recognized and must be at least one (1) of the following:
 - (i) Within an industry that addresses a critical local, regional or statewide economic need;
 - (ii) Linked to an occupation that is included in the State Department of Employment Security's occupations in high-demand list; or
 - (iii) Linked to an occupation that is identified as emerging.
- (b) The words "qualifying industry certification" mean an industry certification that is linked to an occupation with wages of at least seventy percent (70%) of the median state income unless the industry certification is stackable to another postsecondary or professional credential which is linked to an occupation which meets the wage criterion.
- (2) The State Workforce Investment Board shall provide the State Board of Education annually with a list of qualifying industry certifications. If the occupations identified in the list are not substantially the same as those occupations identified in the prior year, the State Board of Education shall provide reasonable notice of the changes to school districts.
- (3) Beginning in fiscal year 2019-2020 and subject to available funding, the Department of Education shall pay a career and technical education incentive grant to the public school for each student enrolled in the public school who earns a qualifying industry certification. The amount per student for the career and technical education incentive grant shall be Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00). If the statewide sum of the career and

technical education incentive grants awarded pursuant to this section exceeds the amount of available funds appropriated for the grants, the grants per student shall be reduced proportionately to cover all eligible grants under this section. Any costs accrued during one (1) fiscal year may be claimed and reimbursed in the following fiscal year.

(4) The grants may be used for qualifying industry certification examination fees, professional development for teachers in career and technical education programs under this section, student instructional support for programs that lead to qualifying industry certifications, or to increase access to qualifying industry certifications. Any grants awarded under this section may not be used to supplant funds provided for the basic operation of the career and technical education programs.

(5) On or before October 1 of each year, the Department of Education, working in collaboration with the Office of Workforce Development and any other entities as necessary, shall submit a report to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairmen of the House and Senate Education Committees, the Chairman of the House Workforce Development Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Economic and Workforce Development Committee on the following:

(a) The number of students who enrolled in a career and technical education course or program that leads to a qualifying industry certification.

(b) The number of students who earned a qualifying industry certification by certification.

(c) The amount of career and technical education incentive grants awarded by the school.

(d) The amount of career and technical education incentive grants awarded per student.

(e) Aggregated demographic data on the students who earned a qualifying industry certification, including the qualifying industry certifications earned by rural and urban students.

SECTION 9. Section 37-153-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted and amended as follows:

37-153-17. Sections 37-153-1, 37-153-3, 37-153-5, 37-153-7, 37-153-9, 37-153-11, 37-153-13 and 37-153-15 shall stand repealed on July 1, * * * 2026.

SECTION 10. Section 71-5-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

71-5-5. The Legislature finds and declares that the existence and continued operation of a federal tax upon employers, against which some portion of the contributions required under this chapter may be credited, will protect Mississippi employers from undue disadvantages in their competition with employers in other states. If at any time, upon a formal complaint to the Governor, he shall find that Title IX of the Social Security Act has been amended or repealed by Congress or has been held unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of the United States, and that, as a result thereof, the provisions of this chapter requiring Mississippi employers to pay contributions will subject them to a serious competitive disadvantage in relation to employers in other states, he shall publish such findings and proclaim that the operation of the provisions of this chapter requiring the payment of contributions and benefits shall be suspended for a period of not more than six (6) months. The Department of Employment Security shall thereupon requisition from the Unemployment Trust Fund all monies therein standing to its credit, and shall deposit such monies, together with any other monies in the Unemployment Compensation Fund, as a special fund in any banks or public depositories in this state in which general funds of the state may be deposited.

In all other cases, and unless the Governor shall issue such proclamation, this chapter shall remain in full force and effect.

If within the aforesaid six-month period the Governor shall find that other federal legislation has been enacted which avoids the competitive disadvantage herein described, he shall forthwith publicly so proclaim, and upon the date of such proclamation, the provisions of this chapter requiring the payment of contributions and benefits shall again become fully operative as of the date of such suspension with the same effect as if such suspension had not occurred. If within such six-month period no such other federal legislation is enacted or the Legislature of this state has not otherwise prescribed, the

Department of Employment Security shall, under regulations prescribed by it, refund, without interest, to each employer by whom contributions have been paid his pro rata share of the total contributions paid under this chapter. Any interest or earnings of the fund shall be available to the Department of Employment Security to pay for the costs of making such refunds. When the Department of Employment Security shall have executed the duties herein prescribed and performed such other acts as are incidental to the termination of its duties under this chapter, the Governor shall, by public proclamation, declare that the provisions of this chapter, in their entirety, shall cease to be operative.

SECTION 11. Section 71-5-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

71-5-11. As used in this chapter, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

A. "Base period" means the first four (4) of the last five (5) completed calendar quarters immediately preceding the first day of an individual's benefit year.

B. "Benefit year" with respect to any individual means the period beginning with the first day of the first week with respect to which he or she first files a valid claim for benefits, and ending with the day preceding the same day of the same month in the next calendar year; and, thereafter, the period beginning with the first day of the first week with respect to which he or she next files his or her valid claim for benefits, and ending with the day preceding the same day of the same month in the next calendar year. Any claim for benefits made in accordance with Section 71-5-515 shall be deemed to be a "valid claim" for purposes of this subsection if the individual has been paid the wages for insured work required under Section 71-5-511(e).

C. "Contributions" means the money payments to the State Unemployment Compensation Fund required by this chapter.

D. "Calendar quarter" means the period of three (3) consecutive calendar months ending on March 31, June 30, September 30, or December 31.

E. "Department" or "commission" means the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, Office of the Governor.

F. "Executive director" means the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, Office of the Governor, appointed under Section 71-5-107.

G. "Employing unit" means this state or another state or any instrumentalities or any political subdivisions thereof or any of their instrumentalities or any instrumentality of more than one (1) of the foregoing or any instrumentality of any of the foregoing and one or more other states or political subdivisions, any Indian tribe as defined in Section 3306(u) of the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA), which includes any subdivision, subsidiary or business enterprise wholly owned by such Indian tribe, any individual or type of organization, including any partnership, association, trust, estate, joint-stock company, insurance company, or corporation, whether domestic or foreign, or the receiver, trustee in bankruptcy, trustee or successor thereof, or the legal representative of a deceased person, which has or had in its employ one or more individuals performing services for it within this state. All individuals performing services within this state for any employing unit which maintains two (2) or more separate establishments within this state shall be deemed to be employed by a single employing unit for all the purposes of this chapter. Each individual employed to perform or to assist in performing the work of any agent or employee of an employing unit shall be deemed to be employed by such employing unit for all purposes of this chapter, whether such individual was hired or paid directly by such employing unit or by such agent or employee, provided the employing unit had actual or constructive knowledge of the work. All individuals performing services in the employ of an elected fee-paid county official, other than those related by blood or marriage within the third degree computed by the rule of the civil law to such fee-paid county official, shall be deemed to be employed by such county as the employing unit for all the purposes of this chapter. For purposes of defining an "employing unit" which shall pay contributions on remuneration paid to individuals, if two (2) or more related corporations concurrently employ the same individual and compensate such individual through a common paymaster which is one (1) of such corporations, then each such corporation shall be considered to have paid as remuneration to such individual only the amounts actually disbursed by it to such individual and shall not be considered to have paid as remuneration

to such individual such amounts actually disbursed to such individual by another of such corporations.

H. "Employer" means:

(1) Any employing unit which,

(a) In any calendar quarter in either the current or preceding calendar year paid for service in employment wages of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) or more, except as provided in paragraph (9) of this subsection, or

(b) For some portion of a day in each of twenty (20) different calendar weeks, whether or not such weeks were consecutive, in either the current or the preceding calendar year had in employment at least one (1) individual (irrespective of whether the same individual was in employment in each such day), except as provided in paragraph (9) of this subsection;

(2) Any employing unit for which service in employment, as defined in subsection I(3) of this section, is performed;

(3) Any employing unit for which service in employment, as defined in subsection I(4) of this section, is performed;

(4) (a) Any employing unit for which agricultural labor, as defined in subsection I(6) of this section, is performed;

(b) Any employing unit for which domestic service in employment, as defined in subsection I(7) of this section, is performed;

(5) Any individual or employing unit which acquired the organization, trade, business, or substantially all the assets thereof, of another which at the time of such acquisition was an employer subject to this chapter;

(6) Any individual or employing unit which acquired its organization, trade, business, or substantially all the assets thereof, from another employing unit, if the employment record of the acquiring individual or employing unit subsequent to such acquisition, together with the employment record of the acquired organization, trade, or business prior to such acquisition, both within the same calendar year, would be sufficient to constitute an employing unit as an employer subject to this chapter under paragraph (1) or (3) of this subsection;

(7) Any employing unit which, having become an employer under paragraph (1), (3), (5) or (6) of this subsection or under any other provisions of this chapter, has not, under Section 71-5-361, ceased to be an employer subject to this chapter;

(8) For the effective period of its election pursuant to Section 71-5-361(3), any other employing unit which has elected to become subject to this chapter;

(9) (a) In determining whether or not an employing unit for which service other than domestic service is also performed is an employer under paragraph (1) or (4)(a) of this subsection, the wages earned or the employment of an employee performing domestic service, shall not be taken into account;

(b) In determining whether or not an employing unit for which service other than agricultural labor is also performed is an employer under paragraph (1) or (4)(b) of this subsection, the wages earned or the employment of an employee performing services in agricultural labor, shall not be taken into account. If an employing unit is determined an employer of agricultural labor, such employing unit shall be determined an employer for purposes of paragraph (1) of this subsection;

(10) All entities utilizing the services of any employee leasing firm shall be considered the employer of the individuals leased from the employee leasing firm. Temporary help firms shall be considered the employer of the individuals they provide to perform services for other individuals or organizations.

I. "Employment" means and includes:

(1) Any service performed, which was employment as defined in this section and, subject to the other provisions of this subsection, including service in interstate commerce, performed for wages or under any contract of hire, written or oral, express or implied.

(2) Services performed for remuneration for a principal:

(a) As an agent-driver or commission-driver engaged in distributing meat products, vegetable products, fruit products, bakery products, beverages (other than milk), or laundry or dry-cleaning services;

(b) As a traveling or city salesman, other than as an agent-driver or commission-driver, engaged upon a full-time basis in the solicitation on behalf of, and the transmission to, a principal (except for sideline sales activities on behalf of some other person) of orders from wholesalers, retailers, contractors, or operator of hotels, restaurants, or other similar establishments for merchandise for resale or supplies for use in their business operations.

However, for purposes of this subsection, the term "employment" shall include services described in paragraphs (2)(a) and (b) of this subsection, only if:

(i) The contract of service contemplates that substantially all of the services are to be performed personally by such individual;

(ii) The individual does not have a substantial investment in facilities used in connection with the performance of the services (other than in facilities for transportation); and

(iii) The services are not in the nature of a single transaction that is not part of a continuing relationship with the person for whom the services are performed.

(3) Service performed in the employ of this state or any of its instrumentalities or any political subdivision thereof or any of its instrumentalities or any instrumentality of more than one (1) of the foregoing or any instrumentality of any of the foregoing and one or more other states or political subdivisions or any Indian tribe as defined in Section 3306(u) of the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA), which includes any subdivision, subsidiary or business enterprise wholly owned by such Indian tribe; however, such service is excluded from "employment" as defined in the Federal Unemployment Tax Act by Section 3306(c)(7) of that act and is not excluded from "employment" under paragraph (5) of this subsection.

(4) (a) Services performed in the employ of a religious, charitable, educational, or other organization, but only if the service is excluded from "employment" as defined in the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, 26 USCS Section 3306(c)(8), and

(b) The organization had four (4) or more individuals in employment for some portion of a day in each of twenty (20) different weeks, whether or not such weeks were consecutive, within the current or preceding calendar year, regardless of whether they were employed at the same moment of time.

(5) For the purposes of paragraphs (3) and (4) of this subsection, the term "employment" does not apply to service performed:

(a) In the employ of:

(i) A church or convention or association of churches; or

(ii) An organization which is operated primarily for religious purposes and which is operated, supervised, controlled, or principally supported by a church or convention or association of churches; or

(b) By a duly ordained, commissioned, or licensed minister of a church in the exercise of his or her ministry, or by a member of a religious order in the exercise of duties required by such order; or

(c) In the employ of a governmental entity referred to in paragraph (3) of this subsection, if such service is performed by an individual in the exercise of duties:

(i) As an elected official;

(ii) As a member of a legislative body, or a member of the judiciary, of a state or political subdivision or a member of an Indian tribal council;

(iii) As a member of the State National Guard or Air National Guard;

(iv) As an employee serving on a temporary basis in case of fire, storm, snow, earthquake, flood or similar emergency;

(v) In a position which, under or pursuant to the laws of this state or laws of an Indian tribe, is designated as:

or advisory position, or

1. A major nontenured policy-making position the performance of the duties of which ordinarily does not require more than eight (8) hours per week; or

(d) In a facility conducted for the purpose of carrying out a program of rehabilitation for individuals whose earning capacity is impaired by age or physical or mental deficiency or injury, or providing remunerative work for individuals who because of their impaired physical or mental capacity cannot be readily absorbed in the competitive labor market, by an individual receiving such rehabilitation or remunerative work; or

(e) By an inmate of a custodial or penal institution; or

(f) As part of an unemployment work-relief or work-training program assisted or financed, in whole or in part, by any federal agency or agency of a state or political subdivision thereof or of an Indian tribe, by an individual receiving such work relief or work training, unless coverage of such service is required by federal law or regulation.

(6) Service performed by an individual in agricultural labor as defined in paragraph (15)(a) of this subsection when:

(a) Such service is performed for a person who:

(i) During any calendar quarter in either the current or the preceding calendar year paid remuneration in cash of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) or more to individuals employed in agricultural labor, or

(ii) For some portion of a day in each of twenty (20) different calendar weeks, whether or not such weeks were consecutive, in either the current or the preceding calendar year, employed in agricultural labor ten (10) or more individuals, regardless of whether they were employed at the same moment of time.

(b) For the purposes of this paragraph (6) any individual who is a member of a crew furnished by a crew leader to perform service in agricultural labor for any other person shall be treated as an employee of such crew leader:

(i) If such crew leader holds a valid certificate of registration under the Farm Labor Contractor Registration Act of 1963; or substantially all the members of such crew operate or maintain tractors, mechanized harvesting or crop dusting equipment, or any other mechanized equipment, which is provided by such crew leader; and

(ii) If such individual is not an employee of such other person within the meaning of paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(c) For the purpose of subsection (6), in the case of any individual who is furnished by a crew leader to perform service in agricultural labor for any other person and who is not treated as an employee of such crew leader under paragraph (6)(b) of this subsection:

(i) Such other person and not the crew leader shall be treated as the employer of such individual; and

(ii) Such other person shall be treated as having paid cash remuneration to such individual in an amount equal to the amount of cash remuneration paid to such individual by the crew leader (either on his or her own behalf or on behalf of such other person) for the service in agricultural labor performed for such other person.

(d) For the purposes of this paragraph (6) the term "crew leader" means an individual who:

(i) Furnishes individuals to perform service in agricultural labor for any other person;

(ii) Pays (either on his or her own behalf or on behalf of such other person) the individuals so furnished by him or her for the service in agricultural labor performed by them; and

(iii) Has not entered into a written agreement with such other person under which such individual is designated as an employee of such other person.

(7) The term "employment" shall include domestic service in a private home, local college club or local chapter of a college fraternity or sorority performed for an employing unit which paid cash remuneration of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or more in any calendar quarter in the current or the preceding calendar year to individuals employed in such domestic service. For the purpose of this subsection, the term "employment" does not apply to service performed as a "sitter" at a hospital in the employ of an individual.

(8) An individual's entire service, performed within or both within and without this state, if:

(a) The service is localized in this state; or

(b) The service is not localized in any state but some of the service is performed in this state; and

(i) The base of operations or, if there is no base of operations, the place from which such service is directed or controlled is in this state; or

(ii) The base of operations or place from which such service is directed or controlled is not in any state in which some part of the service is performed, but the individual's residence is in this state.

(9) Services not covered under paragraph (8) of this subsection and performed entirely without this state, with respect to no part of which contributions are required and paid under an unemployment compensation law of any other state or of the federal government, shall be deemed to be employment subject to this chapter if the individual performing such services is a resident of this state and the department approves the election of the employing unit for whom such services are performed that the entire service of such individual shall be deemed to be employment subject to this chapter.

(10) Service shall be deemed to be localized within a state if:

(a) The service is performed entirely within such state; or

(b) The service is performed both within and without such state, but the service performed without such state is incidental to the individual's service within the state; for example, is temporary or transitory in nature or consists of isolated transactions.

(11) The services of an individual who is a citizen of the United States, performed outside the United States (except in Canada), in the employ of an American employer (other than service which is deemed "employment" under the provisions of paragraph (8), (9) or (10) of this subsection or the parallel provisions of another state's law), if:

(a) The employer's principal place of business in the United States is located in this state; or

(b) The employer has no place of business in the United States; but

(i) The employer is an individual who is a resident of this state; or

(ii) The employer is a corporation which is organized under the laws of this state; or

(iii) The employer is a partnership or a trust and the number of the partners or trustees who are residents of this state is greater than the number who are residents of any one (1) other state; or

(c) None of the criteria of subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this paragraph are met but the employer has elected coverage in this state or, the employer having failed to elect coverage in any state, the individual has filed a claim for benefits, based on such service, under the law of this state; or

(d) An "American employer," for purposes of this paragraph, means a person who is:

(i) An individual who is a resident of the United States; or

(ii) A partnership if two-thirds (2/3) or more of the partners are residents of the United States; or

(iii) A trust if all of the trustees are residents of the United States; or

(iv) A corporation organized under the laws of the United States or of any state.

(12) All services performed by an officer or member of the crew of an American vessel on or in connection with such vessel, if the operating office from which the operations of such vessel operating on navigable waters within, or within and without, the United States are ordinarily and regularly supervised, managed, directed and controlled, is within this state, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (8) of this subsection.

(13) Service with respect to which a tax is required to be paid under any federal law imposing a tax against which credit may be taken for contributions required to be paid into a state unemployment fund, or which as a condition for full tax credit against the tax imposed by the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, 26 USCS Section 3301 et seq., is required to be covered under this chapter, notwithstanding any other provisions of this subsection.

(14) Services performed by an individual for wages shall be deemed to be employment subject to this chapter unless and until it is shown to the satisfaction of the department that such individual has been and will continue to be free from control and direction over the performance of such services both under his or her contract of service and in fact; and the relationship of employer and employee shall be determined in accordance with the principles of the common law governing the relation of master and servant.

(15) The term "employment" shall not include:

(a) Agricultural labor, except as provided in paragraph (6) of this subsection. The term "agricultural labor" includes all services performed:

(i) On a farm or in a forest in the employ of any employing unit in connection with cultivating the soil, in connection with cutting, planting, deadening, marking or otherwise improving timber, or in connection with raising or harvesting any agricultural or horticultural commodity, including the raising, shearing, feeding, caring for, training, and management of livestock, bees, poultry, fur-bearing animals and wildlife;

(ii) In the employ of the owner or tenant or other operator of a farm, in connection with the operation, management, conservation, improvement or maintenance of such farm and its tools and equipment, or in salvaging timber or clearing land of brush and other debris left by a hurricane, if the major part of such service is performed on a farm;

(iii) In connection with the production or harvesting of naval stores products or any commodity defined in the Federal Agricultural Marketing Act, 12 USCS Section 1141j(f), or in connection with the raising or harvesting of mushrooms, or in connection with the ginning of cotton, or in connection with the operation or maintenance of ditches, canals, reservoirs, or waterways not owned or operated for profit, used exclusively for supplying and storing water for farming purposes;

(iv) (A) In the employ of the operator of a farm in handling, planting, drying, packing, packaging, processing, freezing, grading, storing or delivering to storage or to market or to a carrier for transportation to market, in its unmanufactured state, any agricultural or horticultural commodity; but only if such operator produced more than one-half (1/2) of the commodity with respect to which such service is performed;

(B) In the employ of a group of operators of farms (or a cooperative organization of which such operators are members) in the performance of service described in subitem (A), but only if such operators produced more than one-half (1/2) of the commodity with respect to which such service is performed;

(C) The provisions of subitems (A) and (B) shall not be deemed to be applicable with respect to service performed in connection with commercial canning or commercial freezing or in connection with any agricultural or horticultural commodity after its delivery to a terminal market for distribution for consumption;

(v) On a farm operated for profit if such service is not in the course of the employer's trade or business;

(vi) As used in paragraph (15)(a) of this subsection, the term "farm" includes stock, dairy, poultry, fruit, fur-bearing animals, and truck farms, plantations, ranches, nurseries, ranges, greenhouses, or other similar structures used primarily for the raising of agricultural or horticultural commodities, and orchards.

(b) Domestic service in a private home, local college club, or local chapter of a college fraternity or sorority, except as provided in paragraph (7) of this subsection, or service performed as a "sitter" at a hospital in the employ of an individual.

(c) Casual labor not in the usual course of the employing unit's trade or business.

(d) Service performed by an individual in the employ of his or her son, daughter, or spouse, and service performed by a child under the age of twenty-one (21) in the employ of his or her father or mother.

(e) Service performed in the employ of the United States government or of an instrumentality wholly owned by the United States; except that if the Congress of the United States shall permit states to require any instrumentalities of the United States to make payments into an unemployment fund under a state unemployment compensation act, then to the extent permitted by Congress and from and after the date as of which such permission becomes effective, all of the provisions of this chapter shall be applicable to such instrumentalities and to services performed by employees for such instrumentalities in the same manner, to the same extent, and on the same terms as to all other employers and employing units. If this state should not be certified under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, 26 USCS Section 3304(c), for any year, then the payment required by such instrumentality with respect to such year shall be deemed to have been erroneously collected and shall be refunded by the department from the fund in accordance with the provisions of Section 71-5-383.

(f) Service performed in the employ of an "employer" as defined by the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, 45 USCS Section 351(a), or as an "employee representative" as defined by the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, 45 USCS Section 351(f), and service with respect to which unemployment compensation is payable under an unemployment compensation system for maritime employees, or under any other unemployment compensation system established by an act of Congress; however, the department is authorized and directed to enter into agreements with the proper agencies under such act or acts of Congress, which agreements shall become effective ten (10) days after publication thereof in the manner provided in Section 71-5-117 for general rules, to provide reciprocal treatment to individuals who have, after acquiring potential rights to benefits under this chapter, acquired rights to unemployment compensation under such act or acts of Congress or who have, after acquiring potential rights to unemployment compensation under such act or acts of Congress, acquired rights to benefits under this chapter.

(g) Service performed in any calendar quarter in the employ of any organization exempt from income tax under the Internal Revenue Code, 26 USCS Section 501(a) (other than an organization described in 26 USCS Section 401(a)), or exempt from income tax under 26 USCS Section 521 if the remuneration for such service is less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).

(h) Service performed in the employ of a school, college, or university if such service is performed:

(i) By a student who is enrolled and is regularly attending classes at such school, college or university, or

(ii) By the spouse of such a student if such spouse is advised, at the time such spouse commences to perform such service, that

(A) The employment of such spouse to perform such service is provided under a program to provide financial assistance to such student by such school, college, or university, and

(B) Such employment will not be covered by any program of unemployment insurance.

(i) Service performed by an individual under the age of twenty-two (22) who is enrolled at a nonprofit or public educational institution which

normally maintains a regular faculty and curriculum and normally has a regularly organized body of students in attendance at the place where its educational activities are carried on, as a student in a full-time program taken for credit at such institution, which combines academic instruction with work experience, if such service is an integral part of such program and such institution has so certified to the employer, except that this subparagraph shall not apply to service performed in a program established for or on behalf of an employer or group of employers.

(j) Service performed in the employ of a hospital, if such service is performed by a patient of the hospital, as defined in subsection M of this section.

(k) Service performed as a student nurse in the employ of a hospital or a nurses' training school by an individual who is enrolled and is regularly attending classes in a nurses' training school chartered or approved pursuant to state law; and services performed as an intern in the employ of a hospital by an individual who has completed a four-year course in a medical school chartered or approved pursuant to state law.

(l) Service performed by an individual as an insurance agent or as an insurance solicitor, if all such service performed by such individual is performed for remuneration solely by way of commission.

(m) Service performed by an individual in the delivery or distribution of newspapers or shopping news, not including delivery or distribution to any point for subsequent delivery or distribution, except those employed by political subdivisions, state and local governments, nonprofit organizations and Indian tribes, as defined by this chapter, or any other entities for which coverage is required by federal statute and regulation.

(n) If the services performed during one-half (1/2) or more of any pay period by an employee for the employing unit employing him or her constitute employment, all the services of such employee for such period shall be deemed to be employment; but if the services performed during more than one-half (1/2) of any such pay period by an employee for the employing unit employing him or her do not constitute employment, then none of the services of such employee for such period shall be deemed to be employment. As used in this subsection, the term "pay period" means a period (of not more than thirty-one (31) consecutive days) for which a payment of remuneration is ordinarily made to the employee by the employing unit employing him or her.

(o) Service performed by a barber or beautician whose work station is leased to him or her by the owner of the shop in which he or she works and who is compensated directly by the patrons he or she serves and who is free from direction and control by the lessor.

(p) Service performed by a "direct seller" if:

(i) Such person is engaged in the trade or business of selling (or soliciting the sale of) consumer products to any buyer on a buy-sell basis, a deposit-commission basis, or any similar basis which the department prescribes by regulations, for resale (by the buyer or any other person) in the home or otherwise than in a permanent retail establishment; or such person is engaged in the trade or business of selling (or soliciting the sale of) consumer products in the home or otherwise than in a permanent retail establishment;

(ii) Substantially all the remuneration (whether or not paid in cash) for the performance of the services described in item (i) of this subparagraph is directly related to sales or other output (including the performance of services) rather than to the number of hours worked; and

(iii) The services performed by the person are performed pursuant to a written contract between such person and the person for whom the services are performed and such contract provides that the person will not be treated as an employee with respect to such services for federal tax purposes.

J. "Employment office" means a free public employment office or branch thereof, operated by this state or maintained as a part of the state controlled system of public employment offices.

K. "Public employment service" means the operation of a program that offers free placement and referral services to applicants and employers, including job development.

L. "Fund" means the Unemployment Compensation Fund established by this chapter, to which all contributions required and from which all benefits provided under this chapter shall be paid.

M. "Hospital" means an institution which has been licensed, certified, or approved by the State Department of Health as a hospital.

N. "Institution of higher learning," for the purposes of this section, means an educational institution which:

(1) Admits as regular students only individuals having a certificate of graduation from a high school, or the recognized equivalent of such a certificate;

(2) Is legally authorized in this state to provide a program of education beyond high school;

(3) Provides an educational program for which it awards a bachelor's or higher degree, or provides a program which is acceptable for full credit toward such a degree, a program of postgraduate or postdoctoral studies, or a program of training to prepare students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation;

(4) Is a public or other nonprofit institution;

(5) Notwithstanding any of the foregoing provisions of this subsection, all colleges and universities in this state are institutions of higher learning for purposes of this section.

O. "Re-employment assistance" means money payments payable to an individual as provided in this chapter and in accordance with Section 3304(a)(4) and 3306(h) of the Federal Unemployment Tax Act and Section 303(a)(5) of the Social Security Act, with respect to his or her unemployment through no fault of his or her own. Wherever the terms "benefits" or "unemployment benefits" appear in this chapter, they shall mean re-employment assistance.

P. (1) "State" includes, in addition to the states of the United States of America, the District of Columbia, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

(2) The term "United States" when used in a geographical sense includes the states, the District of Columbia, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

(3) The provisions of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection P, as including the Virgin Islands, shall become effective on the day after the day on which the United States Secretary of Labor approves for the first time under Section 3304(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 an unemployment compensation law submitted to the secretary by the Virgin Islands for such approval.

Q. "Unemployment."

(1) An individual shall be deemed "unemployed" in any week during which he or she performs no services and with respect to which no wages are payable to him or her, or in any week of less than full-time work if the wages payable to him or her with respect to such week are less than his or her weekly benefit amount as computed and adjusted in Section 71-5-505. This definition shall exclude individuals receiving voluntary payments from employers, from any source, that are in lieu of the worker's regular wages. However, individuals receiving voluntary payments of less than their set full weekly wage, as well as individuals who do not work a specified number of hours each week resulting in inconsistent weekly wages, and who are receiving voluntary payments for partial wage substitution, may be considered "unemployed," but would be required to report the gross amount of the voluntary payments to be treated as wages so the appropriate deductions to the weekly benefit amount can be made. The department shall prescribe regulations applicable to unemployed individuals, making such distinctions in the procedure as to total unemployment, part-total unemployment, partial unemployment of individuals attached to their regular jobs, and other forms of short-time work, as the department deems necessary.

(2) An individual's week of total unemployment shall be deemed to commence only after his registration with an employment office, except as the department may by regulation otherwise prescribe.

(3) Unemployment shall not include administrative leave for any week with respect to which:

(a) An employer has designated their employee as being on official administrative leave;

(b) The administrative leave is for a specified period of time;

- (c) There is no apparent permanent job separation; and
- (d) The employee has received compensation equal to his

or her standard compensation.

(4) If the individual on official administrative leave, as designated by the employer, does not receive full compensation in line with his or her standard hours or salary, the individual may be eligible for unemployment insurance benefits as partially unemployed for the wages they are missing.

(5) Any individual on official administrative leave is required to report all compensation received.

R. (1) "Wages" means all remuneration for personal services, including commissions and bonuses and the cash value of all remuneration in any medium other than cash, except that "wages," for purposes of determining employer's coverage and payment of contributions for agricultural and domestic service means cash remuneration only. Wages shall include payments from employers, from any source, and for any reason, that are in lieu of the employee's regular wages. The reasonable cash value of remuneration in any medium other than cash shall be estimated and determined in accordance with rules prescribed by the department; however, that the term "wages" shall not include:

(a) The amount of any payment made to, or on behalf of, an employee under a plan or system established by an employer which makes provision for his or her employees generally or for a class or classes of his or her employees (including any amount paid by an employer for insurance or annuities, or into a fund, to provide for any such payment), on account of:

- (i) Retirement, or
- (ii) Sickness or accident disability, or
- (iii) Medical or hospitalization expenses in connection with sickness or actual disability, or
- (iv) Death, provided the employee:

(A) Has not the option to receive, instead of provision for such death benefit, any part of such payment or, if such death benefit is insured, any part of the premiums (or contributions to premiums) paid by his or her employer, and

(B) Has not the right, under the provisions of the plan or system or policy of insurance providing for such death benefit, to assign such benefit or to receive a cash consideration in lieu of such benefit, either upon his or her withdrawal from the plan or system providing for such benefit or upon termination of such plan or system or policy of insurance or of his or her employment with such employer;

(b) Dismissal payments which the employer is not legally required to make;

(c) Payment by an employer (without deduction from the remuneration of an employee) of the tax imposed by the Internal Revenue Code, 26 USCS Section 3101;

(d) From and after January 1, 1992, the amount of any payment made to or on behalf of an employee for a "cafeteria" plan, which meets the following requirements:

- (i) Qualifies under Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code;
- (ii) Covers only employees;
- (iii) Covers only noncash benefits;
- (iv) Does not include deferred compensation

plans.

(2) [Not enacted].

S. "Week" means calendar week or such period of seven (7) consecutive days as the department may by regulation prescribe. The department may by regulation prescribe that a week shall be deemed to be in, within, or during any benefit year which includes any part of such week.

T. "Insured work" means "employment" for "employers."

U. The term "includes" and "including," when used in a definition contained in this chapter, shall not be deemed to exclude other things otherwise within the meaning of the term defined.

V. "Employee leasing arrangement" means any agreement between an employee leasing firm and a client, whereby specified client responsibilities such as payment of wages, reporting of wages for unemployment insurance purposes, payment of unemployment insurance contributions and other such administrative duties are to be performed by an employee leasing firm, on an ongoing basis.

W. "Employee leasing firm" means any entity which provides specified duties for a client company such as payment of wages, reporting of wages for unemployment insurance purposes, payment of unemployment insurance contributions and other administrative duties, in connection with the client's employees, that are directed and controlled by the client and that are providing ongoing services for the client.

X. (1) "Temporary help firm" means an entity which hires its own employees and provides those employees to other individuals or organizations to perform some service, to support or supplement the existing workforce in special situations such as employee absences, temporary skill shortages, seasonal workloads and special assignments and projects, with the expectation that the worker's position will be terminated upon the completion of the specified task or function.

(2) "Temporary employee" means an employee assigned to work for the clients of a temporary help firm.

Y. For the purposes of this chapter, the term "notice" shall include any official communication, statement or other correspondence required under the administration of this chapter, and sent by the department through the United States Postal Service or electronic or digital transfer, via modem or the Internet.

SECTION 12. Section 71-5-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

71-5-19. (1) Whoever makes a false statement or representation knowing it to be false, or knowingly fails to disclose a material fact, to obtain or increase any benefit or other payment under this chapter or under an employment security law of any other state, of the federal government or of a foreign government, either for himself or for any other person, shall be punished by a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or by imprisonment for not longer than thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment; and each such false statement or representation or failure to disclose a material fact shall constitute a separate offense.

(2) Any employing unit, any officer or agent of an employing unit or any other person who makes a false statement or representation knowing it to be false, or who knowingly fails to disclose a material fact, to prevent or reduce the payment of benefits to any individual entitled thereto, or to avoid becoming or remaining subject hereto, or to avoid or reduce any contribution or other payment required from any employing unit under this chapter, or who willfully fails or refuses to make any such contribution or other payment, or to furnish any reports required hereunder or to produce or permit the inspection or copying of records as required hereunder, shall be punished by a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment for not longer than sixty (60) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment; and each such false statement, or representation, or failure to disclose a material fact, and each day of such failure or refusal shall constitute a separate offense. In lieu of such fine and imprisonment, the employing unit or representative, or both employing unit and representative, if such representative is an employing unit in this state and is found to be a party to such violation, shall not be eligible for a contributions rate of less than five and four-tenths percent (5.4%) for the tax year in which such violation is discovered by the department and for the next two (2) succeeding tax years.

(3) Any person who shall willfully violate any provision of this chapter or any other rule or regulation thereunder, the violation of which is made unlawful or the observance of which is required under the terms of this chapter and for which a penalty is neither prescribed herein nor provided by any other applicable statute, shall be punished by a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment for not longer than sixty (60) days, or by both

such fine and imprisonment; and each day such violation continues shall be deemed to be a separate offense. In lieu of such fine and imprisonment, the employing unit or representative, or both employing unit and representative, if such representative is an employing unit in this state and is found to be a party to such violation, shall not be eligible for a contributions rate of less than five and four-tenths percent (5.4%) for the tax year in which the violation is discovered by the department and for the next two (2) succeeding tax years.

(4) (a) An overpayment of benefits occurs when a person receives benefits under this chapter:

(i) While any conditions for the receipt of benefits imposed by this chapter were not fulfilled in his case;

(ii) While he was disqualified from receiving benefits; or

(iii) When such person receives benefits and is later found to be disqualified or ineligible for any reason, including, but not limited to, a redetermination or reversal by the department or the courts of a previous decision to award such person benefits.

(b) Any person receiving an overpayment shall, in the discretion of the department, be liable to have such sum deducted from any future benefits payable to him under this chapter and shall be liable to repay to the department for the Unemployment Compensation Fund a sum equal to the overpayment amount so received by him; and such sum shall be collectible in the manner provided in Sections 71-5-363 through 71-5-383 for the collection of past-due contributions. In addition to Sections 71-5-363 through 71-5-383, the following shall apply to cases involving damages for overpaid unemployment benefits which have been obtained and/or received through fraud as defined by department regulations and laws governing the department. By definition, fraud can include failure to report earnings while filing for unemployment benefits. In the event of fraud, a penalty of twenty percent (20%) of the amount of the overpayment shall be assessed. Three-fourths (3/4) of that twenty percent (20%) penalty shall be deposited into the unemployment trust fund and shall be used only for the purpose of payment of unemployment benefits. The remainder of that twenty percent (20%) penalty shall be deposited into the Special Employment Security Administrative Fund. Interest on the overpayment balance shall accrue at a rate of one percent (1%) per month on the unpaid balance until repaid and shall be deposited into the Special Employment Security Administration Fund. All interest, penalties and damages deposited into the Special Employment Security Administration Fund shall be used by the department for administration of the Mississippi Department of Employment Security.

(c) Any such judgment against such person for collection of such overpayment shall be in the form of a seven-year renewable lien. Unless action be brought thereon prior to expiration of the lien, the department must refile the notice of the lien prior to its expiration at the end of seven (7) years. There shall be no limit upon the number of times the department may refile notices of liens for collection of overpayments.

(d) All warrants issued by the department for the collection of any unemployment tax or for an overpayment of benefits imposed by statute and collected by the department shall be used to levy on salaries, compensation or other monies due the delinquent employer or claimant. No such warrant shall be issued until after the delinquent employer or claimant has exhausted all appeal rights associated with the debt. The warrants shall be served by mail or by delivery by an agent of the department on the person or entity responsible or liable for the payment of the monies due the delinquent employer or claimant. Once served, the employer or other person owing compensation due the delinquent employer or claimant shall pay the monies over to the department in complete or partial satisfaction of the liability. An answer shall be made within thirty (30) days after service of the warrant in the form and manner determined satisfactory by the department. Failure to pay the money over to the department as required by this section shall result in the served party being personally liable for the full amount of the monies owed and the levy and collection process may be issued against the party in the same manner as other debts owed to the department. Except as otherwise provided by this section, the answer, the amount payable under the warrant and the obligation of the payor to continue payment shall be governed by the garnishment laws of this state but shall be payable to the department.

(5) The department, by agreement with another state or the United States, as provided under Section 303(g) of the Social Security Act, may recover any overpayment of benefits paid to any individual under the laws of this state or of another state or under an unemployment benefit program of the United States. Any overpayments subject to this subsection may be deducted from any future benefits payable to the individual under the laws of this state or of another state or under an unemployment program of the United States.

SECTION 13. Section 71-5-101, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

71-5-101. There is established the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, Office of the Governor. The Department of Employment Security shall be the Mississippi Employment Security Commission and shall retain all powers and duties as granted to the Mississippi Employment Security Commission. Wherever the term "Employment Security Commission" appears in any law, the same shall mean the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, Office of the Governor. The Executive Director of the Department of Employment Security may assign to the appropriate offices such powers and duties deemed appropriate to carry out the lawful functions of the department.

SECTION 14. Section 71-5-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

71-5-107. The department shall administer this chapter through a full-time salaried executive director, to be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. He shall be responsible for the administration of this chapter under authority delegated to him by the Governor.

SECTION 15. Section 71-5-109, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

71-5-109. There is created a Board of Review consisting of three (3) members to be appointed by the executive director. The executive director shall designate one (1) member of the Board of Review as chairman. Each member shall be paid a salary or per diem at a rate to be determined by the executive director, and such expenses as may be allowed by the executive director. All salaries, per diem and expenses of the Board of Review shall be paid from the Employment Security Administration Fund.

SECTION 16. Section 71-5-111, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

71-5-111. There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be known as the Employment Security Administration Fund. All monies which are deposited or paid into this fund are appropriated and made available to the department. All monies in this fund shall be expended solely for the purpose of defraying the cost of administration of this chapter, and for no other purpose whatsoever. The fund shall consist of all monies appropriated by this state and all monies received from the United States of America, or any agency thereof, or from any other source for such purpose. Notwithstanding any provision of this section, all monies requisitioned and deposited in this fund pursuant to Section 71-5-457 shall remain part of the Employment Security Administration Fund and shall be used only in accordance with the conditions specified in that section. All monies in this fund shall be deposited, administered and disbursed in the same manner and under the same conditions and requirements as is provided by law for other special funds in the State Treasury. The State Treasurer shall be liable on his official bond for the faithful performance of his duties in connection with the Employment Security Administration Fund under this chapter.

SECTION 17. Section 71-5-112, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

71-5-112. All funds received by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security shall clear through the State Treasury as provided and required by Sections 71-5-111 and 71-5-453. All expenditures from the administration fund of the department authorized by Section 71-5-111 shall be expended only pursuant to appropriation approved by the Legislature and as provided by law.

SECTION 18. Section 71-5-113, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

71-5-113. All monies received from the Social Security Board or its successors for the administration of this chapter shall be expended solely for the purposes and in the amounts found necessary by the Social Security Board or its successors for the proper and efficient administration of this chapter.

It shall be the duty of the department to take appropriate action with respect to the replacement, within a reasonable time, of any monies received from the Social Security Board, or its successors, for the administration of this chapter, and monies used to match grants pursuant to the provisions of the Wagner-Peyser Act, which the board, or its successors, find, because of any action or contingency, have been lost or have been expended for purposes other than, or in amounts in excess of those found necessary by the Social Security Board, or its successors, for the proper administration of this chapter. Funds which have been expended by the department or its agents in accordance with the budget approved by the Social Security Board, or its successors, or in accordance with the general standards and limitations promulgated by the Social Security Board, or its successors, prior to such expenditure (where proposed expenditures have not been specifically disapproved by the Social Security Board, or its successors), shall not be deemed to require replacement. To effectuate the purposes of this paragraph, it shall be the duty of the department to take such action to safeguard the expenditure of the funds referred to herein as it deems necessary. In the event of a loss of such funds or an improper expenditure thereof as herein defined, it shall be the duty of the department to notify the Governor of any such loss or improper expenditure and submit to him a request for an appropriation in the amount thereof. The Governor shall transmit to the next regular session of the Legislature following such notification, the department's request for an appropriation in an amount necessary to replace funds which have been lost or improperly expended as defined above. Such request of the department for an appropriation shall not be subject to the provisions of Sections 27-103-101 through 27-103-139. The Legislature recognizes its obligation to replace such funds as may be necessary and shall make necessary appropriations in accordance with such requests.

SECTION 19. Section 71-5-114, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

71-5-114. There is created in the State Treasury a special fund, to be known as the "Special Employment Security Administration Fund," into which shall be deposited or transferred all interest, penalties and damages collected on and after July 1, 1982, pursuant to Sections 71-5-363 through 71-5-379 and all interest and penalties required to be deposited into the fund pursuant to Section 71-5-19(4)(b). Interest, penalties and damages collected on delinquent payments deposited during any calendar quarter in the clearing account in the Unemployment Trust Fund shall, as soon as practicable after the close of such calendar quarter, be transferred to the Special Employment Security Administration Fund. All monies in this fund shall be deposited, administered and disbursed in the same manner and under the same conditions and requirements as is provided by law for other special funds in the State Treasury. The State Treasurer shall be liable on his official bond for the faithful performance of his duties in connection with the Special Employment Security Administration Fund under this chapter. Those monies may be expended for any programs for which the department has administrative responsibility but shall not be expended or made available for expenditure in any manner which would permit their substitution for (or permit a corresponding reduction in) federal funds which would, in the absence of those monies, be available to finance expenditures for the administration of the state unemployment compensation and employment service laws or any other laws directing the administration of any programs for which the department has the administrative responsibility. Nothing in this section shall prevent those monies in this fund from being used as a revolving fund to cover expenditures necessary and proper under the law for which federal funds have been duly requested but not yet received, subject to the charging of such expenditures against such funds when necessary. The monies in this fund may be used by the department for the payment of costs of administration of the employment security laws of this state which are found not to be or not to have been properly and validly chargeable against funds obtained from federal sources. All monies in this Special Employment Security Administration Fund shall be continuously available to the department for expenditure in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, and shall not lapse at any time. The monies in this fund are

specifically made available to replace, as contemplated by Section 71-5-113, expenditures from the Employment Security Administration Fund established by Section 71-5-111, which have been found, because of any action or contingency, to have been lost or improperly expended.

The department, whenever it is of the opinion that the money in the Special Employment Security Administration Fund is more than ample to pay for all foreseeable needs for which such special fund is set up, may, by written order, order the transfer therefrom to the Unemployment Compensation Fund of such amount of money in the Special Employment Security Administration Fund as it deems proper, and the same shall thereupon be immediately transferred to the Unemployment Compensation Fund.

SECTION 20. Section 71-5-115, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

71-5-115. It shall be the duty of the executive director to administer this chapter; and the executive director shall have the power and authority to adopt, amend or rescind such rules and regulations, to employ such persons, make such expenditures, require such reports, make such investigations, and take such other action as he deems necessary or suitable to that end. Such rules and regulations shall be effective upon publication in the manner, not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter, which the executive director shall prescribe. The executive director shall determine the department's own organization and methods of procedure in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, and shall have an official seal which shall be judicially noticed. Not later than the first day of February in each year, the executive director shall submit to the Governor a report covering the administration and operation of this chapter during the preceding fiscal year and shall make such recommendations for amendments to this chapter as the executive director deems proper. Whenever the executive director believes that a change in contribution or benefit rates will become necessary to protect the solvency of the fund, he shall promptly so inform the Governor and the Legislature, and make recommendations with respect thereto.

SECTION 21. Section 71-5-117, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

71-5-117. General rules may be adopted, amended or rescinded by the executive director only after public hearing or opportunity to be heard thereon, of which proper notice has been given. General rules shall become effective ten (10) days after filing with the Secretary of State and publication in one or more newspapers of general circulation in this state. Regulations may be adopted, amended or rescinded by the executive director and shall become effective in the manner and at the time prescribed by the executive director.

SECTION 22. Section 71-5-119, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

71-5-119. The department shall cause to be available for distribution to the public the text of this chapter, its regulations and general rules, its reports to the Governor, and any other material it deems relevant and suitable, and shall furnish the same to any person upon application therefor.

SECTION 23. Section 71-5-121, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

71-5-121. Subject to other provisions of this chapter, the executive director is authorized to appoint, fix the compensation, and prescribe the duties and powers of such officers, accountants, attorneys, experts and other persons as may be necessary in the performance of department duties; however, all personnel who were former members of the Armed Forces of the United States of America shall be given credit regardless of rate, rank or commission. All positions shall be filled by persons selected and appointed on a nonpartisan merit basis, in accordance with Section 25-9-101 et seq., that provides for a state service personnel system. The executive director shall not employ any person who is an officer or committee member of any political party organization. The executive director may delegate to any such person so appointed such power and authority as he deems reasonable and proper for the effective administration of this chapter, and may in his discretion bond any person handling monies or signing checks hereunder. The veteran status of an individual shall be considered and preference given in accordance with the provisions of the State Personnel Board.

The department and its employees are exempt from Sections 25-15-101 and 25-15-103.

The department may use federal granted funds to provide such group health, life, accident and hospitalization insurance for its employees as may be agreed upon by the department and the federal granting authorities.

The department shall adopt a "layoff formula" to be used wherever it is determined that, because of reduced workload, budget reductions or in order to effect a more economical operation, a reduction in force shall occur in any group.

In establishing this formula, the department shall give effect to the principle of seniority and shall provide that seniority points may be added for disabled veterans and veterans, with due regard to the efficiency of the service. Any such layoff formula shall be implemented according to the policies, rules and regulations of the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 24. Section 71-5-123, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

71-5-123. The executive director shall retain all powers and duties as granted to the state advisory council appointed by the former Employment Security Commission. The executive director may appoint local advisory councils, composed in each case of an equal number of employer representatives and employee representatives who may fairly be regarded as representative because of their vocation, employment or affiliations, and of such members representing the general public as the executive director may designate. Such councils shall aid the department in formulating policies and discussing problems related to the administration of this chapter and in assuring impartiality and freedom from political influence in the solution of such problems. Members of the advisory councils shall receive a per diem in accordance with Section 25-3-69 for attendance upon meetings of the council, and shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary traveling expenses. The per diem and expenses herein authorized shall be paid from the Employment Security Administration Fund.

SECTION 25. Section 71-5-125, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

71-5-125. The department shall take all appropriate steps to reduce and prevent unemployment; to encourage and assist in the adoption of practical methods of vocational training, retraining and vocational guidance; to investigate, recommend, advise and assist in the establishment and operation, by municipalities, counties, school districts and the state, of reserves for public works to be used in times of business depression and unemployment; to promote the reemployment of unemployed workers throughout the state in every other way that may be feasible; and to these ends to carry on and publish the results of investigation and research studies.

SECTION 26. Section 71-5-127, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

71-5-127. (1) Any information or records concerning an individual or employing unit obtained by the department pursuant to the administration of this chapter or any other federally funded programs for which the department has responsibility shall be private and confidential, except as otherwise provided in this article or by regulation. Information or records may be released by the department when the release is required by the federal government in connection with, or as a condition of funding for, a program being administered by the department.

(2) Each employing unit shall keep true and accurate work records, containing such information as the department may prescribe. Such records shall be open to inspection and be subject to being copied by the department or its authorized representatives at any reasonable time and as often as may be necessary. The department, Board of Review and any referee may require from any employing unit any sworn or unsworn reports with respect to persons employed by it which they or any of them deem necessary for the effective administration of this chapter. Information, statements, transcriptions of proceedings, transcriptions of recordings, electronic recordings, letters, memoranda, and other documents and reports thus obtained or obtained from any individual pursuant to the administration of this chapter shall, except to the extent necessary for the proper administration of this chapter, be held confidential and shall not be published or be opened to public inspection (other than to public employees

in the performance of their public duties) in any manner revealing the individual's or employing unit's identity.

(3) Any claimant or his legal representative at a hearing before an appeal tribunal or the Board of Review shall be supplied with information from such records to the extent necessary for the proper presentation of his claim in any proceeding pursuant to this chapter.

(4) Any employee or member of the Board of Review or any employee of the department who violates any provisions of this section shall be fined not less than Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) nor more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), or imprisoned for not longer than ninety (90) days, or both.

(5) The department may make the state's records relating to the administration of this chapter available to the Railroad Retirement Board, and may furnish the Railroad Retirement Board, at the expense of such board, such copies thereof as the Railroad Retirement Board deems necessary for its purposes. The department may afford reasonable cooperation with every agency of the United States charged with the administration of any unemployment insurance law.

SECTION 27. Section 71-5-129, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

71-5-129. Records hereinafter designated, which are found by the department to be useless, may be disposed of in accordance with approved records control schedules.

(a) Records which have been preserved by it for not less than three (3) years:

- (1) Initial claims for benefits,
- (2) Continued claims for benefits,
- (3) Correspondence and master index cards in connection with such claims for benefits, and
- (4) Individual wage slips filed by employers subject to the provisions of the Unemployment Compensation Law.

(b) Records which have been preserved by it for not less than six (6) months after becoming inactive:

- (1) Work applications,
- (2) Cross-index cards for work applications,
- (3) Test records,
- (4) Employer records,
- (5) Work orders,
- (6) Clearance records,
- (7) Counseling records,
- (8) Farm placement records, and
- (9) Correspondence relating to all such records.

Nothing herein contained shall be construed as authorizing the destruction or disposal of basic fiscal records reflecting the financial operations of the department and no records may be destroyed without the approval of the Director of the Department of Archives and History.

SECTION 28. Section 71-5-131, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

71-5-131. All letters, reports, communications, or any other matters, either oral or written, from the employer or employee to each other or to the department or any of its agents, representatives or employees, which shall have been written, sent, delivered or made in connection with the requirements and administration of this chapter shall be absolutely privileged and shall not be made the subject matter or basis of any suit for slander or libel in any court of the State of Mississippi unless the same be false in fact and maliciously written, sent, delivered or made for the purpose of causing a denial of benefits under this chapter.

SECTION 29. Section 71-5-133, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

71-5-133. In any case where an employing unit or any officer, member or agent thereof, or any other person having possession of the records thereof, shall fail or refuse upon demand by the department or its duly appointed agents to produce or permit the

examination or copying of any book, paper, account, record or other data pertaining to payrolls or employment or ownership of interests or stock in any employing unit, or bearing upon the correctness of any report, or for the purpose of making a report as required by this chapter where none has been made, then and in that event the department or its duly authorized agents may, by the issuance of a subpoena, require the attendance of such employing unit or any officer, member or agent thereof, or any other person having possession of the records thereof, and take testimony with respect to any such matter and may require any such person to produce any books or records specified in such subpoena. The department or its authorized agents at any such hearing shall have power to administer oaths to any such person or persons. When any person called as a witness by a subpoena signed by the department or its agents and served upon him by the sheriff of a county of which such person is a resident, or wherein is located the principal office of such employing unit or wherein such records are located or kept, shall fail to obey such subpoena to appear before the department or its authorized agent, or shall refuse to testify or to answer any questions or to produce any book, record, paper or other data when required to do so, such failure or refusal shall be reported to the Attorney General, who shall thereupon institute proceedings by the filing of a petition in the name of the State of Mississippi, on the relation of the department, in the circuit court or other court of competent jurisdiction of the county where such witness resides, or wherein such records are located or kept, to compel the obedience of such witness. Such petition shall set forth the facts and circumstances of the demand for and refusal or failure to permit the examination or copying of such records, or the failure or refusal of such witness to testify in answer to such subpoena or to produce the records so required by such subpoena. Such court, upon the filing and docketing of such petition, shall thereupon promptly issue an order to the defendants named in the petition to produce forthwith in such court, or at a place in such county designated in such order for the examination or copying by the department or its duly appointed agents, the records, books or documents so described, and to testify concerning matters described in such petition. Unless such defendants to such petition shall appear in the court upon a day specified in such order, which day shall be not more than ten (10) days after the date of issuance of such order, and offer, under oath, good and sufficient reasons why such examination or copying should not be permitted, or why such subpoena should not be obeyed, such court shall thereupon deliver to the department or its agents, for examination or copying, the records, books and documents so described in the petition and so produced in such court, and shall order the defendants to appear in answer to the subpoena of the department or its agents, and to testify concerning matters inquired about by the department. Any employing unit or any officer, member or agent thereof, or any other person having possession of the records thereof, who shall willfully disobey such order of the court after the same shall have been served upon him shall be guilty of indirect contempt of such court from which such order shall have issued, and may be adjudged in contempt of the court and punished therefor as provided by law.

SECTION 30. Section 71-5-135, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

71-5-135. If any employing unit fails to make any report required by this chapter, the department or its authorized agents shall give notice to such employing unit to make and file such report within fifteen (15) days from the date of such notice. If such employing unit, by its proper members, officers or agents, shall fail or refuse to make and file such reports within such time, then and in that event such report shall be made by the department or its authorized agents from the best information available, and the amount of contributions due shall be computed thereon; and such report shall be prima facie correct for the purposes of this chapter.

SECTION 31. Section 71-5-137, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

71-5-137. In the discharge of the duties imposed by this chapter, the department, any referee, the members of the Board of Review, and any duly authorized representative of any of them shall have power to administer oaths and affirmations, to take depositions, certify to official acts, and issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, papers, correspondence, memoranda and other

records deemed necessary as evidence in connection with a disputed claim or the administration of this chapter.

SECTION 32. Section 71-5-139, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

71-5-139. In case of contumacy or refusal to obey a subpoena issued to any person, any court in this state within the jurisdiction of which the inquiry is carried on, or within the jurisdiction of which the person guilty of contumacy or refusal to obey is found or resides or transacts business, upon application by the department, the Board of Review, any referee, or any duly authorized representative of any of them, shall have jurisdiction to issue to such person an order requiring such person to appear before the department, the Board of Review, any referee, or any duly authorized representative of any of them, there to produce evidence if so ordered or there to give testimony touching the matter under investigation or in question. Any failure to obey such order of the court may be punished by the court as a contempt thereof. Any person who shall, without just cause, fail or refuse to attend and testify or to answer any lawful inquiry or to produce books, papers, correspondence, memoranda and other records if it is in his power so to do, in obedience to a subpoena of the department, the Board of Review, any referee, or any duly authorized representative of any of them, shall be punished by a fine of not more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), or by imprisonment for not longer than sixty (60) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment; and each day such violation continues shall be deemed to be a separate offense.

SECTION 33. Section 71-5-141, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

71-5-141. No person shall be excused from attending and testifying or from producing books, papers, correspondence, memoranda and other records before the department, the Board of Review, any referee, or any duly authorized representative of any of them, or in obedience to the subpoena of any of them in any cause or proceeding before the department, the Board of Review or an appeal tribunal, on the ground that the testimony or evidence, documentary or otherwise, required of him may tend to incriminate him or subject him to a penalty or forfeiture; but no individual shall be prosecuted or subjected to any penalty or forfeiture for or on account of any transaction, matter or thing concerning which he is compelled, after having claimed his privilege against self-incrimination, to testify or produce evidence, documentary or otherwise, except that such individual so testifying shall not be exempt from prosecution and punishment for perjury committed in so testifying.

SECTION 34. Section 71-5-143, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

71-5-143. In the administration of this chapter, the department shall cooperate, to the fullest extent consistent with the provisions of this chapter, with the Social Security Board created by the Social Security Act, approved August 14, 1935, as amended; shall make such reports in such form and containing such information as the Social Security Board may from time to time require, and shall comply with such provisions as the Social Security Board may from time to time find necessary to assure the correctness and verification of such reports; and shall comply with the reasonable, valid and lawful regulations prescribed by the Social Security Board pursuant to and under the authority of the Social Security Act, governing the expenditures of such sums as may be allotted and paid to this state under Title III of the Social Security Act, as amended, for the purpose of assisting in the administration of this chapter.

Upon request therefor, the department shall furnish to any agency of the United States charged with the administration of public works, or assistance through public employment, the name, address, ordinary occupation and employment status of each recipient of benefits, and such recipient's rights to further benefits under this chapter.

SECTION 35. Section 71-5-201, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

71-5-201. The Mississippi State Employment Service is established in the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, Office of the Governor. The department, in the conduct of such service, shall establish and maintain free public employment offices in such number and in such places as may be necessary for the proper administration of this article and for the purpose of performing such functions as are within the purview of

the act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for the establishment of a national employment system and for cooperation with the states in the promotion of such system, and for other purposes" (29 USCS Section 49 et seq.). Any existing free public employment offices maintained by the state but not heretofore under the jurisdiction of the department shall be transferred to the jurisdiction of the department, and upon such transfer all duties and powers conferred upon any other department, agency or officers of this state relating to the establishment, maintenance and operation of free public employment offices shall be vested in the department. The Mississippi State Employment Service shall be administered by the department, which is charged with the duty to cooperate with any official or agency of the United States having powers or duties under the provisions of the act of Congress, as amended, and to do and perform all things necessary to secure to this state the benefits of that act of Congress, as amended, in the promotion and maintenance of a system of public employment offices. The provisions of that act of Congress, as amended, are accepted by this state, in conformity with 29 USCS Section 49c, and this state will observe and comply with the requirements thereof. The department is designated and constituted the agency of this state for the purposes of that act. The department may cooperate with or enter into agreements with the Railroad Retirement Board or veteran's organization with respect to the establishment, maintenance and use of free employment service facilities.

SECTION 36. Section 71-5-357, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

71-5-357. Benefits paid to employees of nonprofit organizations shall be financed in accordance with the provisions of this section. For the purpose of this section, a nonprofit organization is an organization (or group of organizations) described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 which is exempt from income tax under Section 501(a) of such code (26 USCS Section 501).

(a) Any nonprofit organization which, under Section 71-5-11, subsection H(3), is or becomes subject to this chapter shall pay contributions under the provisions of Sections 71-5-351 through 71-5-355 unless it elects, in accordance with this paragraph, to pay to the department for the unemployment fund an amount equal to the amount of regular benefits and one-half (1/2) of the extended benefits paid, that is attributable to service in the employ of such nonprofit organization, to individuals for weeks of unemployment which begin during the effective period of such election.

(i) Any nonprofit organization which becomes subject to this chapter may elect to become liable for payments in lieu of contributions for a period of not less than twelve (12) months, beginning with the date on which such subjectivity begins, by filing a written notice of its election with the department not later than thirty (30) days immediately following the date of the determination of such subjectivity.

(ii) Any nonprofit organization which makes an election in accordance with subparagraph (i) of this paragraph will continue to be liable for payments in lieu of contributions unless it files with the department a written termination notice not later than thirty (30) days prior to the beginning of the tax year for which such termination shall first be effective.

(iii) Any nonprofit organization which has been paying contributions under this chapter may change to a reimbursable basis by filing with the department, not later than thirty (30) days prior to the beginning of any tax year, a written notice of election to become liable for payments in lieu of contributions. Such election shall not be terminable by the organization for that and the next tax year.

(iv) The department may for good cause extend the period within which a notice of election or a notice of termination must be filed, and may permit an election to be retroactive.

(v) The department, in accordance with such regulations as it may prescribe, shall notify each nonprofit organization of any determination which it may make of its status as an employer, of the effective date of any election which it makes and of any termination of such election. Such determinations shall be subject to reconsideration, appeal and review in accordance with the provisions of Sections 71-5-351 through 71-5-355.

(b) Payments in lieu of contributions shall be made in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph.

(i) At the end of each calendar quarter, or at the end of any other period as determined by the department, the department shall bill each nonprofit organization (or group of such organizations) which has elected to make payments in lieu of contributions, for an amount equal to the full amount of regular benefits plus one-half (1/2) of the amount of extended benefits paid during such quarter or other prescribed period that is attributable to service in the employ of such organization.

(ii) Payment of any bill rendered under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph shall be made not later than forty-five (45) days after such bill was delivered to the nonprofit organization, unless there has been an application for review and redetermination in accordance with subparagraph (v) of this paragraph.

1. All of the enforcement procedures for the collection of delinquent contributions contained in Sections 71-5-363 through 71-5-383 shall be applicable in all respects for the collection of delinquent payments due by nonprofit organizations who have elected to become liable for payments in lieu of contributions.

2. If any nonprofit organization is delinquent in making payments in lieu of contributions, the department may terminate such organization's election to make payments in lieu of contributions as of the beginning of the next tax year, and such termination shall be effective for the balance of such tax year.

(iii) Payments made by any nonprofit organization under the provisions of this paragraph shall not be deducted or deductible, in whole or in part, from the remuneration of individuals in the employ of the organization.

(iv) Payments due by employers who elect to reimburse the fund in lieu of contributions as provided in this paragraph may not be noncharged under any condition. The reimbursement must be on a dollar-for-dollar basis (One Dollar (\$1.00) reimbursement for each dollar paid in benefits) in every case, so that the trust fund shall be reimbursed in full, such reimbursement to include, but not be limited to, benefits or payments erroneously or incorrectly paid, or paid as a result of a determination of eligibility which is subsequently reversed, or paid as a result of claimant fraud. However, political subdivisions who are reimbursing employers may elect to pay to the fund an amount equal to five-tenths percent (.5%) through December 31, 2010, and shall pay twenty-five one-hundredths percent (.25%) thereafter of the taxable wages paid during the calendar year with respect to employment, and those employers who so elect shall be relieved of liability for reimbursement of benefits paid under the same conditions that benefits are not charged to the experience-rating record of a contributing employer as provided in Section 71-5-355(2)(b)(ii) other than Clause 5 thereof. Benefits paid in such circumstances for which reimbursing employers are relieved of liability for reimbursement shall not be considered attributable to service in the employment of such reimbursing employer.

(v) The amount due specified in any bill from the department shall be conclusive on the organization unless, not later than fifteen (15) days after the bill was delivered to it, the organization files an application for redetermination by the department, setting forth the grounds for such application or appeal. The department shall promptly review and reconsider the amount due specified in the bill and shall thereafter issue a redetermination in any case in which such application for redetermination has been filed. Any such redetermination shall be conclusive on the organization unless, not later than fifteen (15) days after the redetermination was delivered to it, the organization files an appeal to the Circuit Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in accordance with the provisions of law with respect to review of civil causes by certiorari.

(vi) Past-due payments of amounts in lieu of contributions shall be subject to the same interest and penalties that, pursuant to Section 71-5-363, apply to past-due contributions.

(c) Each employer that is liable for payments in lieu of contributions shall pay to the department for the fund the amount of regular benefits plus the amount of one-half (1/2) of extended benefits paid are attributable to service in the employ of such employer. If benefits paid to an individual are based on wages paid by more than one (1) employer and one or more of such employers are liable for payments in lieu of contributions, the amount payable to the fund by each employer that is liable for such

payments shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (i) or subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph.

(i) If benefits paid to an individual are based on wages paid by one or more employers that are liable for payment in lieu of contributions and on wages paid by one or more employers who are liable for contributions, the amount of benefits payable by each employer that is liable for payments in lieu of contributions shall be an amount which bears the same ratio to the total benefits paid to the individual as the total base period wages paid to the individual by such employer bear to the total base period wages paid to the individual by all of his base period employers.

(ii) If benefits paid to an individual are based on wages paid by two (2) or more employers that are liable for payments in lieu of contributions, the amount of benefits payable by each such employer shall be an amount which bears the same ratio to the total benefits paid to the individual as the total base period wages paid to the individual by such employer bear to the total base period wages paid to the individual by all of his base period employers.

(d) In the discretion of the department, any nonprofit organization that elects to become liable for payments in lieu of contributions shall be required to execute and file with the department a surety bond approved by the department, or it may elect instead to deposit with the department money or securities. The amount of such bond or deposit shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph.

(i) The amount of the bond or deposit required by paragraph (d) shall be equal to two and seven-tenths percent (2.7%) thereafter to December 31, 2010, and one and thirty-five one-hundredths percent (1.35%) thereafter, of the organization's taxable wages paid for employment as defined in Section 71-5-11, subsection 1(4), for the four (4) calendar quarters immediately preceding the effective date of the election, the renewal date in the case of a bond, or the biennial anniversary of the effective date of election in the case of a deposit of money or securities, whichever date shall be most recent and applicable. If the nonprofit organization did not pay wages in each of such four (4) calendar quarters, the amount of the bond or deposit shall be as determined by the department.

(ii) Any bond deposited under paragraph (d) shall be in force for a period of not less than two (2) tax years and shall be renewed with the approval of the department at such times as the department may prescribe, but not less frequently than at intervals of two (2) years as long as the organization continues to be liable for payments in lieu of contributions. The department shall require adjustments to be made in a previously filed bond as it deems appropriate. If the bond is to be increased, the adjusted bond shall be filed by the organization within thirty (30) days of the date notice of the required adjustment was delivered to it. Failure by any organization covered by such bond to pay the full amount of payments in lieu of contributions when due, together with any applicable interest and penalties provided in paragraph (b)(v) of this section, shall render the surety liable on the bond to the extent of the bond, as though the surety was such organization.

(iii) Any deposit of money or securities in accordance with paragraph (d) shall be retained by the department in an escrow account until liability under the election is terminated, at which time it shall be returned to the organization, less any deductions as hereinafter provided. The department may deduct from the money deposited under paragraph (d) by a nonprofit organization, or sell the securities it has so deposited, to the extent necessary to satisfy any due and unpaid payments in lieu of contributions and any applicable interest and penalties provided for in paragraph (b)(v) of this section. The department shall require the organization, within thirty (30) days following any deduction from a money deposit or sale of deposited securities under the provisions hereof, to deposit sufficient additional money or securities to make whole the organization's deposit at the prior level. Any cash remaining from the sale of such securities shall be a part of the organization's escrow account. The department may, at any time, review the adequacy of the deposit made by any organization. If, as a result of such review, it determines that an adjustment is necessary, it shall require the organization to make additional deposit within thirty (30) days of notice of its determination or shall return to it such portion of the deposit as it no longer considers necessary,

whichever action is appropriate. Disposition of income from securities held in escrow shall be governed by the applicable provisions of the state law.

(iv) If any nonprofit organization fails to file a bond or make a deposit, or to file a bond in an increased amount, or to increase or make whole the amount of a previously made deposit as provided under this subparagraph, the department may terminate such organization's election to make payments in lieu of contributions, and such termination shall continue for not less than the four (4) consecutive calendar-quarter periods beginning with the quarter in which such termination becomes effective; however, the department may extend for good cause the applicable filing, deposit or adjustment period by not more than thirty (30) days.

(v) Group account shall be established according to regulations prescribed by the department.

(e) Any employer which elects to make payments in lieu of contributions into the Unemployment Compensation Fund as provided in this paragraph shall not be liable to make such payments with respect to the benefits paid to any individual whose base period wages include wages for previously uncovered services as defined in Section 71-5-511(e) to the extent that the Unemployment Compensation Fund is reimbursed for such benefits pursuant to Section 121 of Public Law 94-566.

SECTION 37. Section 71-5-359, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted and amended as follows:

71-5-359. (1) The Department of Finance and Administration shall, in the manner provided in subsection (** *2) of this section, pay, upon notice issued by the department, to the department for the Unemployment Compensation Fund an amount equal to the regular benefits and one-half (1/2) of the extended benefits paid that are attributable to service in the employ of a state agency. The amount required to be reimbursed by a certain agency shall be billed to the Department of Finance and Administration and shall be paid from the Employment Compensation Revolving Fund pursuant to subsection (** *2) of this section not later than thirty (30) days after such bill was sent, unless there has been an application for review and redetermination in accordance with Section 71-5-357(b)(v).

(** *2) Each agency of state government shall deposit monthly for a period of twenty-four (24) months an amount equal to one-twelfth of one percent (1/12 of 1%) of the first Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) paid to each employee thereof during the next preceding year into the Employment Compensation Revolving Fund that is created in the State Treasury. The Department of Finance and Administration shall determine the percentage to be applied to the amount of covered wages paid in order to maintain a balance in the revolving fund of not less than the amount determined by an actuary through an annual actuarial evaluation. The State Treasurer shall invest all funds in the Employment Compensation Revolving Fund and all interest earned shall be credited to the Employment Compensation Revolving Fund.

The reimbursement of benefits paid by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security shall be paid by the Department of Finance and Administration from the Employment Compensation Revolving Fund upon notice from the department; and the Department of Finance and Administration shall issue warrants or may contract for the performance of the duties prescribed by *** this subsection, and other duties necessarily related thereto.

(** *3) Any political subdivision of this state shall pay to the department for the unemployment compensation fund an amount equal to the regular benefits and the extended benefits paid that are attributable to service in the employ of such political subdivision unless it elects to make contributions to the unemployment fund as provided in subsection (** *8) of this section. The amount required to be reimbursed shall be billed and shall be paid as provided in Section 71-5-357, with respect to similar payments for nonprofit organizations.

(** *4) Each political subdivision, unless it elects to make contributions to the unemployment compensation fund as provided in subsection (** *8) of this section, shall establish a revolving fund and deposit an amount equal to two percent (2%) of the first Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) paid to each employee thereof during the next preceding year. However, the department shall by regulation establish a procedure to

allow reimbursing political subdivisions to elect to maintain the balance in the revolving fund as required under this subsection or to annually execute a surety bond to be approved by the department in an amount not less than two percent (2%) of the covered wages paid during the next preceding year.

(** *5) In the event any political subdivision becomes delinquent in payments due under this chapter, upon due notice, and upon certification of the delinquency by the department to the Department of Finance and Administration, the Department of Revenue, the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Insurance, or any of them, or any other agencies of the State of Mississippi that may be indebted to such delinquent political subdivision, such agencies shall direct the issuance of warrants which in the aggregate shall be the amount of such delinquency payable to the department and drawn upon any funds in the State Treasury which may be available to such political subdivision in satisfaction of any such delinquency. This remedy shall be in addition to any other collection remedies in this chapter or otherwise provided by law.

(** *6) Payments made by any political subdivision under the provisions of this section shall not be deducted or deductible, in whole or in part, from the remuneration of individuals in the employ of the organization.

(** *7) Any governmental entity shall not be liable to make payments to the unemployment fund with respect to the benefits paid to any individual whose base period wages include wages for previously uncovered services as defined in Section 71-5-511, subsection (e), to the extent that the Unemployment Compensation Fund is reimbursed for such benefits pursuant to Section 121 of Public Law 94-566.

(** *8) Any political subdivision of this state may elect to make contributions to the unemployment fund instead of making reimbursement for benefits paid as provided in subsections (** *3) and (** *4) of this section. A political subdivision which makes this election shall so notify the department, not later than three (3) months after it is officially organized or is otherwise established, and shall be subject to the provisions of Section 71-5-351, with regard to the payment of contributions. A political subdivision which makes this election shall pay contributions equal to two percent (2%) of taxable wages through calendar year 2010, and one percent (1%) of taxable wages thereafter paid by it during each calendar quarter it is subject to this chapter. The department shall by regulation establish a procedure to allow political subdivisions the option periodically to elect either the reimbursement or the contribution method of financing unemployment compensation coverage.

SECTION 38. Section 71-5-451, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

71-5-451. There is established as a special fund, separate and apart from all public monies or funds of this state, an Unemployment Compensation Fund, which shall be administered by the department exclusively for:

- (a) All contributions collected under this chapter;
- (b) Interest earned upon any monies in the fund;
- (c) Any property or securities acquired through the use of monies

belonging to the fund;

- (d) All earnings of such property or securities;
- (e) All monies credited to this state's account in the Unemployment

Trust Fund pursuant to the Social Security Act, 42 USCS, Section 1104; and

(f) By way of reimbursement in accordance with Section 204 of the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970 (84 Stat. 711). All monies in the fund shall be mingled and undivided.

SECTION 39. Section 71-5-457, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

71-5-457. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5), money credited to the account of this state in the Unemployment Trust Fund by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States of America pursuant to the Social Security Act, 42 USCS Section 1103, may be requisitioned and used for the payment of expenses incurred for the administration of this law pursuant to a specific appropriation by the Legislature, provided that the expenses are incurred and the money is requisitioned after the enactment of an appropriation law which:

(a) Specifies the purposes for which such money is appropriated and the amounts appropriated therefor;

(b) Limits the period within which such money may be obligated to a period ending not more than two (2) years after the date of the enactment of the appropriation law; and

(c) Limits the amount which may be obligated during a twelve-month period beginning on July 1 and ending on the next June 30 to an amount which does not exceed the amount by which:

(i) The aggregate of the amounts credited to the account of this state pursuant to the Social Security Act, 42 USCS Section 1103, during the same twelve-month period and the thirty-four (34) preceding twelve-month periods exceeds.

(ii) The aggregate of the amounts obligated pursuant to this section and charged against the amounts credited to the account of this state during such thirty-five (35) twelve-month periods.

For the purposes of this section, amounts obligated during any such twelve-month period shall be charged against equivalent amounts which were first credited and which are not already so charged; except that no amount obligated for administration during any such twelve-month period may be charged against any amount credited during such a twelve-month period earlier than the thirty-fourth preceding such period.

(2) Money credited to the account of this state pursuant to the Social Security Act, 42 USCS Section 1103, may not be withdrawn or used except for the payment of benefits and for the payment of expenses for the administration of this law and of public employment offices pursuant to this section.

(3) Money appropriated as provided herein for the payment of expenses of administration shall be requisitioned as needed for the payment of obligations incurred under such appropriation and, upon requisition, shall be deposited in the Employment Security Administration Fund, from which such payments shall be made. Money so deposited shall, until expended, remain a part of the Unemployment Compensation Fund and, if it will not be expended, shall be returned promptly to the account of this state in the Unemployment Trust Fund.

(4) The thirty-five-year limitation provided in this section is no longer in force, effective October 1, 1991.

(5) Notwithstanding subsection (1), monies credited with respect to federal fiscal years 1999, 2000 and 2001 shall be used by the department solely for the administration of the unemployment compensation program.

SECTION 40. Section 71-5-511, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

71-5-511. An unemployed individual shall be eligible to receive benefits with respect to any week only if the department finds that:

(a) (i) He has registered for work at and thereafter has continued to report to the department in accordance with such regulations as the department may prescribe; except that the department may, by regulation, waive or alter either or both of the requirements of this subparagraph as to such types of cases or situations with respect to which it finds that compliance with such requirements would be oppressive or would be inconsistent with the purposes of this chapter; and

(ii) He participates in reemployment services, such as job search assistance services, if, in accordance with a profiling system established by the department, it has been determined that he is likely to exhaust regular benefits and needs reemployment services, unless the department determines that:

1. The individual has completed such services;

or

2. There is justifiable cause for the claimant's

failure to participate in such services.

(b) He has made a claim for benefits in accordance with the provisions of Section 71-5-515 and in accordance with such regulations as the department may prescribe thereunder.

(c) He is able to work, available for work and actively seeking work.

(d) He has been unemployed for a waiting period of one (1) week. No week shall be counted as a week of unemployment for the purposes of this paragraph:

(i) Unless it occurs within the benefit year which includes the week with respect to which he claims payment of benefits;

(ii) If benefits have been paid with respect thereto;

(iii) Unless the individual was eligible for benefits with respect thereto, as provided in Sections 71-5-511 and 71-5-513, except for the requirements of this paragraph.

(e) For weeks beginning on or before July 1, 1982, he has, during his base period, been paid wages for insured work equal to not less than thirty-six (36) times his weekly benefit amount; he has been paid wages for insured work during at least two (2) quarters of his base period; and he has, during that quarter of his base period in which his total wages were highest, been paid wages for insured work equal to not less than sixteen (16) times the minimum weekly benefit amount. For benefit years beginning after July 1, 1982, he has, during his base period, been paid wages for insured work equal to not less than forty (40) times his weekly benefit amount; he has been paid wages for insured work during at least two (2) quarters of his base period, and he has, during that quarter of his base period in which his total wages were highest, been paid wages for insured work equal to not less than twenty-six (26) times the minimum weekly benefit amount. For purposes of this paragraph, wages shall be counted as "wages for insured work" for benefit purposes with respect to any benefit year only if such benefit year begins subsequent to the date on which the employing unit by which such wages were paid has satisfied the conditions of Section 71-5-11, subsection H, or Section 71-5-361, subsection (3), with respect to becoming an employer.

(f) No individual may receive benefits in a benefit year unless, subsequent to the beginning of the next preceding benefit year during which he received benefits, he performed service in "employment" as defined in Section 71-5-11, subsection I, and earned remuneration for such service in an amount equal to not less than eight (8) times his weekly benefit amount applicable to his next preceding benefit year.

(g) Benefits based on service in employment defined in Section 71-5-11, subsection I(3) and I(4), and Section 71-5-361, subsection (4) shall be payable in the same amount, on the same terms, and subject to the same conditions as compensation payable on the basis of other service subject to this chapter, except that benefits based on service in an instructional, research or principal administrative capacity in an institution of higher learning (as defined in Section 71-5-11, subsection N) with respect to service performed prior to January 1, 1978, shall not be paid to an individual for any week of unemployment which begins during the period between two (2) successive academic years, or during a similar period between two (2) regular terms, whether or not successive, or during a period of paid sabbatical leave provided for in the individual's contract, if the individual has a contract or contracts to perform services in any such capacity for any institution or institutions of higher learning for both such academic years or both such terms.

(h) Benefits based on service in employment defined in Section 71-5-11, subsection I(3) and I(4), shall be payable in the same amount, on the same terms and subject to the same conditions as compensation payable on the basis of other service subject to this chapter, except that:

(i) With respect to service performed in an instructional, research or principal administrative capacity for an educational institution, benefits shall not be paid based on such services for any week of unemployment commencing during the period between two (2) successive academic years, or during a similar period between two (2) regular but not successive terms, or during a period of paid sabbatical leave provided for in the individual's contract, to any individual, if such individual performs such services in the first of such academic years or terms and if there is a contract or a reasonable assurance that such individual will perform services in any such capacity for any educational institution in the second of such academic years or terms, and provided that paragraph (g) of this section shall apply with respect to such services prior to January 1, 1978. In no event shall benefits be paid unless the individual employee was terminated by the employer.

(ii) With respect to services performed in any other capacity for an educational institution, benefits shall not be paid on the basis of such services to any individual for any week which commences during a period between two (2) successive academic years or terms, if such individual performs such services in the first of such academic years or terms and there is a reasonable assurance that such individual will perform such services in the second of such academic years or terms, except that if compensation is denied to any individual under this subparagraph and such individual was not offered an opportunity to perform such services for the educational institution for the second of such academic years or terms, such individual shall be entitled to a retroactive payment of compensation for each week for which the individual filed a timely claim for compensation and for which compensation was denied solely by reason of this clause. In no event shall benefits be paid unless the individual employee was terminated by the employer.

(iii) With respect to services described in subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph (h), benefits shall not be payable on the basis of services in any such capacities to any individual for any week which commences during an established and customary vacation period or holiday recess if such individual performs such services in the first of such academic years or terms, or in the period immediately before such vacation period or holiday recess, and there is a reasonable assurance that such individual will perform such services in the period immediately following such vacation period or holiday recess.

(iv) With respect to any services described in subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph (h), benefits shall not be payable on the basis of services in any such capacities as specified in subparagraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) of this paragraph (h) to any individual who performed such services in an educational institution while in the employ of an educational service agency. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "educational service agency" means a governmental agency or governmental entity which is established and operated exclusively for the purpose of providing such services to one or more educational institutions.

(v) With respect to services to which Sections 71-5-357 and 71-5-359 apply, if such services are provided to or on behalf of an educational institution, benefits shall not be payable under the same circumstances and subject to the same terms and conditions as described in subparagraphs (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) of this paragraph (h).

(i) Subsequent to December 31, 1977, benefits shall not be paid to any individual on the basis of any services substantially all of which consist of participating in sports or athletic events or training or preparing to so participate, for any week which commences during the period between two (2) successive sports seasons (or similar periods) if such individual performs such services in the first of such seasons (or similar periods) and there is a reasonable assurance that such individual will perform such services in the later of such seasons (or similar periods).

(j) (i) Subsequent to December 31, 1977, benefits shall not be payable on the basis of services performed by an alien, unless such alien is an individual who was lawfully admitted for permanent residence at the time such services were performed, was lawfully present for purposes of performing such services, or was permanently residing in the United States under color of law at the time such services were performed (including an alien who was lawfully present in the United States as a result of the application of the provisions of Section 203(a)(7) or Section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act).

(ii) Any data or information required of individuals applying for benefits to determine whether benefits are not payable to them because of their alien status shall be uniformly required from all applicants for benefits.

(iii) In the case of an individual whose application for benefits would otherwise be approved, no determination that benefits to such individual are not payable because of his alien status shall be made, except upon a preponderance of the evidence.

(k) An individual shall be deemed prima facie unavailable for work, and therefore ineligible to receive benefits, during any period which, with respect to his employment status, is found by the department to be a holiday or vacation period.

(l) A temporary employee of a temporary help firm is considered to have left the employee's last work voluntarily without good cause connected with the work if the temporary employee does not contact the temporary help firm for reassignment on completion of an assignment. A temporary employee is not considered to have left work voluntarily without good cause connected with the work under this paragraph unless the temporary employee has been advised in writing:

(i) That the temporary employee is obligated to contact the temporary help firm on completion of assignments; and

(ii) That unemployment benefits may be denied if the temporary employee fails to do so.

SECTION 41. Section 71-5-513, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

71-5-513. A. An individual shall be disqualified for benefits:

(1) (a) For the week, or fraction thereof, which immediately follows the day on which he left work voluntarily without good cause, if so found by the department, and for each week thereafter until he has earned remuneration for personal services performed for an employer, as in this chapter defined, equal to not less than eight (8) times his weekly benefit amount, as determined in each case; however, marital, filial and domestic circumstances and obligations shall not be deemed good cause within the meaning of this subsection. Pregnancy shall not be deemed to be a marital, filial or domestic circumstance for the purpose of this subsection.

(b) For the week, or fraction thereof, which immediately follows the day on which he was discharged for misconduct connected with his work, if so found by the department, and for each week thereafter until he has earned remuneration for personal services performed for an employer, as in this chapter defined, equal to not less than eight (8) times his weekly benefit amount, as determined in each case.

(c) The burden of proof of good cause for leaving work shall be on the claimant, and the burden of proof of misconduct shall be on the employer.

(2) For the week, or fraction thereof, with respect to which he willfully makes a false statement, a false representation of fact, or willfully fails to disclose a material fact for the purpose of obtaining or increasing benefits under the provisions of this law, if so found by the department, and such individual's maximum benefit allowance shall be reduced by the amount of benefits so paid to him during any such week of disqualification; and additional disqualification shall be imposed for a period not exceeding fifty-two (52) weeks, the length of such period of disqualification and the time when such period begins to be determined by the department, in its discretion, according to the circumstances in each case.

(3) If the department finds that he has failed, without good cause, either to apply for available suitable work when so directed by the employment office or the department, to accept suitable work when offered him, or to return to his customary self-employment (if any) when so directed by the department, such disqualification shall continue for the week in which such failure occurred and for not more than the twelve (12) weeks which immediately follow such week, as determined by the department according to the circumstances in each case.

(a) In determining whether or not any work is suitable for an individual, the department shall consider among other factors the degree of risk involved to his health, safety and morals, his physical fitness and prior training, his experience and prior earnings, his length of unemployment and prospects for securing local work in his customary occupation, and the distance of the available work from his residence; however, offered employment paying the minimum wage or higher, if such minimum or higher wage is that prevailing for his customary occupation or similar work in the locality, shall be deemed to be suitable employment after benefits have been paid to the individual for a period of eight (8) weeks.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, no work shall be deemed suitable and benefits shall not be denied under this chapter to any otherwise eligible individual for refusing to accept new work under any of the following conditions:

(i) If the position offered is vacant due directly to a strike, lockout or other labor dispute;

(ii) If the wages, hours or other conditions of the work offered are substantially unfavorable or unreasonable to the individual's work. The department shall have the sole discretion to determine whether or not there has been an unfavorable or unreasonable condition placed on the individual's work. Moreover, the department may consider, but shall not be limited to a consideration of, whether or not the unfavorable condition was applied by the employer to all workers in the same or similar class or merely to this individual;

(iii) If as a condition of being employed the individual would be required to join a company union or to resign from or refrain from joining any bona fide labor organization;

(iv) If unsatisfactory or hazardous working conditions exist that could result in a danger to the physical or mental well-being of the worker. In any such determination the department shall consider, but shall not be limited to a consideration of, the following: the safety measures used or the lack thereof and the condition of equipment or lack of proper equipment. No work shall be considered hazardous if the working conditions surrounding a worker's employment are the same or substantially the same as the working conditions generally prevailing among workers performing the same or similar work for other employers engaged in the same or similar type of activity.

(c) Pursuant to Section 303(1) of the Social Security Act (42 USCS 503), the department may conduct drug tests of applicants for unemployment compensation for the unlawful use of controlled substances as a condition for receiving such compensation, if such applicant:

(i) Was terminated from employment with the claimant's most recent employer, as defined by Mississippi law, because of the unlawful use of controlled substances; or

(ii) Is an individual for whom suitable work, as defined by Mississippi law, is only available in an occupation (as determined under regulations issued by the U.S. Secretary of Labor) that requires drug testing.

The department may deny unemployment compensation to any applicant based on the result of a drug test conducted by the department in accordance with this subsection. A positive drug test result shall be deemed by the department to be a failure to accept suitable work, and shall subject the applicant to the disqualification provisions set forth in this subsection A(3). During the disqualification period imposed by the department under this subsection, the individual may provide information to end the disqualification period early by submitting acceptable proof to the department of a negative test result from a testing facility approved by the department.

(iii) Pursuant to the provisions set forth in this subsection A(3)(c), the department shall have the authority to institute a random drug testing program for all individuals who meet the requirements set forth in this section. Moreover, the department shall have the authority to create the necessary regulations, policies rules, guidelines and procedures to implement such a program.

Any term or provision set forth in this subsection A(3)(c) that otherwise conflicts with federal or state law shall be disregarded but shall not, in any way, affect the remaining provisions.

(4) For any week with respect to which the department finds that his total unemployment is due to a stoppage of work which exists because of a labor dispute at a factory, establishment or other premises at which he is or was last employed; however, this subsection shall not apply if it is shown to the satisfaction of the department:

(a) He is unemployed due to a stoppage of work occasioned by an unjustified lockout, if such lockout was not occasioned or brought about by such individual acting alone or with other workers in concert; or

(b) He is not participating in or directly interested in the labor dispute which caused the stoppage of work; and

(c) He does not belong to a grade or class of workers of which, immediately before the commencement of stoppage, there were members employed at the premises at which the stoppage occurs, any of whom are participating in or directly interested in the dispute.

If in any case separate branches of work which are commonly conducted as separate businesses in separate premises are conducted in separate departments of the same premises, each such department shall, for the purposes of this subsection, be deemed to be a separate factory, establishment or other premises.

(5) For any week with respect to which he has received or is seeking unemployment compensation under an unemployment compensation law of another state or of the United States. However, if the appropriate agency of such other state or of the United States finally determines that he is not entitled to such unemployment compensation benefits, this disqualification shall not apply. Nothing in this subsection contained shall be construed to include within its terms any law of the United States providing unemployment compensation or allowances for honorably discharged members of the Armed Forces.

(6) For any week with respect to which he is receiving or has received remuneration in the form of payments under any governmental or private retirement or pension plan, system or policy which a base-period employer is maintaining or contributing to or has maintained or contributed to on behalf of the individual; however, if the amount payable with respect to any week is less than the benefits which would otherwise be due under Section 71-5-501, he shall be entitled to receive for such week, if otherwise eligible, benefits reduced by the amount of such remuneration. However, on or after the first Sunday immediately following July 1, 2001, no social security payments, to which the employee has made contributions, shall be deducted from unemployment benefits paid for any period of unemployment beginning on or after the first Sunday following July 1, 2001. This one hundred percent (100%) exclusion shall not apply to any other governmental or private retirement or pension plan, system or policy. If benefits payable under this section, after being reduced by the amount of such remuneration, are not a multiple of One Dollar (\$1.00), they shall be adjusted to the next lower multiple of One Dollar (\$1.00).

(7) For any week with respect to which he is receiving or has received remuneration in the form of a back pay award, or other compensation allocable to any week, whether by settlement or otherwise. Any benefits previously paid for weeks of unemployment with respect to which back pay awards, or other such compensation, are made shall constitute an overpayment and such amounts shall be deducted from the award by the employer prior to payment to the employee, and shall be transmitted promptly to the department by the employer for application against the overpayment and credit to the claimant's maximum benefit amount and prompt deposit into the fund; however, the removal of any charges made against the employer as a result of such previously paid benefits shall be applied to the calendar year and the calendar quarter in which the overpayment is transmitted to the department, and no attempt shall be made to relate such a credit to the period to which the award applies. Any amount of overpayment so deducted by the employer and not transmitted to the department shall be subject to the same procedures for collection as is provided for contributions by Sections 71-5-363 through 71-5-381. Any amount of overpayment not deducted by the employer shall be established as an overpayment against the claimant and collected as provided above. It is the purpose of this paragraph to assure equity in the situations to which it applies, and it shall be construed accordingly.

B. Notwithstanding any other provision in this chapter, no otherwise eligible individual shall be denied benefits for any week because he is in training with the approval of the department; nor shall such individual be denied benefits with respect to any week in which he is in training with the approval of the department by reason of the application of provisions in Section 71-5-511, subsection (c), relating to availability for work, or the provisions of subsection A(3) of this section, relating to failure to apply for, or a refusal to accept, suitable work.

C. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, no otherwise eligible individual shall be denied benefits for any week because he or she is in training approved under Section 236(a)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974, nor shall such individual be denied benefits by reason of leaving work to enter such training, provided the work left is not suitable employment, or because of the application to any such week in training of provisions in this law (or any applicable federal unemployment compensation law), relating to availability for work, active search for work or refusal to accept work.

For purposes of this section, the term "suitable employment" means with respect to an individual, work of a substantially equal or higher skill level than the individual's past adversely affected employment (as defined for purposes of the Trade Act of 1974), and wages for such work at not less than eighty percent (80%) of the individual's average weekly wage as determined for the purposes of the Trade Act of 1974.

D. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, no otherwise eligible individual shall be denied benefits for any week in which they are engaged in the Self-Employment Assistance Program established in Section 71-5-545 by reason of the application of Section 71-5-511(c), relating to availability for work, or the provisions of subsection A(3) of this section, relating to failure to apply for, or a refusal to accept, suitable work.

E. Any individual who is receiving benefits may participate in an approved training program under the Mississippi Employment Security Law to gain skills that may lead to employment while continuing to receive benefits. Authorization for participation of a recipient of unemployment benefits in such a program must be granted by the department and continuation of participation must be certified weekly by the participant recipient. While participating in such program approved by the department, availability and work search requirements will be waived. No individual will be allowed to participate in this program for more than twelve (12) weeks in any benefit year. Such participation shall not be considered employment for any purposes and shall not accrue benefits or wage credits. Participation in this training program shall meet the definition set forth in the U.S. Fair Labor Standards Act.

SECTION 42. Section 71-5-517, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

71-5-517. Upon the taking of a claim by the department, an initial determination thereon shall be made promptly and shall include a determination with respect to whether or not benefits are payable, the week with respect to which benefits shall commence, the weekly benefit amount payable and the maximum duration of benefits. In any case in which the payment or denial of benefits will be determined by the provisions of subsection A(4) of Section 71-5-513, the examiner shall promptly transmit all the evidence with respect to that subsection to the department, which, on the basis of evidence so submitted and such additional evidence as it may require, shall make an initial determination with respect thereto. An initial determination may for good cause be reconsidered. The claimant, his most recent employing unit and all employers whose experience-rating record would be charged with benefits pursuant to such determination shall be promptly notified of such initial determination or any amended initial determination and the reason therefor. Benefits shall be denied or, if the claimant is otherwise eligible, promptly paid in accordance with the initial determination or amended initial determination. The jurisdiction of the department over benefit claims which have not been appealed shall be continuous. The claimant or any party to the initial determination or amended initial determination may file an appeal from such initial determination or amended initial determination within fourteen (14) days after notification thereof, or after the date such notification was sent to his last known address.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, benefits shall be paid promptly in accordance with a determination or redetermination, or the decision of an appeal tribunal, the Board of Review or a reviewing court upon the issuance of such determination, redetermination or decision in favor of the claimant (regardless of the pendency of the period to apply for reconsideration, file an appeal, or petition for judicial review, as the case may be, or the pendency of any such application, filing or petition), unless and until such determination, redetermination or decision has been modified or reversed by a subsequent redetermination or decision, in which event benefits shall be paid or denied in accordance with such modifying or reversing redetermination or decision. Any benefits finally determined to have been erroneously paid may be set up as an overpayment to the claimant and must be liquidated before any future benefits can be paid to the claimant. If, subsequent to such initial determination or amended initial determination, benefits with respect to any week for which a claim has been filed are denied for reasons other than matters included in the initial determination or amended initial determination, the claimant shall be promptly notified of the denial and the reason

therefor and may appeal therefrom in accordance with the procedure herein described for appeals from initial determination or amended initial determination.

SECTION 43. Section 71-5-519, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

71-5-519. Unless such appeal is withdrawn, an appeal tribunal appointed by the executive director, after affording the parties reasonable opportunity for fair hearing, shall affirm, modify or reverse the findings of fact and initial determination or amended initial determination. The parties shall be duly notified of such tribunal's decision, together with its reasons therefor, which shall be deemed to be the final decision of the executive director unless, within fourteen (14) days after the date of notification of such decision, further appeal is initiated pursuant to Section 71-5-523.

SECTION 44. Section 71-5-523, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

71-5-523. The Board of Review may on its own motion affirm, modify, or set aside any decision of an appeal tribunal on the basis of the evidence previously submitted in such case, or direct the taking of additional evidence, or may permit any of the parties to such decision to initiate further appeals before it. The Board of Review shall permit such further appeal by any of the parties to a decision of an appeal tribunal which is not unanimous, and by the examiner whose decision has been overruled or modified by an appeal tribunal. The Board of Review may remove to itself or transfer to another appeal tribunal the proceedings on any claim pending before an appeal tribunal. Any proceedings so removed to the Board of Review shall be heard by a quorum thereof in accordance with the requirements of Section 71-5-519 and within fifteen (15) days after notice of appeal has been received by the executive director. No notice of appeal shall be deemed to be received by the executive director, within the meaning of this section, until all prior appeals pending before the Board of Review have been heard. The Board of Review shall, within four (4) days after its decision, so notify the parties to any proceeding of its findings and decision.

SECTION 45. Section 71-5-525, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

71-5-525. The manner in which appealed claims shall be presented and the conduct of hearings and appeals shall be in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Board of Review for determining the rights of the parties, whether or not such regulations conform to common law or statutory rules of evidence and other technical rules of procedure. A full and complete record shall be kept of all proceedings in connection with an appealed claim. The department's entire file relative to the appealed claim shall be a part of such record and shall be considered as evidence. All testimony at any hearing upon an appealed claim shall be recorded, but need not be transcribed unless the claim is further appealed.

SECTION 46. Section 71-5-529, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

71-5-529. Any decision of the Board of Review, in the absence of an appeal therefrom as herein provided, shall become final ten (10) days after the date of notification; and judicial review thereof shall be permitted only after any party claiming to be aggrieved thereby has exhausted his administrative remedies as provided by this chapter. The department shall be deemed to be a party to any judicial action involving any such decision, and may be represented in any such judicial action by any qualified attorney employed by the department and designated by it for that purpose or, at the department's request, by the Attorney General.

SECTION 47. Section 71-5-531, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

71-5-531. Within ten (10) days after the decision of the Board of Review has become final, any party aggrieved thereby may secure judicial review thereof by commencing an action, in the circuit court of the county in which the plaintiff resides, against the department for the review of such decision, in which action any other party to the proceeding before the Board of Review shall be made a defendant. In cases wherein the plaintiff is not a resident of the State of Mississippi, such action may be filed in the circuit court of the county in which the employer resides, the county in which the cause of action arose, or in the county of employment. In such action, a petition which need not

be verified, but which shall state the grounds upon which a review is sought, shall be served upon the department or upon such person as the department may designate, and such service shall be deemed completed service on all parties; but there shall be left with the party so served as many copies of the petition as there are defendants, and the department shall forthwith mail one (1) such copy to each such defendant. With its answer, the department shall certify and file with said court all documents and papers and a transcript of all testimony taken in the matter, together with the Board of Review's findings of fact and decision therein. The department may also, in its discretion, certify to such court questions of law involved in any decision. In any judicial proceedings under this section, the findings of the Board of Review as to the facts, if supported by evidence and in the absence of fraud, shall be conclusive, and the jurisdiction of the court shall be confined to questions of law. Such actions, and the questions so certified, shall be heard in a summary manner and shall be given precedence over all other civil cases. An appeal may be taken from the decision of the circuit court of the county in which the plaintiff resides to the Supreme Court of Mississippi, in the same manner, but not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter, as is provided in civil cases. It shall not be necessary, in any judicial proceeding under this section, to enter exceptions to the rulings of the Board of Review, and no bond shall be required for entering such appeal. Upon the final determination of such judicial proceeding, the Board of Review shall enter an order in accordance with such determination. A petition for judicial review shall not act as a supersedeas or stay unless the Board of Review shall so order.

SECTION 48. Section 71-5-541, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

71-5-541. A. (1) In the administration of this chapter, the department shall cooperate with the Department of Labor to the fullest extent consistent with the provisions of this chapter and shall take such action, through the adoption of appropriate rules, regulations, administrative methods and standards, as may be necessary to secure to this state and its citizens all advantages available under the provisions of the Social Security Act that relate to unemployment compensation, the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, the Wagner-Peyser Act and the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970, all as amended.

(2) In the administration of the provisions of this section, which are enacted to conform with the requirements of the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970, as amended, the department shall take such actions as may be necessary:

(a) To ensure that the provisions are so interpreted and applied as to meet the requirements of such federal act as interpreted by the United States Department of Labor; and

(b) To secure to this state the full reimbursement of the federal share of extended benefits paid under this chapter that are reimbursable under the federal act; and also

(c) To limit the amount of extended benefits paid as may be necessary so that the reimbursement of the federal share of extended benefits paid shall remain at one-half (1/2) of the total extended benefits paid.

B. As used in this section, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(1) "Extended benefit period" means a period which:

(a) Begins with the third week after a week for which there is a state "on" indicator; and

(b) Ends with either of the following weeks, whichever occurs later:

(i) The third week after the first week for which there is a state "off" indicator; or

(ii) The thirteenth consecutive week of such period.

No extended benefit period may begin by reason of a state "on" indicator before the fourteenth week following the end of a prior extended benefit period which was in effect with respect to this state.

(2) For weeks beginning after September 25, 1982, there is a "state 'on' indicator" for a week if the rate of insured unemployment under this chapter for the period consisting of such week and the immediately preceding twelve (12) weeks:

(a) Equaled or exceeded one hundred twenty percent (120%) of the average of such rates for the corresponding period of thirteen (13) weeks ending in each of the preceding two (2) calendar years; and

(b) Equaled or exceeded five percent (5%).

The determination of whether there has been a state "on" or "off" indicator beginning or ending any extended benefit period shall be made under this subsection as if (i) paragraph (2) did not contain subparagraph (a) thereof, and (ii) the figure "5" contained in subparagraph (b) thereof were "6"; except that, notwithstanding any such provision of this subsection, any week for which there would otherwise be a "state 'on' indicator" shall continue to be such week and shall not be determined to be a week for which there is a "state 'off' indicator."

(3) There is a "state 'off' indicator" for a week if, for the period consisting of such week and the immediately preceding twelve (12) weeks, either subparagraph (a) or (b) of paragraph (2) was not satisfied.

(4) "Rate of insured unemployment," for purposes of paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, means the percentage derived by dividing:

(a) The average number of continued weeks claimed for regular state compensation in this state for weeks of unemployment with respect to the most recent period of thirteen (13) consecutive weeks, as determined by the department on the basis of its reports to the United States Secretary of Labor; by

(b) The average monthly employment covered under this chapter for the first four (4) of the most recent six (6) completed calendar quarters ending before the end of such period of thirteen (13) weeks.

(5) "Regular benefits" means benefits payable to an individual under this chapter or under any other state law (including benefits payable to federal civilian employees and to ex-servicemen pursuant to 5 USCS Section 8501-8525) other than extended benefits.

(6) "Extended benefits" means benefits (including benefits payable to federal civilian employees and to ex-servicemen pursuant to 5 USCS Section 8501-8525) payable to an individual under the provisions of this section for weeks of unemployment in his eligibility period.

(7) "Eligibility period" of an individual means the period consisting of the weeks in his benefit year which begin in an extended benefit period and, if his benefit year ends within such extended benefit period, any weeks thereafter which begin in such period.

(8) "Exhaustee" means an individual who, with respect to any week of unemployment in his eligibility period:

(a) Has received, prior to such week, all of the regular benefits that were available to him under this chapter or any other state law (including dependents' allowances and benefits payable to federal civilian employees and ex-servicemen under 5 USCS Section 8501-8525) in his current benefit year that includes such week.

For the purposes of this subparagraph, an individual shall be deemed to have received all of the regular benefits that were available to him although, as a result of a pending appeal with respect to wages that were not considered in the original monetary determination in his benefit year, he may subsequently be determined to be entitled to added regular benefits; or

(b) Has no, or insufficient, wages on the basis of which he could establish a new benefit year that would include such week, his benefit year having expired prior to such week; and

(c) (i) Has no right to unemployment benefits or allowances, as the case may be, under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, the Automotive Products Trade Act of 1965, and such other federal laws as are specified in regulations issued by the United States Secretary of Labor; and

(ii) Has not received and is not seeking unemployment benefits under the Unemployment Compensation Law of the Virgin Islands or of Canada; but if he is seeking such benefits and the appropriate agency finally determines that he is not entitled to benefits under such law, he is considered an exhaustee; however, the reference in this subsection to the Virgin Islands shall be inapplicable effective on the day on which the United States Secretary of Labor approves under Section 3304(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, an unemployment compensation law submitted to the Secretary by the Virgin Islands for approval.

(9) "State law" means the unemployment insurance law of any state, approved by the United States Secretary of Labor under Section 3304 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (26 USCS Section 3304).

C. Except when the result would be inconsistent with the other provisions of this section, as provided in the regulations of the department, the provisions of this chapter which apply to claims for, or the payment of, regular benefits shall apply to claims for, and the payment of, extended benefits.

D. An individual shall be eligible to receive extended benefits with respect to any week of unemployment in his eligibility period only if the department finds that with respect to such week:

(1) He is an "exhaustee" as defined in subsection B(8) of this section.

(2) He has satisfied the requirements of this chapter for the receipt of regular benefits that are applicable to individuals claiming extended benefits, including not being subject to a disqualification for the receipt of benefits.

(3) For a week beginning after September 25, 1982, he has, during his base period, been paid wages for insured work equal to not less than forty (40) times his weekly benefit amount; he has been paid wages for insured work during at least two (2) quarters of his base period, and he has, during that quarter of his base period in which his total wages were highest, been paid wages for insured work equal to not less than twenty-six (26) times the minimum weekly benefit amount.

E. The weekly extended benefit amount payable to an individual for a week of total unemployment in his eligibility period shall be an amount equal to the weekly benefit amount payable to him during his applicable benefit year; however, benefits paid to individuals during eligibility periods beginning before October 1, 1983, shall be computed to the next higher multiple of One Dollar (\$1.00), if not a multiple of One Dollar (\$1.00); and benefits paid to individuals during eligibility periods beginning on or after October 1, 1983, shall be computed to the next lower multiple of One Dollar (\$1.00), if not a multiple of One Dollar (\$1.00). In no event shall the weekly extended benefit amount payable to an individual be more than two (2) times the amount of the reimbursement of the federal share of extended benefits paid.

F. (1) The total extended benefit amount payable to any eligible individual with respect to his applicable benefit year shall be the least of the following amounts:

(a) Fifty percent (50%) of the total amount of regular benefits which were payable to him under this chapter in his applicable benefit year; however, benefits paid to individuals during eligibility periods beginning before October 1, 1983, shall be computed to the next higher multiple of One Dollar (\$1.00), if not a multiple of One Dollar (\$1.00), and benefits paid to individuals during eligibility periods beginning on or after October 1, 1983, shall be computed to the next lower multiple of One Dollar (\$1.00), if not a multiple of One Dollar (\$1.00); or

(b) Thirteen (13) times his weekly benefit amount which was payable to him under this chapter for a week of total unemployment in the applicable benefit year.

(2) The total extended benefits otherwise payable to an individual who is filing an interstate claim under the interstate benefit payment plan shall not exceed two (2) weeks whenever an extended benefit period is not in effect for such week in the state where the claim is filed.

(3) In no event shall the total extended benefit amount payable to any eligible individual with respect to his applicable benefit year be more than two (2) times the amount of the reimbursement of the federal share of extended benefits paid.

G. (1) Whenever an extended benefit period is to become effective in this state as a result of a state "on" indicator, or an extended benefit period is to be terminated in

this state as a result of state "off" indicators, the department shall make an appropriate public announcement.

(2) Computations required by the provisions of subsection B(4) shall be made by the department, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the United States Secretary of Labor.

H. Extended benefits paid under the provisions of this section which are not reimbursable from federal funds shall be charged to the experience-rating record of base period employers.

I. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections C and D of this section, an individual shall be disqualified for receipt of extended benefits if the department finds that during any week of his eligibility period:

(a) He has failed either to apply for or to accept an offer of suitable work (as defined under paragraph (3)) to which he was referred by the department; or

(b) He has failed to furnish tangible evidence that he has actively engaged in a systematic and sustained effort to find work, unless such individual is not actively engaged in seeking work because such individual is:

(i) Before any court of the United States or any state pursuant to a lawfully issued summons to appear for jury duty;

(ii) Hospitalized for treatment of an emergency or a life-threatening condition.

The entitlement to benefits of any individual who is determined not to be actively engaged in seeking work in any week for the foregoing reasons shall be decided pursuant to the able and available requirements in Section 71-5-511 without regard to the disqualification provisions otherwise applicable under Section 71-5-541. The conditions prescribed in clauses (i) and (ii) of this subparagraph (b) must be applied in the same manner to individuals filing claims for regular benefits.

(2) Such disqualification shall begin with the week in which such failure occurred and shall continue until he has been employed in each of eight (8) subsequent weeks (whether or not consecutive) and has earned remuneration for personal services performed for an employer, as in this chapter defined, equal to not less than eight (8) times his weekly extended benefit amount.

(3) For the purpose of subparagraph (a) of paragraph (1) the term "suitable work" means any work which is within the individual's capabilities to perform, if:

(a) The gross average weekly remuneration payable for the work exceeds the sum of the individual's weekly extended benefit amount plus the amount, if any, of supplemental unemployment benefits (as defined in Section 501(c)(17)(D) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954) payable to such individual for such week;

(b) The wages payable for the work equal the higher of the minimum wages provided by Section 6(a)(1) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (without regard to any exemption), or the state or local minimum wage; and

(c) The position was offered to the individual in writing or was listed with the state employment service; and

(d) Such work otherwise meets the definition of "suitable work" for regular benefits contained in Section 71-5-513A(4) to the extent that such criteria of suitability are not inconsistent with the provisions of this paragraph (3); and

(e) The individual cannot furnish satisfactory evidence to the department that his prospects for obtaining work in his customary occupation within a reasonably short period are good. If such evidence is deemed satisfactory for this purpose, the determination of whether any work is suitable with respect to such individual shall be made in accordance with the definition of suitable work contained in Section 71-5-513A(4) without regard to the definition specified by this paragraph (3).

(4) Notwithstanding any provisions of subsection I to the contrary, no work shall be deemed to be suitable work for an individual which does not accord with the labor standard provisions set forth herein under Section 71-5-513A(4).

(5) The employment service shall refer any claimant entitled to extended benefits under this section to any suitable work which meets the criteria prescribed in paragraph (3).

(6) An individual shall be disqualified for extended benefits for the week, or fraction thereof, which immediately follows the day on which he left work voluntarily without good cause (as defined in Section 71-5-513A(1)), was discharged for misconduct connected with his work, or refused suitable work (except as provided in subsection I of this section), and for each week thereafter until he has earned remuneration for personal services performed for an employer, as in this chapter defined, equal to not less than eight (8) times his weekly benefit amount, as determined in each case.

(7) The provisions of paragraphs I(1) through (6) of this section shall not apply to claims for weeks of unemployment beginning after March 6, 1993, and before January 1, 1995, and during that period the provisions of this chapter applicable to claims for regular compensation shall apply.

J. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, if the benefit year of any individual ends within an extended benefit period, the remaining balance of extended benefits that such individual would, but for this section, be entitled to receive in that extended benefit period, with respect to weeks of unemployment beginning after the end of the benefit year, shall be reduced (but not below zero) by the product of the number of weeks for which the individual received any amounts as trade readjustment allowances within that benefit year, multiplied by the individual's weekly benefit amount for extended benefits.

SECTION 49. Section 73-30-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-30-25. It is not the intent of this article to regulate against members of other duly regulated professions in this state who do counseling in the normal course of the practice of their own profession. This article does not apply to:

(a) Any person registered, certified or licensed by the state to practice any other occupation or profession while rendering counseling services in the performance of the occupation or profession for which he or she is registered, certified or licensed;

(b) Certified school counselors when they are practicing counseling within the scope of their employment;

(c) Certified vocational counselors when they are practicing vocational counseling within the scope of their employment;

(d) [Deleted]

(e) Student interns or trainees in counseling pursuing a course of study in counseling in a regionally or nationally accredited institution of higher learning or training institution if activities and services constitute a part of the supervised course of study, provided that such persons be designated a counselor intern;

(f) [Deleted]

(g) [Deleted]

(h) Duly ordained ministers or clergy while functioning in their ministerial capacity and duly accredited Christian Science practitioners;

(i) Professional employees of regional mental health centers, state mental hospitals, vocational rehabilitation institutions, youth court counselors and employees of the Mississippi Department of Employment Security or other governmental agency so long as they practice within the scope of their employment;

(j) Professional employees of alcohol or drug abuse centers or treatment facilities, whether privately or publicly funded, so long as they practice within the scope of their employment;

(k) Private employment counselors;

(l) Any nonresident temporarily employed in this state to render counseling services for not more than thirty (30) days in any year, if in the opinion of the board the person would qualify for a license under this article and if the person holds any license required for counselors in his or her home state or country; and

(m) [Deleted]

SECTION 50. Section 43-1-30, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

43-1-30. (1) There is created the Mississippi TANF Implementation Council. It shall serve as the independent, single state advisory and review council for assuring

Mississippi's compliance with the federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-193), as amended. The council shall further cooperation between government, education and the private sector in meeting the needs of the TANF program. It shall also further cooperation between the business and labor communities, education and training delivery systems, and between businesses in developing highly skilled workers for high skill, high paying jobs in Mississippi.

(2) The council shall be comprised of thirteen (13) public members and certain ex officio nonvoting members. All public members of the council shall be appointed as follows by the Governor:

Ten (10) members shall be representatives from business and industry, provided that no fewer than five (5) members are from the manufacturing and industry sector who are also serving as members of private industry councils established within the state, and one (1) member may be a representative of a nonprofit organization. Three (3) members shall be recipients or former recipients of TANF assistance appointed from the state at large.

The ex officio nonvoting members of the council shall consist of the following, or their designees:

(a) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Human Services;

(b) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Employment Security;

(c) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Development Authority;

(d) The State Superintendent of Public Education;

(e) The Director of the Mississippi Community College Board;

(f) The Executive Director of the Division of Medicaid;

(g) The Commissioner of the Mississippi Department of Corrections;

and

(h) The Director of the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service.

(3) The Governor shall designate one (1) public member to serve as chairman of the council for a term of two (2) years and until a successor as chairman is appointed and qualified.

(4) The term of office for public members appointed by the Governor shall be four (4) years and until their successors are appointed and qualified.

(5) Any vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Governor in the manner of the original appointment, unless otherwise specified in this section.

(6) Public members shall receive a per diem as authorized in Section 25-3-69, for each day actually engaged in meetings of the council, and shall be reimbursed for mileage and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, as provided in Section 25-3-41.

(7) The council shall:

(a) Annually review and recommend policies and programs to the Governor and the Legislature that will implement and meet federal requirements under the TANF program.

(b) Annually review and recommend policies and programs to the Governor and to the Legislature that will enable citizens of Mississippi to acquire the skills necessary to maximize their economic self-sufficiency.

(c) Review the provision of services and the use of funds and resources under the TANF program, and under all state-financed job training and job retraining programs, and advise the Governor and the Legislature on methods of coordinating such provision of services and use of funds and resources consistent with the laws and regulations governing such programs.

(d) Assist in developing outcome and output measures to measure the success of the Department of Human Services' efforts in implementing the TANF program. These recommendations shall be made to the Department of Human Services at such times as required in the event that the department implements new programs to comply with the TANF program requirements.

(e) Collaborate with the Mississippi Development Authority, local planning and development districts and local industrial development boards, and shall develop an economic development plan for the creation of manufacturing jobs in each of

the counties in the state that has an unemployment rate of ten percent (10%) or more, which shall include, but not be limited to, procedures for business development, entrepreneurship and financial and technical assistance.

(8) A majority of the members of the council shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of meetings and all actions of the council shall be by a majority of the members present at a meeting.

(9) The council shall adopt rules and regulations as it deems necessary to carry out its responsibilities under this section and under applicable federal human resources programs.

(10) The council may make and enter into contracts and interagency agreements as may be necessary and proper.

(11) The council is authorized to commit and expend monies appropriated to it by the Legislature for its authorized purposes. The council is authorized to solicit, accept and expend public and private gifts, grants, awards and contributions related to furtherance of its statutory duties.

(12) Funds for the operations of the council shall be derived from federal funds for the operation of state councils pursuant to applicable federal human resources programs and from such other monies appropriated to it by the Legislature.

SECTION 51. Section 43-17-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

43-17-5. (1) The amount of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits which may be granted for any dependent child and a needy caretaker relative shall be determined by the county department with due regard to the resources and necessary expenditures of the family and the conditions existing in each case, and in accordance with the rules and regulations made by the Department of Human Services which shall not be less than the Standard of Need in effect for 1988, and shall be sufficient when added to all other income (except that any income specified in the federal Social Security Act, as amended, may be disregarded) and support available to the child to provide such child with a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health. The first family member in the dependent child's budget may receive an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per month; the second family member in the dependent child's budget may receive an amount not to exceed Thirty-six Dollars (\$36.00) per month; and each additional family member in the dependent child's budget an amount not to exceed Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) per month. The maximum for any individual family member in the dependent child's budget may be exceeded for foster or medical care or in cases of children with an intellectual disability or a physical disability. TANF benefits granted shall be specifically limited only (a) to children existing or conceived at the time the caretaker relative initially applies and qualifies for such assistance, unless this limitation is specifically waived by the department, or (b) to a child born following a twelve-consecutive-month period of discontinued benefits by the caretaker relative.

(2) TANF benefits in Mississippi shall be provided to the recipient family by an online electronic benefits transfer system.

(3) The Department of Human Services shall deny TANF benefits to the following categories of individuals, except for individuals and families specifically exempt or excluded for good cause as allowed by federal statute or regulation:

(a) Families without a minor child residing with the custodial parent or other adult caretaker relative of the child;

(b) Families which include an adult who has received TANF assistance for sixty (60) months after the commencement of the Mississippi TANF program, whether or not such period of time is consecutive;

(c) Families not assigning to the state any rights a family member may have, on behalf of the family member or of any other person for whom the family member has applied for or is receiving such assistance, to support from any other person, as required by law;

(d) Families who fail to cooperate in establishing paternity or obtaining child support, as required by law;

(e) Any individual who has not attained eighteen (18) years of age, is not married to the head of household, has a minor child at least twelve (12) weeks of age in his or her care, and has not successfully completed a high school education or its

equivalent, if such individual does not participate in educational activities directed toward the attainment of a high school diploma or its equivalent, or an alternative educational or training program approved by the department;

(f) Any individual who has not attained eighteen (18) years of age, is not married, has a minor child in his or her care, and does not reside in a place or residence maintained by a parent, legal guardian or other adult relative or the individual as such parent's, guardian's or adult relative's own home;

(g) Any minor child who has been, or is expected by a parent or other caretaker relative of the child to be, absent from the home for a period of more than thirty (30) days;

(h) Any individual who is a parent or other caretaker relative of a minor child who fails to notify the department of the absence of the minor child from the home for the thirty-day period specified in paragraph (g), by the end of the five-day period that begins with the date that it becomes clear to the individual that the minor child will be absent for the thirty-day period;

(i) Any individual who fails to comply with the provisions of the Employability Development Plan signed by the individual which prescribe those activities designed to help the individual become and remain employed, or to participate satisfactorily in the assigned work activity, as authorized under subsection (6)(c) and (d), or who does not engage in applicant job search activities within the thirty-day period for TANF application approval after receiving the advice and consultation of eligibility workers and/or caseworkers of the department providing a detailed description of available job search venues in the individual's county of residence or the surrounding counties;

(j) A parent or caretaker relative who has not engaged in an allowable work activity once the department determines the parent or caretaker relative is ready to engage in work, or once the parent or caretaker relative has received TANF assistance under the program for twenty-four (24) months, whether or not consecutive, whichever is earlier;

(k) Any individual who is fleeing to avoid prosecution, or custody or confinement after conviction, under the laws of the jurisdiction from which the individual flees, for a crime, or an attempt to commit a crime, which is a felony under the laws of the place from which the individual flees, or who is violating a condition of probation or parole imposed under federal or state law;

(l) Aliens who are not qualified under federal law;

(m) For a period of ten (10) years following conviction, individuals convicted in federal or state court of having made a fraudulent statement or representation with respect to the individual's place of residence in order to receive TANF, food stamps or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) assistance under Title XVI or Title XIX simultaneously from two (2) or more states;

(n) Individuals who are recipients of federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) assistance; and

(o) Individuals who are eighteen (18) years of age or older who are not in compliance with the drug testing and substance use disorder treatment requirements of Section 43-17-6.

(4) (a) Any person who is otherwise eligible for TANF benefits, including custodial and noncustodial parents, shall be required to attend school and meet the monthly attendance requirement as provided in this subsection if all of the following apply:

(i) The person is under age twenty (20);

(ii) The person has not graduated from a public or private high school or obtained a High School Equivalency Diploma equivalent;

(iii) The person is physically able to attend school and is not excused from attending school; and

(iv) If the person is a parent or caretaker relative with whom a dependent child is living, child care is available for the child.

The monthly attendance requirement under this subsection shall be attendance at the school in which the person is enrolled for each day during a month that the school conducts classes in which the person is enrolled, with not more than two (2) absences during the month for reasons other than the reasons listed in paragraph (e)(iv) of this

subsection. Persons who fail to meet participation requirements in this subsection shall be subject to sanctions as provided in paragraph (f) of this subsection.

(b) As used in this subsection, "school" means any one (1) of the following:

- (i) A school as defined in Section 37-13-91(2);
- (ii) A vocational, technical and adult education program; or
- (iii) A course of study meeting the standards established

by the State Department of Education for the granting of a declaration of equivalency of high school graduation.

(c) If any compulsory-school-age child, as defined in Section 37-13-91(2), to which TANF eligibility requirements apply is not in compliance with the compulsory school attendance requirements of Section 37-13-91(6), the superintendent of schools of the school district in which the child is enrolled or eligible to attend shall notify the county department of human services of the child's noncompliance. The Department of Human Services shall review school attendance information as provided under this paragraph at all initial eligibility determinations and upon subsequent report of unsatisfactory attendance.

(d) The signature of a person on an application for TANF benefits constitutes permission for the release of school attendance records for that person or for any child residing with that person. The department shall request information from the child's school district about the child's attendance in the school district's most recently completed semester of attendance. If information about the child's previous school attendance is not available or cannot be verified, the department shall require the child to meet the monthly attendance requirement for one (1) semester or until the information is obtained. The department shall use the attendance information provided by a school district to verify attendance for a child. The department shall review with the parent or caretaker relative a child's claim that he or she has a good cause for not attending school.

A school district shall provide information to the department about the attendance of a child who is enrolled in a public school in the district within five (5) working days of the receipt of a written request for that information from the department. The school district shall define how many hours of attendance count as a full day and shall provide that information, upon request, to the department. In reporting attendance, the school district may add partial days' absence together to constitute a full day's absence.

If a school district fails to provide to the department the information about the school attendance of any child within fifteen (15) working days after a written request, the department shall notify the Department of Audit within three (3) working days of the school district's failure to comply with that requirement. The Department of Audit shall begin audit proceedings within five (5) working days of notification by the Department of Human Services to determine the school district's compliance with the requirements of this subsection (4). If the Department of Audit finds that the school district is not in compliance with the requirements of this subsection, the school district shall be penalized as follows: The Department of Audit shall notify the State Department of Education of the school district's noncompliance, and the Department of Education shall reduce the calculation of the school district's average daily attendance (ADA) that is used to determine the allocation of Mississippi Adequate Education Program funds by the number of children for which the district has failed to provide to the Department of Human Services the required information about the school attendance of those children. The reduction in the calculation of the school district's ADA under this paragraph shall be effective for a period of one (1) year.

(e) A child who is required to attend school to meet the requirements under this subsection shall comply except when there is good cause, which shall be demonstrated by any of the following circumstances:

- (i) The minor parent is the caretaker of a child less than twelve (12) weeks old; or
- (ii) The department determines that child care services are necessary for the minor parent to attend school and there is no child care available; or
- (iii) The child is prohibited by the school district from attending school and an expulsion is pending. This exemption no longer applies once the teenager has been expelled; however, a teenager who has been expelled and is making

satisfactory progress towards obtaining a High School Equivalency Diploma equivalent shall be eligible for TANF benefits; or

(iv) The child failed to attend school for one or more of the

following reasons:

1. Illness, injury or incapacity of the child or the minor parent's child;
2. Court-required appearances or temporary incarceration;
3. Medical or dental appointments for the child or minor parent's child;
4. Death of a close relative;
5. Observance of a religious holiday;
6. Family emergency;
7. Breakdown in transportation;
8. Suspension; or
9. Any other circumstance beyond the control of the child, as defined in regulations of the department.

(f) Upon determination that a child has failed without good cause to attend school as required, the department shall provide written notice to the parent or caretaker relative (whoever is the primary recipient of the TANF benefits) that specifies:

(i) That the family will be sanctioned in the next possible payment month because the child who is required to attend school has failed to meet the attendance requirement of this subsection;

(ii) The beginning date of the sanction, and the child to whom the sanction applies;

(iii) The right of the child's parents or caretaker relative (whoever is the primary recipient of the TANF benefits) to request a fair hearing under this subsection.

The child's parent or caretaker relative (whoever is the primary recipient of the TANF benefits) may request a fair hearing on the department's determination that the child has not been attending school. If the child's parents or caretaker relative does not request a fair hearing under this subsection, or if, after a fair hearing has been held, the hearing officer finds that the child without good cause has failed to meet the monthly attendance requirement, the department shall discontinue or deny TANF benefits to the child thirteen (13) years old, or older, in the next possible payment month. The department shall discontinue or deny twenty-five percent (25%) of the family grant when a child six (6) through twelve (12) years of age without good cause has failed to meet the monthly attendance requirement. Both the child and family sanction may apply when children in both age groups fail to meet the attendance requirement without good cause. A sanction applied under this subsection shall be effective for one (1) month for each month that the child failed to meet the monthly attendance requirement. In the case of a dropout, the sanction shall remain in force until the parent or caretaker relative provides written proof from the school district that the child has reenrolled and met the monthly attendance requirement for one (1) calendar month. Any month in which school is in session for at least ten (10) days during the month may be used to meet the attendance requirement under this subsection. This includes attendance at summer school. The sanction shall be removed the next possible payment month.

(5) All parents or caretaker relatives shall have their dependent children receive vaccinations and booster vaccinations against those diseases specified by the State Health Officer under Section 41-23-37 in accordance with the vaccination and booster vaccination schedule prescribed by the State Health Officer for children of that age, in order for the parents or caretaker relatives to be eligible or remain eligible to receive TANF benefits. Proof of having received such vaccinations and booster vaccinations shall be given by presenting the certificates of vaccination issued by any health care provider licensed to administer vaccinations, and submitted on forms specified by the State Board of Health. If the parents without good cause do not have their dependent children receive the vaccinations and booster vaccinations as required by this subsection and they fail to comply after thirty (30) days' notice, the department shall sanction the family's TANF

benefits by twenty-five percent (25%) for the next payment month and each subsequent payment month until the requirements of this subsection are met.

(6) (a) If the parent or caretaker relative applying for TANF assistance is work eligible, as determined by the Department of Human Services, the person shall be required to engage in an allowable work activity once the department determines the parent or caretaker relative is determined work eligible, or once the parent or caretaker relative has received TANF assistance under the program for twenty-four (24) months, whether or not consecutive, whichever is earlier. No TANF benefits shall be given to any person to whom this section applies who fails without good cause to comply with the Employability Development Plan prepared by the department for the person, or who has refused to accept a referral or offer of employment, training or education in which he or she is able to engage, subject to the penalties prescribed in paragraph (e) of this subsection. A person shall be deemed to have refused to accept a referral or offer of employment, training or education if he or she:

(i) Willfully fails to report for an interview with respect to employment when requested to do so by the department; or

(ii) Willfully fails to report to the department the result of a referral to employment; or

(iii) Willfully fails to report for allowable work activities as prescribed in paragraphs (c) and (d) of this subsection.

(b) The Department of Human Services shall operate a statewide work program for TANF recipients to provide work activities and supportive services to enable families to become self-sufficient and improve their competitive position in the workforce in accordance with the requirements of the federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-193), as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, and the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-171), as amended. Within sixty (60) days after the initial application for TANF benefits, the TANF recipient must participate in a job search skills training workshop or a job readiness program, which shall include resume writing, job search skills, employability skills and, if available at no charge, the General Aptitude Test Battery or its equivalent. All adults who are not specifically exempt shall be referred by the department for allowable work activities. An adult may be exempt from the mandatory work activity requirement for the following reasons:

(i) Incapacity;

(ii) Temporary illness or injury, verified by physician's certificate;

(iii) Is in the third trimester of pregnancy, and there are complications verified by the certificate of a physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or any other licensed health care professional practicing under a protocol with a licensed physician;

(iv) Caretaker of a child under twelve (12) months, for not more than twelve (12) months of the sixty-month maximum benefit period;

(v) Caretaker of an ill or incapacitated person, as verified by physician's certificate;

(vi) Age, if over sixty (60) or under eighteen (18) years of age;

(vii) Receiving treatment for substance abuse, if the person is in compliance with the substance abuse treatment plan;

(viii) In a two-parent family, the caretaker of a severely disabled child, as verified by a physician's certificate; or

(ix) History of having been a victim of domestic violence, which has been reported as required by state law and is substantiated by police reports or court records, and being at risk of further domestic violence, shall be exempt for a period as deemed necessary by the department but not to exceed a total of twelve (12) months, which need not be consecutive, in the sixty-month maximum benefit period. For the purposes of this subparagraph (ix), "domestic violence" means that an individual has been subjected to:

1. Physical acts that resulted in, or threatened to result in, physical injury to the individual;

2. Sexual abuse;
3. Sexual activity involving a dependent child;
4. Being forced as the caretaker relative of a dependent child to engage in nonconsensual sexual acts or activities;
5. Threats of, or attempts at, physical or sexual abuse;
6. Mental abuse; or
7. Neglect or deprivation of medical care.

(c) For all families, all adults who are not specifically exempt shall be required to participate in work activities for at least the minimum average number of hours per week specified by federal law or regulation, not fewer than twenty (20) hours per week (thirty-five (35) hours per week for two-parent families) of which are attributable to the following allowable work activities:

- (i) Unsubsidized employment;
- (ii) Subsidized private employment;
- (iii) Subsidized public employment;
- (iv) Work experience (including work associated with the refurbishing of publicly assisted housing), if sufficient private employment is not available;
- (v) On-the-job training;
- (vi) Job search and job readiness assistance consistent with federal TANF regulations;
- (vii) Community service programs;
- (viii) Vocational educational training (not to exceed twelve (12) months with respect to any individual);
- (ix) The provision of child care services to an individual who is participating in a community service program;
- (x) Satisfactory attendance at high school or in a course of study leading to a high school equivalency certificate, for heads of household under age twenty (20) who have not completed high school or received such certificate;
- (xi) Education directly related to employment, for heads of household under age twenty (20) who have not completed high school or received such equivalency certificate.

(d) The following are allowable work activities which may be attributable to hours in excess of the minimum specified in paragraph (c) of this subsection:

- (i) Job skills training directly related to employment;
- (ii) Education directly related to employment for individuals who have not completed high school or received a high school equivalency certificate;
- (iii) Satisfactory attendance at high school or in a course of study leading to a high school equivalency, for individuals who have not completed high school or received such equivalency certificate;
- (iv) Job search and job readiness assistance consistent with federal TANF regulations.

(e) If any adult or caretaker relative refuses to participate in allowable work activity as required under this subsection (6), the following full family TANF benefit penalty will apply, subject to due process to include notification, conciliation and a hearing if requested by the recipient:

- (i) For the first violation, the department shall terminate the TANF assistance otherwise payable to the family for a two-month period or until the person has complied with the required work activity, whichever is longer;
- (ii) For the second violation, the department shall terminate the TANF assistance otherwise payable to the family for a six-month period or until the person has complied with the required work activity, whichever is longer;
- (iii) For the third violation, the department shall terminate the TANF assistance otherwise payable to the family for a twelve-month period or until the person has complied with the required work activity, whichever is longer;
- (iv) For the fourth violation, the person shall be permanently disqualified.

For a two-parent family, unless prohibited by state or federal law, Medicaid assistance shall be terminated only for the person whose failure to participate in allowable work activity caused the family's TANF assistance to be sanctioned under this paragraph (e), unless an individual is pregnant, but shall not be terminated for any other person in the family who is meeting that person's applicable work requirement or who is not required to work. Minor children shall continue to be eligible for Medicaid benefits regardless of the disqualification of their parent or caretaker relative for TANF assistance under this subsection (6), unless prohibited by state or federal law.

(f) Any person enrolled in a two-year or four-year college program who meets the eligibility requirements to receive TANF benefits, and who is meeting the applicable work requirements and all other applicable requirements of the TANF program, shall continue to be eligible for TANF benefits while enrolled in the college program for as long as the person meets the requirements of the TANF program, unless prohibited by federal law.

(g) No adult in a work activity required under this subsection (6) shall be employed or assigned (i) when any other individual is on layoff from the same or any substantially equivalent job within six (6) months before the date of the TANF recipient's employment or assignment; or (ii) if the employer has terminated the employment of any regular employee or otherwise caused an involuntary reduction of its workforce in order to fill the vacancy so created with an adult receiving TANF assistance. The Mississippi Department of Employment Security, established under Section 71-5-101, shall appoint one or more impartial hearing officers to hear and decide claims by employees of violations of this paragraph (g). The hearing officer shall hear all the evidence with respect to any claim made hereunder and such additional evidence as he may require and shall make a determination and the reason therefor. The claimant shall be promptly notified of the decision of the hearing officer and the reason therefor. Within ten (10) days after the decision of the hearing officer has become final, any party aggrieved thereby may secure judicial review thereof by commencing an action, in the circuit court of the county in which the claimant resides, against the department for the review of such decision, in which action any other party to the proceeding before the hearing officer shall be made a defendant. Any such appeal shall be on the record which shall be certified to the court by the department in the manner provided in Section 71-5-531, and the jurisdiction of the court shall be confined to questions of law which shall render its decision as provided in that section.

(7) The Department of Human Services may provide child care for eligible participants who require such care so that they may accept employment or remain employed. The department may also provide child care for those participating in the TANF program when it is determined that they are satisfactorily involved in education, training or other allowable work activities. The department may contract with Head Start agencies to provide child care services to TANF recipients. The department may also arrange for child care by use of contract or vouchers, provide vouchers in advance to a caretaker relative, reimburse a child care provider, or use any other arrangement deemed appropriate by the department, and may establish different reimbursement rates for child care services depending on the category of the facility or home. Any center-based or group home child care facility under this subsection shall be licensed by the State Department of Health pursuant to law. When child care is being provided in the child's own home, in the home of a relative of the child, or in any other unlicensed setting, the provision of such child care may be monitored on a random basis by the Department of Human Services or the State Department of Health. Transitional child care assistance may be continued if it is necessary for parents to maintain employment once support has ended, unless prohibited under state or federal law. Transitional child care assistance may be provided for up to twenty-four (24) months after the last month during which the family was eligible for TANF assistance, if federal funds are available for such child care assistance.

(8) The Department of Human Services may provide transportation or provide reasonable reimbursement for transportation expenses that are necessary for individuals to be able to participate in allowable work activity under the TANF program.

(9) Medicaid assistance shall be provided to a family of TANF program participants for up to twenty-four (24) consecutive calendar months following the month in

which the participating family would be ineligible for TANF benefits because of increased income, expiration of earned income disregards, or increased hours of employment of the caretaker relative; however, Medicaid assistance for more than twelve (12) months may be provided only if a federal waiver is obtained to provide such assistance for more than twelve (12) months and federal and state funds are available to provide such assistance.

(10) The department shall require applicants for and recipients of public assistance from the department to sign a personal responsibility contract that will require the applicant or recipient to acknowledge his or her responsibilities to the state.

(11) The department shall enter into an agreement with the State Personnel Board and other state agencies that will allow those TANF participants who qualify for vacant jobs within state agencies to be placed in state jobs. State agencies participating in the TANF work program shall receive any and all benefits received by employers in the private sector for hiring TANF recipients. This subsection (11) shall be effective only if the state obtains any necessary federal waiver or approval and if federal funds are available therefor. Not later than September 1, 2021, the department shall prepare a report, which shall be provided to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Public Health Committees and to any other member of the Legislature upon request, on the history, status, outcomes and effectiveness of the agreements required under this subsection.

(12) Any unspent TANF funds remaining from the prior fiscal year may be expended for any TANF allowable activities.

(13) The Mississippi Department of Human Services shall provide TANF applicants information and referral to programs that provide information about birth control, prenatal health care, abstinence education, marriage education, family preservation and fatherhood. Not later than September 1, 2021, the department shall prepare a report, which shall be provided to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Public Health Committees and to any other member of the Legislature upon request, on the history, status, outcomes and effectiveness of the information and referral requirements under this subsection.

(14) No new TANF program requirement or restriction affecting a person's eligibility for TANF assistance, or allowable work activity, which is not mandated by federal law or regulation may be implemented by the Department of Human Services after July 1, 2004, unless such is specifically authorized by an amendment to this section by the Legislature.

SECTION 52. Section 43-19-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

43-19-45. (1) The Child Support Unit shall establish a state parent locator service for the purpose of locating absent and nonsupporting parents and alleged parents, which will utilize all appropriate public and private locator sources. In order to carry out the responsibilities imposed under Sections 43-19-31 through 43-19-53, the Child Support Unit may secure, by administrative subpoena from the customer records of public utilities and cable television companies, the names and addresses of individuals and the names and addresses of employers of such individuals that would enable the location of parents or alleged parents who have a duty to provide support and maintenance for their children. The Child Support Unit may also administratively subpoena any and all financial information, including account numbers, names and social security numbers of record for assets, accounts, and account balances from any individual, financial institution, business or other entity, public or private, needed to establish, modify or enforce a support order. No entity complying with an administrative subpoena to supply the requested information of whatever nature shall be liable in any civil action or proceeding on account of such compliance. Full faith and credit shall be given to all uniform administrative subpoenas issued by other state child support units. The recipient of an administrative subpoena shall supply the Child Support Unit, other state and federal IV-D agencies, its attorneys, investigators, probation officers, county or district attorneys in this state, all information relative to the location, employment, employment-related benefits including, but not limited to, availability of medical insurance, income and property of such parents and alleged parents and with all information on hand relative to the location and prosecution of any person who has, by means of a false statement or misrepresentation or by impersonation or other fraudulent device, obtained Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) to which he or she was not entitled, notwithstanding any provision of law

making such information confidential. The Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services and any other agency in this state using the facilities of the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services are directed to permit the Child Support Unit access to their files, inclusive of those maintained for other state agencies, for the purpose of locating absent and nonsupporting parents and alleged parents, except to the extent that any such access would violate any valid federal statute or regulation issued pursuant thereto. The Child Support Unit, other state and federal IV-D agencies, its attorneys, investigators, probation officers, or county or district attorneys, shall use such information only for the purpose of investigating or enforcing the support liability of such absent parents or alleged parents or for the prosecution of other persons mentioned herein. Neither the Child Support Unit nor those authorities shall use the information, or disclose it, for any other purpose. All records maintained pursuant to the provisions of Sections 43-19-31 through 43-19-53 shall be confidential and shall be available only to the Child Support Unit, other state and federal IV-D agencies, the attorneys, investigators and other staff employed or under contract under Sections 43-19-31 through 43-19-53, district or county attorneys, probation departments, child support units in other states, and courts having jurisdiction in paternity, support or abandonment proceedings. The Child Support Unit may release to the public the name, photo, last-known address, arrearage amount and other necessary information of a parent who has a judgment against him for child support and is currently in arrears in the payment of this support. Such release may be included in a "Most Wanted List" or other media in order to solicit assistance.

(2) The Child Support Unit shall have the authority to secure information from the records of the Mississippi Department of Employment Security that may be necessary to locate absent and nonsupporting parents and alleged parents under the provisions of Sections 43-19-31 through 43-19-53. Upon request of the Child Support Unit, all departments, boards, bureaus and agencies of the state shall provide to the Child Support Unit verification of employment or payment and the address and social security number of any person designated as an absent or nonsupporting parent or alleged parent. In addition, upon request of the Child Support Unit, the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, or any private employer or payor of any income to a person designated as an absent or nonsupporting parent or alleged parent, shall provide to the Child Support Unit verification of employment or payment and the address and social security number of the person so designated. Full faith and credit shall be given to such notices issued by child support units in other states. All such records and information shall be confidential and shall not be used for any purposes other than those specified by Sections 43-19-31 through 43-19-53. The violation of the provisions of this subsection shall be unlawful and any person convicted of violating the provisions of this subsection shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall pay a fine of not more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

(3) Federal and state IV-D agencies shall have access to the state parent locator service and any system used by the Child Support Unit to locate an individual for purposes relating to motor vehicles or law enforcement. No employer or other source of income who complies with this section shall be liable in any civil action or proceeding brought by the obligor or obligee on account of such compliance.

SECTION 53. Section 43-19-46, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

43-19-46. (1) Each employer paying wages, salary or commission and doing business in Mississippi shall report to the Directory of New Hires within the Mississippi Department of Human Services:

(a) The hiring of any person who resides or works in this state to whom the employer anticipates paying wages, salary or commission; and

(b) The hiring or return to work of any employee who was laid off, furloughed, separated, granted leave without pay or was terminated from employment.

(2) Employers shall report, by mailing or by other means authorized by the Department of Human Services, a copy of the employee's W-4 form or its equivalent that will result in timely reporting. Each employer shall submit reports within fifteen (15) days of the hiring, rehiring or return to work of the employee. The report shall contain:

(a) The employee's name, address, social security number and the date of birth;

(b) The employer's name, address, and federal and state withholding tax identification numbers; and

(c) The date upon which the employee began or resumed employment, or is scheduled to begin or otherwise resume employment.

(3) The department shall retain the information, which shall be forwarded to the federal registry of new hires.

(4) The Department of Human Services may operate the program, may enter into a mutual agreement with the Mississippi Department of Employment Security or the Department of Revenue, or both, for the operation of the Directory of New Hires Program, or the Department of Human Services may contract for that service, in which case the department shall maintain administrative control of the program.

(5) In cases in which an employer fails to report information, as required by this section, an administratively levied civil penalty in an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) shall apply if the failure is the result of a conspiracy between the employer and employee to not supply the required report or to supply a false or incomplete report. The penalty shall otherwise not exceed Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00). Appeal shall be as provided in Section 43-19-58.

SECTION 54. Section 57-62-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

[For businesses or industries that received or applied for incentive payments prior to July 1, 2005, this section shall read as follows:]

57-62-5. As used in this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Qualified business or industry" means any corporation, limited liability company, partnership, sole proprietorship, business trust or other legal entity and subunits or affiliates thereof, pursuant to rules and regulations of the MDA, which provides an average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser. An establishment shall not be considered to be a qualified business or industry unless it offers, or will offer within one hundred eighty (180) days of the date it receives the first incentive payment pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, a basic health benefits plan to the individuals it employs in new direct jobs in this state which is approved by the MDA. Qualified business or industry does not include retail business or gaming business;

(b) "New direct job" means full-time employment in this state in a qualified business or industry that has qualified to receive an incentive payment pursuant to this chapter, which employment did not exist in this state before the date of approval by the MDA of the application of the qualified business or industry pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. "New direct job" shall include full-time employment in this state of employees who are employed by an entity other than the establishment that has qualified to receive an incentive payment and who are leased to the qualified business or industry, if such employment did not exist in this state before the date of approval by the MDA of the application of the establishment;

(c) "Full-time job" means a job of at least thirty-five (35) hours per week;

(d) "Estimated direct state benefits" means the tax revenues projected by the MDA to accrue to the state as a result of the qualified business or industry;

(e) "Estimated direct state costs" means the costs projected by the MDA to accrue to the state as a result of the qualified business or industry;

(f) "Estimated net direct state benefits" means the estimated direct state benefits less the estimated direct state costs;

(g) "Net benefit rate" means the estimated net direct state benefits computed as a percentage of gross payroll, provided that:

(i) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph (g), the net benefit rate may be variable and shall not exceed four percent (4%) of the gross payroll; and shall be set in the sole discretion of the MDA;

(ii) In no event shall incentive payments, cumulatively, exceed the estimated net direct state benefits;

(h) "Gross payroll" means wages for new direct jobs of the qualified business or industry; and

(i) "MDA" means the Mississippi Development Authority.

[For businesses or industries that received or applied for incentive payments from and after July 1, 2005, but prior to July 1, 2010, this section shall read as follows:]

57-62-5. As used in this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Qualified business or industry" means any corporation, limited liability company, partnership, sole proprietorship, business trust or other legal entity and subunits or affiliates thereof, pursuant to rules and regulations of the MDA, which:

(i) Is a data/information processing enterprise meeting minimum criteria established by the MDA that provides an average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least one hundred percent (100%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser, and creates not less than two hundred (200) new direct jobs if the enterprise is located in a Tier One or Tier Two area (as such areas are designated in accordance with Section 57-73-21), or which creates not less than one hundred (100) new jobs if the enterprise is located in a Tier Three area (as such areas are designated in accordance with Section 57-73-21);

(ii) Is a manufacturing or distribution enterprise meeting minimum criteria established by the MDA that provides an average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least one hundred ten percent (110%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser, invests not less than Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) in land, buildings and equipment, and creates not less than fifty (50) new direct jobs if the enterprise is located in a Tier One or Tier Two area (as such areas are designated in accordance with Section 57-73-21), or which creates not less than twenty (20) new jobs if the enterprise is located in a Tier Three area (as such areas are designated in accordance with Section 57-73-21);

(iii) Is a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, sole proprietorship, business trust or other legal entity and subunits or affiliates thereof, pursuant to rules and regulations of the MDA, which provides an average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser, and creates not less than twenty-five (25) new direct jobs if the enterprise is located in a Tier One or Tier Two area (as such areas are designated in accordance with Section 57-73-21), or which creates not less than ten (10) new jobs if the enterprise is located in a Tier Three area (as such areas are designated in accordance with Section 57-73-21). An establishment shall not be considered to be a qualified business or industry unless it offers, or will offer within one hundred eighty (180) days of the date it receives the first incentive payment pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, a basic health benefits plan to the individuals it employs in new direct jobs in this state which is approved by the MDA. Qualified business or industry does not include retail business or gaming business; or

(iv) Is a research and development or a technology intensive enterprise meeting minimum criteria established by the MDA that provides an average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the most recently published state

average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser, and creates not less than ten (10) new direct jobs.

An establishment shall not be considered to be a qualified business or industry unless it offers, or will offer within one hundred eighty (180) days of the date it receives the first incentive payment pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, a basic health benefits plan to the individuals it employs in new direct jobs in this state which is approved by the MDA. Qualified business or industry does not include retail business or gaming business.

(b) "New direct job" means full-time employment in this state in a qualified business or industry that has qualified to receive an incentive payment pursuant to this chapter, which employment did not exist in this state before the date of approval by the MDA of the application of the qualified business or industry pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. "New direct job" shall include full-time employment in this state of employees who are employed by an entity other than the establishment that has qualified to receive an incentive payment and who are leased to the qualified business or industry, if such employment did not exist in this state before the date of approval by the MDA of the application of the establishment.

(c) "Full-time job" or "full-time employment" means a job of at least thirty-five (35) hours per week.

(d) "Estimated direct state benefits" means the tax revenues projected by the MDA to accrue to the state as a result of the qualified business or industry.

(e) "Estimated direct state costs" means the costs projected by the MDA to accrue to the state as a result of the qualified business or industry.

(f) "Estimated net direct state benefits" means the estimated direct state benefits less the estimated direct state costs.

(g) "Net benefit rate" means the estimated net direct state benefits computed as a percentage of gross payroll, provided that:

(i) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph (g), the net benefit rate may be variable and shall not exceed four percent (4%) of the gross payroll; and shall be set in the sole discretion of the MDA;

(ii) In no event shall incentive payments, cumulatively, exceed the estimated net direct state benefits.

(h) "Gross payroll" means wages for new direct jobs of the qualified business or industry.

(i) "MDA" means the Mississippi Development Authority.

[For businesses or industries that apply for incentive payments from and after July 1, 2010, this section shall read as follows:]

57-62-5. As used in this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Qualified business or industry" means any corporation, limited liability company, partnership, sole proprietorship, business trust or other legal entity and subunits or affiliates thereof, pursuant to rules and regulations of the MDA, which:

(i) Is a data/information processing enterprise meeting minimum criteria established by the MDA that provides an average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least one hundred percent (100%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser, and creates not less than two hundred (200) new direct jobs;

(ii) Is a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, sole proprietorship, business trust or other legal entity and subunits or affiliates thereof, pursuant to rules and regulations of the MDA, which provides an average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least one hundred ten percent (110%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified

business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser, and creates not less than twenty-five (25) new direct jobs; or

(iii) Is a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, sole proprietorship, business trust or other legal entity and subunits or affiliates thereof, pursuant to rules and regulations of the MDA, which is a manufacturer that:

1. Provides an average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least one hundred ten percent (110%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser;

2. Has a minimum of five thousand (5,000) existing employees as of the last day of the previous calendar year; and

3. MDA determines will create not less than three thousand (3,000) new direct jobs within forty-eight (48) months of the date the MDA determines that the applicant is qualified to receive incentive payments.

An establishment shall not be considered to be a qualified business or industry unless it offers, or will offer within one hundred eighty (180) days of the date it receives the first incentive payment pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, a basic health benefits plan to the individuals it employs in new direct jobs in this state which is approved by the MDA. Qualified business or industry does not include retail business or gaming business, or any medical cannabis establishment as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act.

(b) "New direct job" means full-time employment in this state in a qualified business or industry that has qualified to receive an incentive payment pursuant to this chapter, which employment did not exist in this state:

(i) Before the date of approval by the MDA of the application of the qualified business or industry pursuant to the provisions of this chapter; or

(ii) Solely with respect to any farm equipment manufacturer that locates its North American headquarters to Mississippi between January 1, 2018, and December 31, 2020, before a specific date determined by the MDA that falls on or after the date that the MDA first issues to such farm equipment manufacturer one or more written commitments or offers of any incentives in connection with the new headquarters project and related facilities expected to result in the creation of such new job.

"New direct job" shall include full-time employment in this state of employees who are employed by an entity other than the establishment that has qualified to receive an incentive payment and who are leased to the qualified business or industry, if such employment did not exist in this state before the date of approval by the MDA of the application of the establishment.

(c) "Full-time job" or "full-time employment" means a job of at least thirty-five (35) hours per week.

(d) "Gross payroll" means wages for new direct jobs of the qualified business or industry.

(e) "MDA" means the Mississippi Development Authority.

SECTION 55. Section 57-62-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

[For businesses or industries that received or applied for incentive payments prior to July 1, 2005, this section shall read as follows:]

57-62-9. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a qualified business or industry that meets the qualifications specified in this chapter may receive quarterly incentive payments for a period not to exceed ten (10) years from the Department of Revenue pursuant to the provisions of this chapter in an amount which shall be equal to the net benefit rate multiplied by the actual gross payroll of new direct jobs for a calendar quarter as verified by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, but not to exceed the amount of money previously paid into the fund by the employer. A qualified business or industry that is a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1 may elect the

date upon which the ten-year period will begin. Such date may not be later than sixty (60) months after the date the business or industry applied for incentive payments.

(2) (a) A qualified business or industry that is a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1 may apply to the MDA to receive incentive payments for an additional period not to exceed five (5) years beyond the expiration date of the initial ten-year period if:

(i) The qualified business or industry creates at least three thousand (3,000) new direct jobs within five (5) years after the date the business or industry commences commercial production;

(ii) Within five (5) years after the date the business or industry commences commercial production, the average annual wage of the jobs is at least one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser. The criteria for the average annual wage requirement shall be based upon the state average annual wage or the average annual wage of the county whichever is appropriate, at the time of creation of the minimum number of jobs, and the threshold established at that time will remain constant for the duration of the additional period; and

(iii) The qualified business or industry meets and maintains the job and wage requirements of subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph (a) for four (4) consecutive calendar quarters.

(b) A qualified business or industry that is a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1 and qualified to receive incentive payments for the additional period provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) may apply to the MDA to receive incentive payments for an additional period not to exceed ten (10) years beyond the expiration date of the additional period provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) if:

(i) The qualified business or industry creates at least four thousand (4,000) new direct jobs after qualifying for the additional incentive period provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) but before the expiration of the additional period. For purposes of determining whether the business or industry meets the minimum jobs requirement of this subparagraph (i), the number of jobs the business or industry created in order to meet the minimum jobs requirement of paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) shall be subtracted from the minimum jobs requirement of this subparagraph (i);

(ii) The average annual wage of the jobs is at least one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser. The criteria for the average annual wage requirement shall be based upon the state average annual wage or the average annual wage of the county whichever is appropriate, at the time of creation of the minimum number of jobs, and the threshold established at that time will remain constant for the duration of the additional period; and

(iii) The qualified business or industry meets and maintains the job and wage requirements of subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph (b) for four (4) consecutive calendar quarters.

(3) In order to receive incentive payments, an establishment shall apply to the MDA. The application shall be on a form prescribed by the MDA and shall contain such information as may be required by the MDA to determine if the applicant is qualified.

(4) In order to qualify to receive such payments, the establishment applying shall be required to:

(a) Be engaged in a qualified business or industry;

(b) Provide an average salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser. The criteria for this requirement shall be based upon the state average annual wage or the average annual wage of the county whichever is appropriate, at the time of

application, and the threshold established upon application will remain constant for the duration of the project;

(c) The business or industry must create and maintain a minimum of ten (10) full-time jobs in counties that have an average unemployment rate over the previous twelve-month period which is at least one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the most recently published state unemployment rate, as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security or in Tier Three counties as determined under Section 57-73-21. In all other counties, the business or industry must create and maintain a minimum of twenty-five (25) full-time jobs. The criteria for this requirement shall be based on the designation of the county at the time of the application. The threshold established upon the application will remain constant for the duration of the project. The business or industry must meet its job creation commitment within twenty-four (24) months of the application approval. However, if the qualified business or industry is applying for incentive payments for an additional period under subsection (2) of this section, the business or industry must comply with the applicable job and wage requirements of subsection (2) of this section.

(5) The MDA shall determine if the applicant is qualified to receive incentive payments. If the applicant is determined to be qualified by the MDA, the MDA shall conduct a cost/benefit analysis to determine the estimated net direct state benefits and the net benefit rate applicable for a period not to exceed ten (10) years and to estimate the amount of gross payroll for the period. If the applicant is determined to be qualified to receive incentive payments for an additional period under subsection (2) of this section, the MDA shall conduct a cost/benefit analysis to determine the estimated net direct state benefits and the net benefit rate applicable for the appropriate additional period and to estimate the amount of gross payroll for the additional period. In conducting such cost/benefit analysis, the MDA shall consider quantitative factors, such as the anticipated level of new tax revenues to the state along with the cost to the state of the qualified business or industry, and such other criteria as deemed appropriate by the MDA, including the adequacy of retirement benefits that the business or industry provides to individuals it employs in new direct jobs in this state. In no event shall incentive payments, cumulatively, exceed the estimated net direct state benefits. Once the qualified business or industry is approved by the MDA, an agreement shall be deemed to exist between the qualified business or industry and the State of Mississippi, requiring the continued incentive payment, together with any amount due pursuant to subsection (8) of this section, if applicable, to be made as long as the qualified business or industry retains its eligibility.

(6) Upon approval of such an application, the MDA shall notify the Department of Revenue and shall provide it with a copy of the approved application and the estimated net direct state benefits. The Department of Revenue may require the qualified business or industry to submit such additional information as may be necessary to administer the provisions of this chapter. The qualified business or industry shall report to the Department of Revenue periodically to show its continued eligibility for incentive payments. The qualified business or industry may be audited by the Department of Revenue to verify such eligibility. In addition, the State Auditor may conduct performance and compliance audits under this chapter according to Section 7-7-211(o) and may bill the oversight agency.

(7) If the qualified business or industry is located in an area that has been declared by the Governor to be a disaster area and as a result of the disaster the business or industry is unable to create or maintain the full-time jobs required by this section:

(a) The Commissioner of Revenue may extend the period of time that the business or industry may receive incentive payments for a period of time not to exceed two (2) years;

(b) The Commissioner of Revenue may waive the requirement that a certain number of jobs be maintained for a period of time not to exceed twenty-four (24) months; and

(c) The MDA may extend the period of time within which the jobs must be created for a period of time not to exceed twenty-four (24) months.

(8) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, from and after January 1, 2023, if the amount of the incentive payment that a qualified business or

industry is eligible to receive under this chapter is less than the amount that the incentive payment would have been if the payment had been calculated using any applicable income tax rates in Section 27-7-5 that were in effect before January 1, 2023, then the qualified business or industry also shall receive a grant equal to the difference between such two (2) amounts. Further, the term "incentive payment," as such term is used in this chapter, shall be deemed to not refer to or otherwise include any grant payment payable to a qualified business or industry pursuant to this subsection.

[For businesses or industries that received or applied for incentive payments from and after July 1, 2005, but prior to July 1, 2010, this section shall read as follows:]

57-62-9. (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a qualified business or industry that meets the qualifications specified in this chapter may receive quarterly incentive payments for a period not to exceed ten (10) years from the Department of Revenue pursuant to the provisions of this chapter in an amount which shall be equal to the net benefit rate multiplied by the actual gross payroll of new direct jobs for a calendar quarter as verified by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, but not to exceed:

(i) Ninety percent (90%) of the amount of money previously paid into the fund by the employer if the employer provides an average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least one hundred seventy-five percent (175%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser;

(ii) Eighty percent (80%) of the amount of money previously paid into the fund by the employer if the employer provides an average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) but less than one hundred seventy-five percent (175%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser; or

(iii) Seventy percent (70%) of the amount of money previously paid into the fund by the employer if the employer provides an average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of less than one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser.

(b) A qualified business or industry that is a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1 may elect the date upon which the ten-year period will begin. Such date may not be later than sixty (60) months after the date the business or industry applied for incentive payments.

(2) (a) A qualified business or industry that is a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1 may apply to the MDA to receive incentive payments for an additional period not to exceed five (5) years beyond the expiration date of the initial ten-year period if:

(i) The qualified business or industry creates at least three thousand (3,000) new direct jobs within five (5) years after the date the business or industry commences commercial production;

(ii) Within five (5) years after the date the business or industry commences commercial production, the average annual wage of the jobs is at least one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser. The criteria for the average annual wage requirement shall be based upon the state average annual wage or the average annual wage of the county whichever is appropriate, at the time of creation of the minimum number of jobs, and the threshold established at that time will remain constant for the duration of the additional period; and

(iii) The qualified business or industry meets and maintains the job and wage requirements of subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph (a) for four (4) consecutive calendar quarters.

(b) A qualified business or industry that is a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1 and qualified to receive incentive payments for the additional period provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) may apply to the MDA to receive incentive payments for an additional period not to exceed ten (10) years beyond the expiration date of the additional period provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) if:

(i) The qualified business or industry creates at least four thousand (4,000) new direct jobs after qualifying for the additional incentive period provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) but before the expiration of the additional period. For purposes of determining whether the business or industry meets the minimum jobs requirement of this subparagraph (i), the number of jobs the business or industry created in order to meet the minimum jobs requirement of paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) shall be subtracted from the minimum jobs requirement of this subparagraph (i);

(ii) The average annual wage of the jobs is at least one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser. The criteria for the average annual wage requirement shall be based upon the state average annual wage or the average annual wage of the county whichever is appropriate, at the time of creation of the minimum number of jobs, and the threshold established at that time will remain constant for the duration of the additional period; and

(iii) The qualified business or industry meets and maintains the job and wage requirements of subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph (b) for four (4) consecutive calendar quarters.

(3) In order to receive incentive payments, an establishment shall apply to the MDA. The application shall be on a form prescribed by the MDA and shall contain such information as may be required by the MDA to determine if the applicant is qualified.

(4) (a) In order to qualify to receive such payments, the establishment applying shall be required to meet the definition of the term "qualified business or industry";

(b) The criteria for the average annual salary requirement shall be based upon the state average annual wage or the average annual wage of the county whichever is appropriate, at the time of application, and the threshold established upon application will remain constant for the duration of the project;

(c) The business or industry must meet its job creation commitment within twenty-four (24) months of the application approval. However, if the qualified business or industry is applying for incentive payments for an additional period under subsection (2) of this section, the business or industry must comply with the applicable job and wage requirements of subsection (2) of this section.

(5) (a) The MDA shall determine if the applicant is qualified to receive incentive payments.

(b) If the applicant is determined to be qualified to receive incentive payments for an additional period under subsection (2) of this section, the MDA shall conduct a cost/benefit analysis to determine the estimated net direct state benefits and the net benefit rate applicable for the appropriate additional period and to estimate the amount of gross payroll for the additional period. In conducting such cost/benefit analysis, the MDA shall consider quantitative factors, such as the anticipated level of new tax revenues to the state along with the cost to the state of the qualified business or industry, and such other criteria as deemed appropriate by the MDA, including the adequacy of retirement benefits that the business or industry provides to individuals it employs in new direct jobs in this state. In no event shall incentive payments, cumulatively, exceed the estimated net direct state benefits. Once the qualified business or industry is approved by the MDA, an agreement shall be deemed to exist between the qualified business or industry and the State of Mississippi, requiring the continued incentive payment, together with any amount due pursuant to subsection (8) of this section, if applicable, to be made as long as the qualified business or industry retains its eligibility.

(6) Upon approval of such an application, the MDA shall notify the Department of Revenue and shall provide it with a copy of the approved application and the estimated net direct state benefits. The Department of Revenue may require the qualified business or industry to submit such additional information as may be necessary to administer the provisions of this chapter. The qualified business or industry shall report to the Department of Revenue periodically to show its continued eligibility for incentive payments. The qualified business or industry may be audited by the Department of Revenue to verify such eligibility. In addition, the State Auditor may conduct performance and compliance audits under this chapter according to Section 7-7-211(o) and may bill the oversight agency.

(7) If the qualified business or industry is located in an area that has been declared by the Governor to be a disaster area and as a result of the disaster the business or industry is unable to create or maintain the full-time jobs required by this section:

(a) The Commissioner of Revenue may extend the period of time that the business or industry may receive incentive payments for a period of time not to exceed two (2) years;

(b) The Commissioner of Revenue may waive the requirement that a certain number of jobs be maintained for a period of time not to exceed twenty-four (24) months; and

(c) The MDA may extend the period of time within which the jobs must be created for a period of time not to exceed twenty-four (24) months.

(8) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, from and after January 1, 2023, if the amount of the incentive payment that a qualified business or industry is eligible to receive under this chapter is less than the amount that the incentive payment would have been if the payment had been calculated using any applicable income tax rates in Section 27-7-5 that were in effect before January 1, 2023, then the qualified business or industry also shall receive a grant equal to the difference between such two (2) amounts. Further, the term "incentive payment," as such term is used in this chapter, shall be deemed to not refer to or otherwise include any grant payment payable to a qualified business or industry pursuant to this subsection.

[For businesses or industries that apply for incentive payments from and after July 1, 2010, this section shall read as follows:]

57-62-9. (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a qualified business or industry that meets the qualifications specified in this chapter may receive quarterly incentive payments for a period not to exceed ten (10) years from the Department of Revenue pursuant to the provisions of this chapter in an amount which shall be equal to ninety percent (90%) of the amount of actual income tax withheld for employees with new direct jobs, but in no event more than four percent (4%) of the total annual salary paid for new direct jobs during such period, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes.

(b) A qualified business or industry that is a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1 may elect the date upon which the ten-year period will begin. Such date may not be later than sixty (60) months after the date the business or industry applied for incentive payments.

(c) A qualified business or industry as defined in Section 57-62-5(a)(iii) may elect the date upon which the ten-year period will begin and may elect to begin receiving incentive payments as early as the second quarter after that date. Incentive payments will be calculated on all jobs above the existing number of jobs as of the date the MDA determines that the applicant is qualified to receive incentive payments. In the event that the qualified business or industry falls below the number of existing jobs at the time of determination that the applicant is qualified to receive the incentive payment, the incentive payment shall cease until the qualified business or industry once again exceeds that number. If after forty-eight (48) months, the qualified business or industry has failed to create at least three thousand (3,000) new direct jobs, incentive payments shall cease and the qualified business or industry shall not be qualified to receive further incentive payments.

(2) (a) A qualified business or industry that is a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1 may apply to the MDA to receive incentive payments for an additional

period not to exceed five (5) years beyond the expiration date of the initial ten-year period if:

(i) The qualified business or industry creates at least three thousand (3,000) new direct jobs within five (5) years after the date the business or industry commences commercial production;

(ii) Within five (5) years after the date the business or industry commences commercial production, the average annual wage of the jobs is at least one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser. The criteria for the average annual wage requirement shall be based upon the state average annual wage or the average annual wage of the county whichever is appropriate, at the time of creation of the minimum number of jobs, and the threshold established at that time will remain constant for the duration of the additional period; and

(iii) The qualified business or industry meets and maintains the job and wage requirements of subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph (a) for four (4) consecutive calendar quarters.

(b) A qualified business or industry that is a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1 and qualified to receive incentive payments for the additional period provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) may apply to the MDA to receive incentive payments for an additional period not to exceed ten (10) years beyond the expiration date of the additional period provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) if:

(i) The qualified business or industry creates at least four thousand (4,000) new direct jobs after qualifying for the additional incentive period provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) but before the expiration of the additional period. For purposes of determining whether the business or industry meets the minimum jobs requirement of this subparagraph (i), the number of jobs the business or industry created in order to meet the minimum jobs requirement of paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) shall be subtracted from the minimum jobs requirement of this subparagraph (i);

(ii) The average annual wage of the jobs is at least one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser. The criteria for the average annual wage requirement shall be based upon the state average annual wage or the average annual wage of the county whichever is appropriate, at the time of creation of the minimum number of jobs, and the threshold established at that time will remain constant for the duration of the additional period; and

(iii) The qualified business or industry meets and maintains the job and wage requirements of subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph (b) for four (4) consecutive calendar quarters.

(3) In order to receive incentive payments, an establishment shall apply to the MDA. The application shall be on a form prescribed by the MDA and shall contain such information as may be required by the MDA to determine if the applicant is qualified.

(4) (a) In order to qualify to receive such payments, the establishment applying shall be required to meet the definition of the term "qualified business or industry";

(b) The criteria for the average annual salary requirement shall be based upon the state average annual wage or the average annual wage of the county whichever is appropriate, at the time of application, and the threshold established upon application will remain constant for the duration of the project;

(c) Except as otherwise provided for a qualified business or industry as defined in Section 57-62-5(a)(iii), the business or industry must meet its job creation commitment within twenty-four (24) months of the application approval. However, if the qualified business or industry is applying for incentive payments for an additional period under subsection (2) of this section, the business or industry must comply with the applicable job and wage requirements of subsection (2) of this section.

(5) (a) The MDA shall determine if the applicant is qualified to receive incentive payments.

(b) If the applicant is determined to be qualified to receive incentive payments for an additional period under subsection (2) of this section, the MDA shall conduct an analysis to estimate the amount of gross payroll for the appropriate additional period. Incentive payments, cumulatively, shall not exceed ninety percent (90%) of the amount of actual income tax withheld for employees with new direct jobs, but in no event more than four percent (4%) of the total annual salary paid for new direct jobs during the additional period, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes. Once the qualified business or industry is approved by the MDA, an agreement shall be deemed to exist between the qualified business or industry and the State of Mississippi, requiring the continued incentive payment, together with any amount due pursuant to subsection (8) of this section, if applicable, to be made as long as the qualified business or industry retains its eligibility.

(6) Upon approval of such an application, the MDA shall notify the Department of Revenue and shall provide it with a copy of the approved application and the minimum job and salary requirements. The Department of Revenue may require the qualified business or industry to submit such additional information as may be necessary to administer the provisions of this chapter. The qualified business or industry shall report to the Department of Revenue periodically to show its continued eligibility for incentive payments. The qualified business or industry may be audited by the Department of Revenue to verify such eligibility. In addition, the State Auditor may conduct performance and compliance audits under this chapter according to Section 7-7-211(o) and may bill the oversight agency.

(7) If the qualified business or industry is located in an area that has been declared by the Governor to be a disaster area and as a result of the disaster the business or industry is unable to create or maintain the full-time jobs required by this section:

(a) The Commissioner of Revenue may extend the period of time that the business or industry may receive incentive payments for a period of time not to exceed two (2) years;

(b) The Commissioner of Revenue may waive the requirement that a certain number of jobs be maintained for a period of time not to exceed twenty-four (24) months; and

(c) The MDA may extend the period of time within which the jobs must be created for a period of time not to exceed twenty-four (24) months.

(8) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, from and after January 1, 2023, if the amount of the incentive payment that a qualified business or industry is eligible to receive under this chapter is less than the amount that the incentive payment would have been if the payment had been calculated using any applicable income tax rates in Section 27-7-5 that were in effect before January 1, 2023, then the qualified business or industry also shall receive a grant equal to the difference between such two (2) amounts. Further, the term "incentive payment," as such term is used in this chapter, shall be deemed to not refer to or otherwise include any grant payment payable to a qualified business or industry pursuant to this subsection.

SECTION 56. Section 57-75-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

57-75-5. Words and phrases used in this chapter shall have meanings as follows, unless the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

(a) "Act" means the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Act as originally enacted or as hereafter amended.

(b) "Authority" means the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority created pursuant to the act.

(c) "Bonds" means general obligation bonds, interim notes and other evidences of debt of the State of Mississippi issued pursuant to this chapter.

(d) "Facility related to the project" means and includes any of the following, as the same may pertain to the project within the project area: (i) facilities to provide potable and industrial water supply systems, sewage and waste disposal systems and water, natural gas and electric transmission systems to the site of the project; (ii) airports, airfields and air terminals; (iii) rail lines; (iv) port facilities; (v) highways, streets and other roadways; (vi) public school buildings, classrooms and instructional facilities, training facilities and equipment, including any functionally related facilities; (vii) parks,

outdoor recreation facilities and athletic facilities; (viii) auditoriums, pavilions, campgrounds, art centers, cultural centers, folklore centers and other public facilities; (ix) health care facilities, public or private; and (x) fire protection facilities, equipment and elevated water tanks.

(e) "Person" means any natural person, corporation, association, partnership, limited liability company, receiver, trustee, guardian, executor, administrator, fiduciary, governmental unit, public agency, political subdivision, or any other group acting as a unit, and the plural as well as the singular.

(f) "Project" means:

(i) Any industrial, commercial, research and development, warehousing, distribution, transportation, processing, mining, United States government or tourism enterprise together with all real property required for construction, maintenance and operation of the enterprise with an initial capital investment of not less than Three Hundred Million Dollars (\$300,000,000.00) from private or United States government sources together with all buildings, and other supporting land and facilities, structures or improvements of whatever kind required or useful for construction, maintenance and operation of the enterprise; or with an initial capital investment of not less than One Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$150,000,000.00) from private or United States government sources together with all buildings and other supporting land and facilities, structures or improvements of whatever kind required or useful for construction, maintenance and operation of the enterprise and which creates at least one thousand (1,000) net new full-time jobs; or which creates at least one thousand (1,000) net new full-time jobs which provides an average salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxation, of at least one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the most recently published average annual wage of the state as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security. "Project" shall include any addition to or expansion of an existing enterprise if such addition or expansion has an initial capital investment of not less than Three Hundred Million Dollars (\$300,000,000.00) from private or United States government sources, or has an initial capital investment of not less than One Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$150,000,000.00) from private or United States government sources together with all buildings and other supporting land and facilities, structures or improvements of whatever kind required or useful for construction, maintenance and operation of the enterprise and which creates at least one thousand (1,000) net new full-time jobs; or which creates at least one thousand (1,000) net new full-time jobs which provides an average salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxation, of at least one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the most recently published average annual wage of the state as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security. "Project" shall also include any ancillary development or business resulting from the enterprise, of which the authority is notified, within three (3) years from the date that the enterprise entered into commercial production, that the project area has been selected as the site for the ancillary development or business.

(ii) 1. Any major capital project designed to improve, expand or otherwise enhance any active duty or reserve United States armed services bases and facilities or any major Mississippi National Guard training installations, their support areas or their military operations, upon designation by the authority that any such base was or is at risk to be recommended for closure or realignment pursuant to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, as amended, or other applicable federal law; or any major development project determined by the authority to be necessary to acquire or improve base properties and to provide employment opportunities through construction of projects as defined in Section 57-3-5, which shall be located on or provide direct support service or access to such military installation property in the event of closure or reduction of military operations at the installation.

2. Any major study or investigation related to such a facility, installation or base, upon a determination by the authority that the study or investigation is critical to the expansion, retention or reuse of the facility, installation or base.

3. Any project as defined in Section 57-3-5, any business or enterprise determined to be in the furtherance of the public purposes of this act as determined by the authority or any facility related to such project each of which

shall be, directly or indirectly, related to any military base or other military-related facility no longer operated by the United States armed services or the Mississippi National Guard.

(iii) Any enterprise to be maintained, improved or constructed in Tishomingo County by or for a National Aeronautics and Space Administration facility in such county.

(iv) 1. Any major capital project with an initial capital investment from private sources of not less than Seven Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$750,000,000.00) which will create at least three thousand (3,000) jobs meeting criteria established by the Mississippi Development Authority.

2. "Project" shall also include any ancillary development or business resulting from an enterprise operating a project as defined in item 1 of this paragraph (f)(iv), of which the authority is notified, within three (3) years from the date that the enterprise entered into commercial production, that the state has been selected as the site for the ancillary development or business.

(v) Any manufacturing, processing or industrial project determined by the authority, in its sole discretion, to contribute uniquely and significantly to the economic growth and development of the state, and which meets the following criteria:

1. The project shall create at least two thousand (2,000) net new full-time jobs meeting criteria established by the authority, which criteria shall include, but not be limited to, the requirement that such jobs must be held by persons eligible for employment in the United States under applicable state and federal law.

2. The project and any facility related to the project shall include a total investment from private sources of not less than Sixty Million Dollars (\$60,000,000.00), or from any combination of sources of not less than Eighty Million Dollars (\$80,000,000.00).

(vi) Any real property owned or controlled by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the United States government, or any agency thereof, which is legally conveyed to the State of Mississippi or to the State of Mississippi for the benefit of the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority, its successors and assigns pursuant to Section 212 of Public Law 104-99, enacted January 26, 1996 (110 Stat. 26 at 38).

(vii) Any major capital project related to the establishment, improvement, expansion and/or other enhancement of any active duty military installation and having a minimum capital investment from any source or combination of sources other than the State of Mississippi of at least Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000.00), and which will create at least four hundred (400) military installation related full-time jobs, which jobs may be military jobs, civilian jobs or a combination of military and civilian jobs. The authority shall require that binding commitments be entered into requiring that the minimum requirements for the project provided for in this subparagraph shall be met not later than July 1, 2008.

(viii) Any major capital project with an initial capital investment from any source or combination of sources of not less than Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) which will create at least eighty (80) full-time jobs which provide an average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least one hundred thirty-five percent (135%) of the most recently published average annual wage of the state or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the project is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser. The authority shall require that binding commitments be entered into requiring that:

1. The minimum requirements for the project provided for in this subparagraph shall be met; and

2. That if such commitments are not met, all or a portion of the funds provided by the state for the project as determined by the authority shall be repaid.

(ix) Any regional retail shopping mall with an initial capital investment from private sources in excess of One Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$150,000,000.00), with a square footage in excess of eight hundred thousand (800,000) square feet, which will create at least seven hundred (700) full-time jobs with an average

hourly wage of Eleven Dollars (\$11.00) per hour. The authority shall require that binding commitments be entered into requiring that:

1. The minimum requirements for the project provided for in this subparagraph shall be met; and

2. That if such commitments are not met, all or a portion of the funds provided by the state for the project as determined by the authority shall be repaid.

(x) Any major capital project with an initial capital investment from any source or combination of sources of not less than Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00) which will create at least one hundred twenty-five (125) full-time jobs which provide an average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least one hundred thirty-five percent (135%) of the most recently published average annual wage of the state or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the project is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the greater. The authority shall require that binding commitments be entered into requiring that:

1. The minimum requirements for the project provided for in this subparagraph shall be met; and

2. That if such commitments are not met, all or a portion of the funds provided by the state for the project as determined by the authority shall be repaid.

(xi) Any potential major capital project that the authority has determined is feasible to recruit.

(xii) Any project built according to the specifications and federal provisions set forth by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Center Operations Directorate at Stennis Space Center for the purpose of consolidating common services from National Aeronautics and Space Administration centers in human resources, procurement, financial management and information technology located on land owned or controlled by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, which will create at least four hundred seventy (470) full-time jobs.

(xiii) Any major capital project with an initial capital investment from any source or combination of sources of not less than Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) which will create at least two hundred fifty (250) full-time jobs. The authority shall require that binding commitments be entered into requiring that:

1. The minimum requirements for the project provided for in this subparagraph shall be met; and

2. That if such commitments are not met, all or a portion of the funds provided by the state for the project as determined by the authority shall be repaid.

(xiv) Any major pharmaceutical facility with a capital investment of not less than Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00) made after July 1, 2002, through four (4) years after the initial date of any loan or grant made by the authority for such project, which will maintain at least seven hundred fifty (750) full-time employees. The authority shall require that binding commitments be entered into requiring that:

1. The minimum requirements for the project provided for in this subparagraph shall be met; and

2. That if such commitments are not met, all or a portion of the funds provided by the state for the project as determined by the authority shall be repaid.

(xv) Any pharmaceutical manufacturing, packaging and distribution facility with an initial capital investment from any local or federal sources of not less than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) which will create at least ninety (90) full-time jobs. The authority shall require that binding commitments be entered into requiring that:

1. The minimum requirements for the project provided for in this subparagraph shall be met; and

2. That if such commitments are not met, all or a portion of the funds provided by the state for the project as determined by the authority shall be repaid.

(xvi) Any major industrial wood processing facility with an initial capital investment of not less than One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000.00) which will create at least one hundred twenty-five (125) full-time jobs which provide an average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00). The authority shall require that binding commitments be entered into requiring that:

1. The minimum requirements for the project provided for in this subparagraph shall be met; and
2. That if such commitments are not met, all or a portion of the funds provided by the state for the project as determined by the authority shall be repaid.

(xvii) Any technical, engineering, manufacturing-logistic service provider with an initial capital investment of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) which will create at least ninety (90) full-time jobs. The authority shall require that binding commitments be entered into requiring that:

1. The minimum requirements for the project provided for in this subparagraph shall be met; and
2. That if such commitments are not met, all or a portion of the funds provided by the state for the project as determined by the authority shall be repaid.

(xviii) Any major capital project with an initial capital investment from any source or combination of sources other than the State of Mississippi of not less than Six Hundred Million Dollars (\$600,000,000.00) which will create at least four hundred fifty (450) full-time jobs with an average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00). The authority shall require that binding commitments be entered into requiring that:

1. The minimum requirements for the project provided for in this subparagraph shall be met; and
2. That if such commitments are not met, all or a portion of the funds provided by the state for the project as determined by the authority shall be repaid.

(xix) Any major coal and/or petroleum coke gasification project with an initial capital investment from any source or combination of sources other than the State of Mississippi of not less than Eight Hundred Million Dollars (\$800,000,000.00), which will create at least two hundred (200) full-time jobs with an average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least Forty-five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00). The authority shall require that binding commitments be entered into requiring that:

1. The minimum requirements for the project provided for in this subparagraph shall be met; and
2. That if such commitments are not met, all or a portion of the funds provided by the state for the project as determined by the authority shall be repaid.

(xx) Any planned mixed use development located on not less than four thousand (4,000) acres of land that will consist of commercial, recreational, resort, tourism and residential development with a capital investment from private sources of not less than Four Hundred Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$475,000,000.00) in the aggregate in any one (1) or any combination of tourism projects that will create at least three thousand five hundred (3,500) jobs in the aggregate. For the purposes of this paragraph (f)(xx), the term "tourism project" means and has the same definition as that term has in Section 57-28-1. In order to meet the minimum capital investment required under this paragraph (f)(xx), at least Two Hundred Thirty-seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$237,500,000.00) of such investment must be made not later than June 1, 2015, and the remainder of the minimum capital investment must be made not later than June 1, 2017. In order to meet the minimum number of jobs required to be created under this paragraph (f)(xx), at least one thousand seven hundred fifty (1,750) of such jobs must be created not later than June 1, 2015, and the remainder of the jobs must

be created not later than June 1, 2017. The authority shall require that binding commitments be entered into requiring that:

1. The minimum requirements for the project provided for in this subparagraph shall be met; and
2. That if such commitments are not met, all or a portion of the funds provided by the state for the project as determined by the authority shall be repaid.

(xxi) Any enterprise owning or operating an automotive manufacturing and assembly plant and its affiliates for which construction begins after March 2, 2007, and not later than December 1, 2007, with an initial capital investment from private sources of not less than Five Hundred Million Dollars (\$500,000,000.00) which will create at least one thousand five hundred (1,500) jobs meeting criteria established by the authority, which criteria shall include, but not be limited to, the requirement that such jobs must be held by persons eligible for employment in the United States under applicable state and federal law. The authority shall require that binding commitments be entered into requiring that:

1. The minimum requirements for the project provided for in this subparagraph shall be met; and
2. That if such commitments are not met, all or a portion of the funds provided by the state for the project as determined by the authority shall be repaid.

(xxii) Any enterprise owning or operating a major powertrain component manufacturing and assembly plant for which construction begins after May 11, 2007, and not later than December 1, 2007, with an initial capital investment from private sources of not less than Three Hundred Million Dollars (\$300,000,000.00) which will create at least five hundred (500) new full-time jobs meeting criteria established by the authority, which criteria shall include, but not be limited to, the requirement that such jobs must be held by persons eligible for employment in the United States under applicable state and federal law, and the requirement that the average annual wages and taxable benefits of such jobs shall be at least one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the most recently published average annual wage of the state or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the project is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser. The authority shall require that binding commitments be entered into requiring that:

1. The minimum requirements for the project provided for in this subparagraph shall be met; and
2. That if such commitments are not met, all or a portion of the funds provided by the state for the project as determined by the authority shall be repaid.

(xxiii) Any biological and agricultural defense project operated by an agency of the government of the United States with an initial capital investment of not less than Four Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$450,000,000.00) from any source other than the State of Mississippi and its subdivisions, which will create at least two hundred fifty (250) new full-time jobs. All jobs created by the project must be held by persons eligible for employment in the United States under applicable state and federal law.

(xxiv) Any enterprise owning or operating an existing tire manufacturing plant which adds to such plant capital assets of not less than Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) after January 1, 2009, and that maintains at least one thousand two hundred (1,200) full-time jobs in this state at one (1) location with an average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least Forty-five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00). The authority shall require that binding commitments be entered into requiring that:

1. The minimum requirements for the project provided for in this subparagraph shall be met; and
2. That if such commitments are not met, all or a portion of the funds provided by the state for the project as determined by the authority shall be repaid.

(xxv) Any enterprise owning or operating a facility for the manufacture of composite components for the aerospace industry which will have an investment from private sources of not less than One Hundred Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$175,000,000.00) by not later than December 31, 2015, and which will result in the full-time employment at the project site of not less than two hundred seventy-five (275) persons by December 31, 2011, and not less than four hundred twenty-five (425) persons by December 31, 2013, and not less than eight hundred (800) persons by December 31, 2017, all with an average annual compensation, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least Fifty-three Thousand Dollars (\$53,000.00). The authority shall require that binding commitments be entered into requiring that:

1. The minimum requirements for the project provided for in this subparagraph shall be met; and
2. That if such commitments are not met, all or a portion of the funds provided by the state for the project as determined by the authority shall be repaid.

(xxvi) Any enterprise owning or operating a facility for the manufacture of pipe which will have an investment from any source other than the State of Mississippi and its subdivisions of not less than Three Hundred Million Dollars (\$300,000,000.00) by not later than December 31, 2015, and which will create at least five hundred (500) new full-time jobs within five (5) years after the start of commercial production and maintain such jobs for at least ten (10) years, all with an average annual compensation, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least Thirty-two Thousand Dollars (\$32,000.00). The authority shall require that binding commitments be entered into requiring that:

1. The minimum requirements for the project provided for in this subparagraph shall be met; and
2. That if such commitments are not met, all or a portion of the funds provided by the state for the project as determined by the authority shall be repaid.

(xxvii) Any enterprise owning or operating a facility for the manufacture of solar panels which will have an investment from any source other than the State of Mississippi and its subdivisions of not less than One Hundred Thirty-two Million Dollars (\$132,000,000.00) by not later than December 31, 2015, and which will create at least five hundred (500) new full-time jobs within five (5) years after the start of commercial production and maintain such jobs for at least ten (10) years, all with an average annual compensation, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least Thirty-four Thousand Dollars (\$34,000.00). The authority shall require that binding commitments be entered into requiring that:

1. The minimum requirements for the project provided for in this subparagraph shall be met; and
2. That if such commitments are not met, all or a portion of the funds provided by the state for the project as determined by the authority shall be repaid.

(xxviii) 1. Any enterprise owning or operating an automotive parts manufacturing plant and its affiliates for which construction begins after June 1, 2013, and not later than June 30, 2014, with an initial capital investment of not less than Three Hundred Million Dollars (\$300,000,000.00) which will create at least five hundred (500) new full-time jobs meeting criteria established by the authority, which criteria shall include, but not be limited to, the requirement that such jobs must be held by persons eligible for employment in the United States under applicable state and federal law, and the requirement that the average annual wages and taxable benefits of such jobs shall be at least one hundred ten percent (110%) of the most recently published average annual wage of the state or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the project is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser. The authority shall require that binding commitments be entered into requiring that:

- a. The minimum requirements for the project provided for in this subparagraph shall be met; and

b. That if such commitments are not met, all or a portion of the funds provided by the state for the project as determined by the authority shall be repaid.

2. It is anticipated that the project defined in this subparagraph (xxviii) will expand in three (3) additional phases, will create an additional five hundred (500) full-time jobs meeting the above criteria in each phase, and will invest an additional Three Hundred Million Dollars (\$300,000,000.00) per phase.

(xxix) Any enterprise engaged in the manufacture of tires or other related rubber or automotive products for which construction of a plant begins after January 1, 2016, and is substantially completed no later than December 31, 2022, and for which such enterprise commits to an aggregate capital investment by such enterprise and its affiliates of not less than One Billion Four Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$1,450,000,000.00) and the creation thereby of at least two thousand five hundred (2,500) new full-time jobs meeting criteria established by the authority, which criteria shall include, but not be limited to, the requirement that such jobs must be held by persons eligible for employment in the United States under applicable state and federal law, and the requirement that the average annual salary or wage, excluding the value of any benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income tax, of such jobs shall be at least Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00). The authority shall require that binding commitments be entered into requiring that:

1. Minimum requirements for investment and jobs for the project shall be met; and

2. If such requirements are not met, all or a portion of the funds provided by the state for the project may, as determined by the authority, be subject to repayment by such enterprise and/or its affiliates, together with any penalties or damages required by the authority in connection therewith.

(xxx) Any enterprise owning or operating a maritime fabrication and assembly facility for which construction begins after February 1, 2016, and concludes not later than December 31, 2018, with an initial capital investment in land, buildings and equipment not less than Sixty-eight Million Dollars (\$68,000,000.00) and will create not less than one thousand (1,000) new full-time jobs meeting criteria established by the authority, which criteria shall include, but not be limited to, the requirement that such jobs must be held by persons eligible for employment in the United States under applicable state and federal law, and the requirement that the average annual compensation, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00). The authority shall require that binding commitments be entered into requiring that:

1. The minimum requirements for the project provided for in this subparagraph shall be met; and

2. If such commitments are not met, all or a portion of the funds provided by the state for the project may, as determined by the authority, be subject to repayment by such enterprise, together with any penalties or damages required by the authority in connection therewith.

(xxxi) Each of the projects defined in this paragraph (f)(xxxi)1 and 2 that are undertaken by affiliated enterprises, together with any or all of the projects defined in this paragraph (f)(xxxi)3 and/or 4 if they are undertaken by the same or other enterprises affiliated with those enterprises that undertake projects defined in this paragraph (f)(xxxi)1 and 2:

1. An enterprise engaged in the manufacturing and production of recycled flat-rolled aluminum or related products for which construction of recycled aluminum flat-rolled mill begins after January 1, 2023, and is substantially completed no later than December 31, 2026; and

2. An enterprise engaged in the manufacturing and production of biocarbon from biomass for which construction of the biocarbon manufacturing facility begins after December 1, 2022, and is substantially completed no later than December 31, 2026; provided that such series of projects may additionally, but shall not be required to, include:

3. Any other affiliated enterprise that undertakes the development and operation of a new industrial or commercial facility in the state,

excluding any area or areas designated by the authority in a written agreement between such enterprise or any affiliate thereof, for which the construction of any such facility begins after January 1, 2023, and is substantially completed no later than December 31, 2029; and/or

4. An enterprise engaged in the development and operation of port activities (e.g., the loading and unloading of barges, rail cars and trucks, the storage and handling of materials, and other port-related operations) in support of all or any of the enterprises enumerated in this paragraph (f)(xxxi)1, 2 and 3, or otherwise in support of an existing electric arc furnace steel mill producing flat-rolled steel and related products; and for which the parent enterprise of such affiliated enterprises enumerated in this paragraph (f)(xxxi)1, 2, 3 and/or 4 commits to an aggregate, collective capital investment by one or more or any combination of such enterprises and their affiliates, as well as by any co-located customers, of not less than Two Billion Five Hundred Million Dollars (\$2,500,000,000.00) and the creation thereby of at least one thousand (1,000) new full-time jobs meeting criteria established by the authority, which criteria shall include, but not be limited to, the requirement that such jobs must be held by persons eligible for employment in the United States under applicable state and federal law, and the requirement that the average annual salary or wage, excluding the value of any benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income tax, of such jobs shall be at least Ninety-three Thousand Dollars (\$93,000.00). The authority shall require that binding commitments be entered into requiring that:

a. Minimum requirements for investment and jobs for such affiliated projects shall be met; and

b. If such requirements are not collectively met, all or a portion of the funds provided by the state for such affiliated projects may, as determined by the authority, be subject to repayment by such enterprises and/or their affiliates, together with any penalties or damages required by the authority in connection therewith.

For purposes of this paragraph (f)(xxxi), A. a co-located customer shall mean a person who locates and operates any new manufacturing, processing, warehousing and/or distribution facility within the project area for the project defined in this paragraph (f)(xxxi)1 and utilizes, directly or indirectly, in its operations any aluminum or related products produced by such project, and B. an affiliated enterprise or an affiliate means a related business entity which shares a common direct or indirect ownership with the enterprise owning or operating a project as defined in this paragraph (f)(xxxi)1, 2, 3 or 4. References in the act to a project, as defined by this paragraph (f)(xxxi) shall mean any one of, any combination or all of the projects as defined in this paragraph (f)(xxxi)1, 2, 3 or 4.

(g) (i) "Project area" means the project site, together with any area or territory within the state lying within sixty-five (65) miles of any portion of the project site whether or not such area or territory be contiguous; however, for the project defined in paragraph (f)(iv) of this section the term "project area" means any area or territory within the state. The project area shall also include all territory within a county if any portion of such county lies within sixty-five (65) miles of any portion of the project site. "Project site" means the real property on which the principal facilities of the enterprise will operate. The provisions of this subparagraph (i) shall not apply to a project as defined in paragraph (f)(xxi) of this section.

(ii) For the purposes of a project as defined in paragraph (f)(xxi) of this section, the term "project area" means the acreage authorized in the certificate of convenience and necessity issued by the Mississippi Development Authority to a regional economic development alliance under Section 57-64-1 et seq.

(iii) For the purposes of a project as defined in paragraph (f)(xxxi)1 of this section, the term "project area" means the acreage specified by the authority in written agreement with the enterprise undertaking such project and/or an affiliate thereof.

(h) "Public agency" means:

(i) Any department, board, commission, institution or other agency or instrumentality of the state;

(ii) Any city, town, county, political subdivision, school district or other district created or existing under the laws of the state or any public agency of any such city, town, county, political subdivision or district or any other public entity created or existing under local and private legislation;

(iii) Any department, commission, agency or instrumentality of the United States of America; and

(iv) Any other state of the United States of America which may be cooperating with respect to location of the project within the state, or any agency thereof.

(i) "State" means State of Mississippi.

(j) "Fee-in-lieu" means a negotiated fee to be paid by the project in lieu of any franchise taxes imposed on the project by Chapter 13, Title 27, Mississippi Code of 1972. The fee-in-lieu shall not be less than Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) annually. A fee-in-lieu may be negotiated with an enterprise operating an existing project defined in paragraph (f)(iv)1 of this section; however, a fee-in-lieu shall not be negotiated for other existing enterprises that fall within the definition of the term "project."

(k) (i) "Affiliate" means a subsidiary or related business entity which shares a common direct or indirect ownership with the enterprise owning or operating a project as defined in paragraph (f)(xxi), paragraph (f)(xxviii) or paragraph (f)(xxix) of this section. The subsidiary or related business must provide services directly related to the core activities of the project.

(ii) For the purposes of a project as defined in paragraph (f)(xxxi) of this section, an "affiliated enterprise" or an "affiliate" means a related business entity which shares a common direct or indirect ownership with the enterprise owning or operating a project as defined in paragraph (f)(xxxi)1, 2, 3 or 4 of this section.

(l) "Tier One supplier" means a supplier of a project as defined in paragraph (f)(xxi) of this section that is certified by the enterprise owning the project and creates a minimum of fifty (50) new full-time jobs.

SECTION 57. Section 57-80-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

57-80-7. (1) From and after December 31, 2000, the following counties may apply to the MDA for the issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity:

(a) Any county of this state which has an annualized unemployment rate that is at least two hundred percent (200%) of the state's unemployment rate as of December 31 of any year after December 31, 2000, as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security's most recently published data;

(b) Any county of this state in which thirty percent (30%) or more of the population of the county is at or below the federal poverty level according to the official data compiled by the United States Census Bureau as of August 30, 2000, for counties that apply before December 31, 2002, or the most recent official data compiled by the United States Census Bureau for counties that apply from and after December 31, 2002; or

(c) Any county of this state having an eligible supervisors district.

(2) The application, at a minimum, must contain (a) the Mississippi Department of Employment Security's most recently published figures that reflect the annualized unemployment rate of the applying county as of December 31 or the most recent official data by the United States Census Bureau required by subsection (1) of this section, as the case may be, and (b) an order or resolution of the county consenting to the designation of the county as a growth and prosperity county.

(3) Any municipality of a designated growth and prosperity county or within an eligible supervisors district and not more than eight (8) miles from the boundary of the county that meets the criteria of subsection (1)(b) of this section may by order or resolution of the municipality consent to participation in the Growth and Prosperity Program.

(4) No incentive or tax exemption shall be given under this chapter without the consent of the affected county or municipality.

SECTION 58. Section 69-2-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

69-2-5. (1) The Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service shall act as a clearinghouse for the dissemination of information regarding programs and services which may be available to help those persons and businesses which have been adversely affected by the present emergency in the agricultural community. The Cooperative Extension Service shall develop a plan of assistance which shall identify all programs and services available within the state which can be of assistance to those affected by the present emergency. The Department of Agriculture and Commerce, Department of Finance and Administration, Department of Human Services, Department of Mental Health, State Department of Health, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, Mississippi Community College Board, Research and Development Center, Mississippi Development Authority, Department of Employment Security, Office of the Governor, Board of Vocational and Technical Education, Mississippi Authority for Educational Television, and other agencies of the state which have programs and services that can be of assistance to those affected by the present emergency, shall provide information regarding their programs and services to the Cooperative Extension Service for use in the clearinghouse. The types of programs and services shall include, but not be limited to, financial counseling, farm and small business management, employment services, labor market information, job retraining, vocational and technical training, food stamp programs, personal counseling, health services, and free or low cost legal services. The clearinghouse shall provide a single contact point to provide program information and referral services to individuals interested or needing services from state-funded assistance programs affecting agriculture, horticulture, aquaculture and other agribusinesses or related industries. Such assistance information shall identify all monies available under the Small Business Financing Act, the Business Investment Act, the Emerging Crops Fund legislation and any other sources which may be used singularly or combined, to provide a comprehensive financing package. The provisions of this section in establishing a single contact point for information and referral services shall not be construed to authorize the hiring of additional personnel.

(2) The Cooperative Extension Service may accept monetary or in-kind contributions, gifts and grants for the establishment or operation of the clearinghouse.

(3) The Cooperative Extension Service shall establish a method for the dissemination of information to those who can be benefited by the existing programs and services of the state.

(4) The Cooperative Extension Service shall file an annual report with the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House of Representatives regarding the efforts which have been made in the clearinghouse operation. The report shall also recommend any additional measures, including legislation, which may be needed or desired in providing programs and benefits to those affected by the agricultural emergency.

SECTION 59. Section 7-1-355, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

7-1-355. (1) The Mississippi Department of Employment Security, Office of the Governor, is designated as the sole administrator of all programs for which the state is the prime sponsor under Title 1(B) of Public Law 105-220, Workforce Investment Act of 1998, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, and may take all necessary action to secure to this state the benefits of that legislation. The Mississippi Department of Employment Security, Office of the Governor, may receive and disburse funds for those programs that become available to it from any source.

(2) The Mississippi Department of Employment Security, Office of the Governor, shall establish guidelines on the amount and/or percentage of indirect and/or administrative expenses by the local fiscal agent or the Workforce Development Center operator. The Mississippi Department of Employment Security, Office of the Governor, shall develop an accountability system and make an annual report to the Legislature before December 31 of each year on Workforce Investment Act activities. The report shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

(a) The total number of individuals served through the Workforce Development Centers and the percentage and number of individuals for which a quarterly follow-up is provided;

- (b) The number of individuals who receive core services by each center;
- (c) The number of individuals who receive intensive services by each center;
- (d) The number of Workforce Investment Act vouchers issued by the Workforce Development Centers including:
 - (i) A list of schools and colleges to which these vouchers were issued and the average cost per school of the vouchers; and
 - (ii) A list of the types of programs for which these vouchers were issued;
- (e) The number of individuals placed in a job through Workforce Development Centers;
- (f) The monies and the amount retained for administrative and other costs received from Workforce Investment Act funds for each agency or organization that Workforce Investment Act funds flow through as a percentage and actual dollar amount of all Workforce Investment Act funds received.

SECTION 60. Section 60, Chapter 572, Laws of 2004, as amended by Section 58, Chapter 30, Laws of the First Extraordinary Session of 2008, as amended by Section 58, Chapter 559, Laws of 2010 Regular Session, as amended by Section 59, Chapter 471, Laws of 2011, as amended by Section 58, Chapter 515, Laws of 2012, as amended by Section 58, Chapter 451, Laws of 2019, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 476, Laws of 2020, is amended as follows:

Section 60. Sections 8 through 59 of this act shall stand repealed on July 1, * * * 2027.

SECTION 61. Section 25-1-98, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

25-1-98. (1) (a) In addition to any other times required by statute, all state offices shall be open and staffed for the normal conduct of business from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on legal holidays as set forth in Section 3-3-7. The Governor may designate certain state offices and institutions as providers of essential services and require that they be open and staffed on legal holidays. The Board of Directors of the Mississippi Industries for the Blind may, in its discretion, require that its offices and operations be open and staffed on legal holidays. Employees required to work on legal holidays shall earn compensatory leave under the provisions of Section 25-3-92. No employee shall receive additional vacation or sick leave benefits for working on a legal holiday, nor shall this section be construed to authorize any additional compensation as an alternative to the accrual of compensatory leave except as specifically provided for in a legislative appropriation. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to limit the hours of operation of any agency or to abrogate any action taken during hours other than those stated, nor shall these provisions apply to any offices that do not customarily stay open five (5) days a week. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the military department of the State of Mississippi or to the armories, field training sites, air bases or other installations of the Mississippi National Guard.

(b) A workday for a state employee in a full-time employment position shall be eight (8) hours in duration at a minimum exclusive of time off for meals. The appointing authority shall develop work schedules which ensure that each full-time employee works a full workday and shall provide the State Auditor with a copy of the regular work schedule of the appointing authority.

(2) An appointing authority of any state service agency within the meaning of Section 25-9-107 may authorize telework for one or more of its employees in accordance with a telework policy, approved by the State Personnel Board, as provided in subsection (3) of this section.

(3) In order to implement a telework policy for one or more of its employees, an appointing authority shall:

(a) Determine whether or not telework is in the best interest of the agency. In doing so, the appointing authority * * * may seek guidance from the State Personnel Board in determining what forms of work activities can be effectively and efficiently managed through a telework arrangement;

(b) Establish procedures to protect any information that is privileged or confidential under state or federal law;

(c) Require all teleworking employees to sign a telework agreement that includes their work schedule, provides for supervisory oversight through the review of work product and deliverables on a regular basis, requires the protection of privileged or confidential information that is managed remotely on an agency computer or other devices, establishes protocols for accessibility to coworkers and clients, workplace safety, and any other matters deemed appropriate by the appointing authority; and

(d) Establish work schedules that ensure that some personnel are at the appointing authority's offices to provide direct contact with the public.

(4) For purposes of subsections (2) and (3) of this section, the term "telework" shall mean a work flexibility arrangement under which an employee performs duties, responsibilities, or other authorized activities from an approved worksite other than the location from which the employee would otherwise work.

(5) All agencies that allow employees to telework shall report to the State Personnel Board the names of the employees, their job titles, office schedule and telework schedule, who are performing telework for their agencies. On or before December 31 of each year, the State Personnel Board shall make a report related to the utilization of telework policies to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees, and the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review.

(6) The State Personnel Board may promulgate rules for the administration of this section which shall be binding upon state service agencies within the meaning of Section 25-9-107.

(7) Subsections (2) through (6) of this section shall stand repealed on July 1, * * * 2025.

SECTION 62. Section 71-5-355, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

71-5-355. (1) As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Tax year" means any period beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31 of a year.

(b) "Computation date" means June 30 of any calendar year immediately preceding the tax year during which the particular contribution rates are effective.

(c) "Effective date" means January 1 of the tax year.

(d) Except as hereinafter provided, "payroll" means the total of all wages paid for employment by an employer as defined in Section 71-5-11, subsection H, plus the total of all remuneration paid by such employer excluded from the definition of wages by Section 71-5-351. For the computation of modified rates, "payroll" means the total of all wages paid for employment by an employer as defined in Section 71-5-11, subsection H.

(e) For the computation of modified rates, "eligible employer" means an employer whose experience-rating record has been chargeable with benefits throughout the thirty-six (36) consecutive calendar-month period ending on the computation date, except that any employer who has not been subject to the Mississippi Employment Security Law for a period of time sufficient to meet the thirty-six (36) consecutive calendar-month requirement shall be an eligible employer if his or her experience-rating record has been chargeable throughout not less than the twelve (12) consecutive calendar-month period ending on the computation date. No employer shall be considered eligible for a contribution rate less than five and four-tenths percent (5.4%) with respect to any tax year, who has failed to file any two (2) quarterly reports within the qualifying period by September 30 following the computation date. No employer or employing unit shall be eligible for a contribution rate of less than five and four-tenths percent (5.4%) for the tax year in which the employing unit is found by the department to be in violation of Section 71-5-19(2) or (3) and for the next two (2) succeeding tax years. No representative of such employing unit who was a party to a violation as described in Section 71-5-19(2) or (3), if such representative was or is an employing unit in this state, shall be eligible for a contribution rate of less than five and four-tenths percent (5.4%) for

the tax year in which such violation was detected by the department and for the next two (2) succeeding tax years.

(f) With respect to any tax year, "reserve ratio" means the ratio which the total amount available for the payment of benefits in the Unemployment Compensation Fund, excluding any amount which has been credited to the account of this state under Section 903 of the Social Security Act, as amended, and which has been appropriated for the expenses of administration pursuant to Section 71-5-457 whether or not withdrawn from such account, on October 31 (close of business) of each calendar year bears to the aggregate of the taxable payrolls of all employers for the twelve (12) calendar months ending on June 30 next preceding.

(g) "Modified rates" means the rates of employer unemployment insurance contributions determined under the provisions of this chapter and the rates of newly subject employers, as provided in Section 71-5-353.

(h) For the computation of modified rates, "qualifying period" means a period of not less than the thirty-six (36) consecutive calendar months ending on the computation date throughout which an employer's experience-rating record has been chargeable with benefits; except that with respect to any eligible employer who has not been subject to this article for a period of time sufficient to meet the thirty-six (36) consecutive calendar-month requirement, "qualifying period" means the period ending on the computation date throughout which his or her experience-rating record has been chargeable with benefits, but in no event less than the twelve (12) consecutive calendar-month period ending on the computation date throughout which his or her experience-rating record has been so chargeable.

(i) The "exposure criterion" (EC) is defined as the cash balance of the Unemployment Compensation Fund which is available for the payment of benefits as of November 16 of each calendar year or the next working day if November 16 falls on a holiday or a weekend, divided by the total wages, exclusive of wages paid by all state agencies, all political subdivisions, reimbursable nonprofit corporations, and tax-exempt public service employment, for the twelve-month period ending June 30 immediately preceding such date. The EC shall be computed to four (4) decimal places and rounded up if any fraction remains. Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein, the date for determining the cash balance of the Unemployment Compensation Fund which is available for the payment of benefits for the calendar years 2020 and 2021 shall be December 31.

(j) The "cost rate criterion" (CRC) is defined as follows: Beginning with January 1974, the benefits paid for the twelve-month period ending December 1974 are summed and divided by the total wages for the twelve-month period ending on June 30, 1975. Similar ratios are computed by subtracting the earliest month's benefit payments and adding the benefits of the next month in the sequence and dividing each sum of twelve (12) months' benefits by the total wages for the twelve-month period ending on the June 30 which is nearest to the final month of the period used to compute the numerator. If December is the final month of the period used to compute the numerator, then the twelve-month period ending the following June 30 will be used for the denominator. Benefits and total wages used in the computation of the cost rate criterion shall exclude all benefits and total wages applicable to state agencies, political subdivisions, reimbursable nonprofit corporations, and tax-exempt PSE employment.

The CRC shall be computed as the average for the highest monthly value of the cost rate criterion computations during each of the economic cycles since the calendar year 1974 as defined by the National Bureau of Economic Research. The CRC shall be computed to four (4) decimal places and any remainder shall be rounded up.

The CRC shall be adjusted only through annual computations and additions of future economic cycles.

(k) "Size of fund index" (SOFI) is defined as the ratio of the exposure criterion (EC) to the cost rate criterion (CRC). The target size of fund index will be fixed at 1.0. If the insured unemployment rate (IUR) exceeds a four and five-tenths percent (4.5%) average for the most recent completed July to June period, the target SOFI will be .8 and will remain at that level until the computed SOFI (the average exposure criterion of the current year and the preceding year divided by the average cost rate criterion) equals 1.0 or the average IUR falls to four and five-tenths percent (4.5%) or less for any period

July to June. However, if the IUR falls below two and five-tenths percent (2.5%) for any period July to June the target SOFI shall be 1.2 until such time as the computed SOFI is equal to or greater than 1.0 or the IUR is equal to or greater than two and five-tenths percent (2.5%), at which point the target SOFI shall return to 1.0.

(l) No employer's unemployment contribution general experience rate plus individual unemployment experience rate shall exceed five and four-tenths percent (5.4%). Accrual rules shall apply for purposes of computing contribution rates including associated functions.

(m) The term "general experience rate" has the same meaning as the minimum tax rate.

(2) Modified rates:

(a) For any tax year, when the reserve ratio on the preceding November 16, in the case of any tax year, equals or exceeds three percent (3%), the modified rates, as hereinafter prescribed, shall be in effect. In computation of this reserve ratio, any remainder shall be rounded down.

(b) Modified rates shall be determined for the tax year for each eligible employer on the basis of his or her experience-rating record in the following manner:

(i) The department shall maintain an experience-rating record for each employer. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to grant any employer or individuals performing services for him or her any prior claim or rights to the amounts paid by the employer into the fund.

(ii) Benefits paid to an eligible individual shall be charged against the experience-rating record of his or her base period employers in the proportion to which the wages paid by each base period employer bears to the total wages paid to the individual by all the base period employers, provided that benefits shall not be charged to an employer's experience-rating record if the department finds that the individual:

1. Voluntarily left the employ of such employer without good cause attributable to the employer or to accept other work;

2. Was discharged by such employer for misconduct connected with his or her work;

3. Refused an offer of suitable work by such employer without good cause, and the department further finds that such benefits are based on wages for employment for such employer prior to such voluntary leaving, discharge or refusal of suitable work, as the case may be;

4. Had base period wages which included wages for previously uncovered services as defined in Section 71-5-511(e) to the extent that the Unemployment Compensation Fund is reimbursed for such benefits pursuant to Section 121 of Public Law 94-566;

5. Extended benefits paid under the provisions of Section 71-5-541 which are not reimbursable from federal funds shall be charged to the experience-rating record of base period employers;

6. Is still working for such employer on a regular part-time basis under the same employment conditions as hired. Provided, however, that benefits shall be charged against an employer if an eligible individual is paid benefits who is still working for such employer on a part-time "as-needed" basis;

7. Was hired to replace a United States serviceman or servicewoman called into active duty and was laid off upon the return to work by that serviceman or servicewoman, unless such employer is a state agency or other political subdivision or instrumentality of the state;

8. Was paid benefits during any week while in training with the approval of the department, under the provisions of Section 71-5-513B, or for any week while in training approved under Section 236(a)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974, under the provisions of Section 71-5-513C;

9. Is not required to serve the one-week waiting period as described in Section 71-5-505(2). In that event, only the benefits paid in lieu of the waiting period week may be noncharged; or

10. Was paid benefits as a result of a fraudulent claim, provided notification was made to the Mississippi Department of Employment

Security in writing or by email by the employer, within ten (10) days of the mailing of the notice of claim filed to the employer's last-known address.

(iii) Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein, an employer shall not be noncharged when the department finds that the employer or the employer's agent of record was at fault for failing to respond timely or adequately to the request of the department for information relating to an unemployment claim that was subsequently determined to be improperly paid, unless the employer or the employer's agent of record shows good cause for having failed to respond timely or adequately to the request of the department for information. For purposes of this subparagraph "good cause" means an event that prevents the employer or employer's agent of record from timely responding, and includes a natural disaster, emergency or similar event, or an illness on the part of the employer, the employer's agent of record, or their staff charged with responding to such inquiries when there is no other individual who has the knowledge or ability to respond. Any agency error that resulted in a delay in, or the failure to deliver notice to, the employer or the employer's agent of record shall also be considered good cause for purposes of this subparagraph.

(iv) The department shall compute a benefit ratio for each eligible employer, which shall be the quotient obtained by dividing the total benefits charged to his or her experience-rating record during the period his or her experience-rating record has been chargeable, but not less than the twelve (12) consecutive calendar-month period nor more than the thirty-six (36) consecutive calendar-month period ending on the computation date, by his or her total taxable payroll for the same period on which all unemployment insurance contributions due have been paid on or before the September 30 immediately following the computation date. Such benefit ratio shall be computed to the tenth of a percent (.1%), rounding any remainder to the next higher tenth.

(v) 1. The unemployment insurance contribution rate for each eligible employer shall be the sum of two (2) rates: his or her individual experience rate in the range from zero percent (0%) to five and four-tenths percent (5.4%), plus a general experience rate. In no event shall the resulting unemployment insurance rate be in excess of five and four-tenths percent (5.4%), however, it is the intent of this section to provide the ability for employers to have a tax rate, the general experience rate plus the individual experience rate, of up to five and four-tenths percent (5.4%).

2. The employer's individual experience rate shall be equal to his or her benefit ratio as computed under paragraph (b)(iv) of this subsection (2).

3. The general experience rate shall be determined in the following manner: The department shall determine annually, for the thirty-six (36) consecutive calendar-month period ending on the computation date, the amount of benefits which were not charged to the record of any employer and of benefits which were ineffectively charged to the employer's experience-rating record. For the purposes of this item 3, the term "ineffectively charged benefits" shall include:

a. The total of the amounts of benefits charged to the experience-rating records of all eligible employers which caused their benefit ratios to exceed five and four-tenths percent (5.4%);

b. The total of the amounts of benefits charged to the experience-rating records of all ineligible employers which would cause their benefit ratios to exceed five and four-tenths percent (5.4%) if they were eligible employers; and

c. The total of the amounts of benefits charged or chargeable to the experience-rating record of any employer who has discontinued his or her business or whose coverage has been terminated within such period; provided, that solely for the purposes of determining the amounts of ineffectively charged benefits as herein defined, a "benefit ratio" shall be computed for each ineligible employer, which shall be the quotient obtained by dividing the total benefits charged to his or her experience-rating record throughout the period ending on the computation date, during which his or her experience-rating record has been chargeable with benefits, by his or her total taxable payroll for the same period on which all unemployment insurance contributions due have been paid on or before the September 30 immediately following

the computation date; and provided further, that such benefit ratio shall be computed to the tenth of one percent (.1%) and any remainder shall be rounded to the next higher tenth.

The ratio of the sum of these amounts (subsection (2)(b)(v)3a, b and c) to the taxable wages paid during the same period divided by all eligible employers whose benefit ratio did not exceed five and four-tenths percent (5.4%), computed to the next higher tenth of one percent (.1%), shall be the general experience rate; however, the general experience rate for rate year 2014 shall be two tenths of one percent (.2%) and to that will be added the employer's individual experience rate for the total unemployment insurance rate.

4. a. Except as otherwise provided in this item 4, the general experience rate shall be adjusted by use of the size of fund index factor. This factor may be positive or negative, and shall be determined as follows: From the target SOFI, as defined in subsection (1)(k) of this section, subtract the simple average of the current and preceding years' exposure criterions divided by the cost rate criterion, as defined in subsection (1)(j) of this section. The result is then multiplied by the product of the CRC, as defined in subsection (1)(j) of this section, and total wages for the twelve-month period ending June 30 divided by the taxable wages for the twelve-month period ending June 30. This is the percentage positive or negative added to the general experience rate. The sum of the general experience rate and the trust fund adjustment factor shall be multiplied by fifty percent (50%) and this product shall be computed to one (1) decimal place, and rounded to the next higher tenth.

b. Notwithstanding the minimum rate provisions as set forth in subsection (1)(l) of this section, the general experience rate of all employers shall be reduced by seven one-hundredths of one percent (.07%) for calendar year 2013 only.

5. The general experience rate shall be zero percent (0%) unless the general experience ratio for any tax year as computed and adjusted on the basis of the trust fund adjustment factor and reduced by fifty percent (50%) is an amount equal to or greater than two-tenths of one percent (.2%), then the general experience rate shall be the computed general experience ratio and adjusted on the basis of the trust fund adjustment factor and reduced by fifty percent (50%); however, in no case shall the sum of the general experience plus the individual experience unemployment insurance rate exceed five and four-tenths percent (5.4%). For rate years subsequent to 2014, Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training contribution rate, and/or State Workforce Investment contribution rate, and/or Mississippi Works contribution rate, when in effect, shall be added to the unemployment contribution rate, regardless of whether the addition of this contribution rate causes the total contribution rate for the employer to exceed five and four-tenths percent (5.4%).

6. The department shall include in its annual rate notice to employers a brief explanation of the elements of the general experience rate, and shall include in its regular publications an annual analysis of benefits not charged to the record of any employer, and of the benefit experience of employers by industry group whose benefit ratio exceeds four percent (4%), and of any other factors which may affect the size of the general experience rate.

7. Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein, the general experience rate for calendar year 2021 shall be zero percent (0%). Charges attributed to each employer's individual experience rate for the period March 8, 2020, through June 30, 2020, will not impact the employer's individual experience rate calculations for purposes of calculating the total unemployment insurance rate for 2021 and the two (2) subsequent tax rate years. Moreover, charges attributed to each employer's individual experience rate for the period July 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020, will not impact the employer's individual experience rate calculations for purposes of calculating the total unemployment insurance rate for 2022 and the two (2) subsequent tax rate years. Furthermore, noncharges as defined hereinabove caused by the COVID-19 pandemic will not be used for the purposes of calculating the general experience rate.

(vi) When any employing unit in any manner succeeds to or acquires the organization, trade, business or substantially all the assets thereof of an

employer, excepting any assets retained by such employer incident to the liquidation of his or her obligations, whether or not such acquiring employing unit was an employer within the meaning of Section 71-5-11, subsection H, prior to such acquisition, and continues such organization, trade or business, the experience-rating and payroll records of the predecessor employer shall be transferred as of the date of acquisition to the successor employer for the purpose of rate determination.

(vii) When any employing unit succeeds to or acquires a distinct and severable portion of an organization, trade or business, the experience-rating and payroll records of such portion, if separately identifiable, shall be transferred to the successor upon:

1. The mutual consent of the predecessor and the successor;

2. Approval of the department;

3. Continued operation of the transferred portion by the successor after transfer; and

4. The execution and the filing with the department by the predecessor employer of a waiver relinquishing all rights to have the experience-rating and payroll records of the transferred portion used for the purpose of determining modified rates of contribution for such predecessor.

(viii) If the successor was an employer subject to this chapter prior to the date of acquisition, it shall continue to pay unemployment insurance contributions at the rate applicable to it from the date the acquisition occurred until the end of the then current tax year. If the successor was not an employer prior to the date of acquisition, it shall pay unemployment insurance contributions at the rate applicable to the predecessor or, if more than one (1) predecessor and the same rate is applicable to both, the rate applicable to the predecessor or predecessors, from the date the acquisition occurred until the end of the then current tax year. If the successor was not an employer prior to the date the acquisition occurred and simultaneously acquires the businesses of two (2) or more employers to whom different rates of unemployment insurance contributions are applicable, it shall pay unemployment insurance contributions from the date of the acquisition until the end of the current tax year at a rate computed on the basis of the combined experience-rating and payroll records of the predecessors as of the computation date for such tax year. In all cases the rate of unemployment insurance contributions applicable to such successor for each succeeding tax year shall be computed on the basis of the combined experience-rating and payroll records of the successor and the predecessor or predecessors.

(ix) The department shall notify each employer quarterly of the benefits paid and charged to his or her experience-rating record; and such notification, in the absence of an application for redetermination filed within thirty (30) days after the date of such notice, shall be final, conclusive and binding upon the employer for all purposes. A redetermination, made after notice and opportunity for a fair hearing, by a hearing officer designated by the department who shall consider and decide these and related applications and protests; and the finding of fact in connection therewith may be introduced into any subsequent administrative or judicial proceedings involving the determination of the rate of unemployment insurance contributions of any employer for any tax year, and shall be entitled to the same finality as is provided in this subsection with respect to the findings of fact in proceedings to redetermine the contribution rate of an employer.

(x) The department shall notify each employer of his or her rate of contribution as determined for any tax year as soon as reasonably possible after September 1 of the preceding year. Such determination shall be final, conclusive and binding upon such employer unless, within thirty (30) days after the date of such notice to his or her last-known address, the employer files with the department an application for review and redetermination of his or her contribution rate, setting forth his or her reasons therefor. If the department grants such review, the employer shall be promptly notified thereof and shall be afforded an opportunity for a fair hearing by a hearing officer designated by the department who shall consider and decide these and related applications and protests; but no employer shall be allowed, in any proceeding involving his or her rate of unemployment insurance contributions or contribution liability, to contest

the chargeability to his or her account of any benefits paid in accordance with a determination, redetermination or decision pursuant to Sections 71-5-515 through 71-5-533 except upon the ground that the services on the basis of which such benefits were found to be chargeable did not constitute services performed in employment for him or her, and then only in the event that he or she was not a party to such determination, redetermination, decision or to any other proceedings provided in this chapter in which the character of such services was determined. The employer shall be promptly notified of the denial of this application or of the redetermination, both of which shall become final unless, within ten (10) days after the date of notice thereof, there shall be an appeal to the department itself. Any such appeal shall be on the record before said designated hearing officer, and the decision of said department shall become final unless, within thirty (30) days after the date of notice thereof to the employer's last-known address, there shall be an appeal to the Circuit Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in accordance with the provisions of law with respect to review of civil causes by certiorari.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following shall apply regarding assignment of rates and transfers of experience:

(a) (i) If an employer transfers its trade or business, or a portion thereof, to another employer and, at the time of the transfer, there is substantially common ownership, management or control of the two (2) employers, then the unemployment experience attributable to the transferred trade or business shall be transferred to the employer to whom such business is so transferred. The rates of both employers shall be recalculated and made effective on January 1 of the year following the year the transfer occurred.

(ii) If, following a transfer of experience under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (a), the department determines that a substantial purpose of the transfer of trade or business was to obtain a reduced liability of unemployment insurance contributions, then the experience-rating accounts of the employers involved shall be combined into a single account and a single rate assigned to such account.

(b) Whenever a person who is not an employer or an employing unit under this chapter at the time it acquires the trade or business of an employer, the unemployment experience of the acquired business shall not be transferred to such person if the department finds that such person acquired the business solely or primarily for the purpose of obtaining a lower rate of unemployment insurance contributions. Instead, such person shall be assigned the new employer rate under Section 71-5-353, unless assignment of the new employer rate results in an increase of less than two percent (2%), in which case such person would be assigned the new employer rate plus an additional two percent (2%) penalty for the rate year. In determining whether the business was acquired solely or primarily for the purpose of obtaining a lower rate of unemployment insurance contributions, the department shall use objective factors which may include the cost of acquiring the business, whether the person continued the business enterprise of the acquired business, how long such business enterprise was continued, or whether a substantial number of new employees were hired for performance of duties unrelated to the business activity conducted prior to acquisition.

(c) (i) If a person knowingly violates or attempts to violate paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection or any other provision of this chapter related to determining the assignment of a contribution rate, or if a person knowingly advises another person in a way that results in a violation of such provision, the person shall be subject to the following penalties:

1. If the person is an employer, then such employer shall be assigned the highest rate assignable under this chapter for the rate year during which such violation or attempted violation occurred and the three (3) rate years immediately following this rate year. However, if the person's business is already at such highest rate for any year, or if the amount of increase in the person's rate would be less than two percent (2%) for such year, then the person's tax rate shall be increased by two percent (2%) for such year. The penalty rate will apply to the successor business as well as the related entity from which the employees were transferred in an effort to obtain a lower rate of unemployment insurance contributions.

2. If the person is not an employer, such person shall be subject to a civil money penalty of not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). Each such transaction for which advice was given and each occurrence or reoccurrence after notification being given by the department shall be a separate offense and punishable by a separate penalty. Any such fine shall be deposited in the penalty and interest account established under Section 71-5-114.

(ii) For purposes of this paragraph (c), the term "knowingly" means having actual knowledge of or acting with deliberate ignorance or reckless disregard for the prohibition involved.

(iii) For purposes of this paragraph (c), the term "violates or attempts to violate" includes, but is not limited to, intent to evade, misrepresentation or willful nondisclosure.

(iv) In addition to the penalty imposed by subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (c), any violation of this subsection may be punishable by a fine of not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) or by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years, or by both such fine and imprisonment. This subsection shall prohibit prosecution under any other criminal statute of this state.

(d) The department shall establish procedures to identify the transfer or acquisition of a business for purposes of this subsection.

(e) For purposes of this subsection:

(i) "Person" has the meaning given such term by Section 7701(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and

(ii) "Employing unit" has the meaning as set forth in Section 71-5-11.

(f) This subsection shall be interpreted and applied in such a manner as to meet the minimum requirements contained in any guidance or regulations issued by the United States Department of Labor.

SECTION 63. The following shall be codified as Section 71-5-146, Mississippi Code of 1972:

71-5-146. (1) The Mississippi Department of Employment Security shall have the authority to fingerprint and conduct a background investigation on every employee, contractor and subcontractor who:

(a) Has access to Federal Tax Information (FTI); or

(b) Is otherwise required by state or federal law or regulations to undergo a background investigation.

(2) The department shall have the authority to enact policies and procedures that allow designated department employees to:

(a) Access and review state and federal criminal history records;

(b) Fingerprint individuals identified in subsection (1) of this section;

(c) Forward the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for a fingerprint-based national criminal history record check for the purpose of establishing and ensuring that background investigation requirements for all department employees, contractors and subcontractors that have access to FTI are consistent with the Internal Revenue Service background investigation requirements for access to FTI, including, but not limited to, IRS Publication 1075; and

(d) Develop additional background policies and procedures as required by state or federal law or regulations.

SECTION 64. Section 62 of this act shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 2023, and the remainder of this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO REENACT SECTIONS 37-153-1, 37-153-3, 37-153-5, 37-153-7, 37-153-9, 37-153-11, 37-153-13, 37-153-15 AND 37-153-17 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CONSTITUTE THE MISSISSIPPI COMPREHENSIVE WORKFORCE TRAINING AND EDUCATION CONSOLIDATION ACT OF 2004; TO AMEND REENACTED SECTION 37-153-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE REPEAL DATE ON THE MISSISSIPPI COMPREHENSIVE WORKFORCE TRAINING

AND EDUCATION CONSOLIDATION ACT OF 2004; TO REENACT SECTIONS 71-5-5, 71-5-11 AND 71-5-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH RELATE TO THE MISSISSIPPI EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW; TO REENACT SECTIONS 71-5-101 THROUGH 71-5-143, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH TRANSFER THE POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MISSISSIPPI EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COMMISSION TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY IN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AND PRESCRIBE THE DEPARTMENT'S POWERS AND DUTIES; TO REENACT SECTION 71-5-201, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH ESTABLISHES THE MISSISSIPPI STATE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY; TO REENACT SECTIONS 71-5-357 AND 71-5-359, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PRESCRIBE REGULATIONS GOVERNING NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, STATE AGENCIES AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW; TO AMEND REENACTED SECTION 71-5-359, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE DUPLICATIVE LANGUAGE; TO REENACT SECTIONS 71-5-451 AND 71-5-457, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH RELATE TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND AND THE UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST FUND; TO REENACT SECTIONS 71-5-511, 71-5-513, 71-5-517, 71-5-519, 71-5-523, 71-5-525, 71-5-529, 71-5-531 AND 71-5-541, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS; TO REENACT SECTION 73-30-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH EXCLUDES CERTAIN PROFESSIONALS FROM REGULATION UNDER THE LAWS GOVERNING LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS; TO REENACT SECTION 43-1-30, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATES THE MISSISSIPPI TANF IMPLEMENTATION COUNCIL AND PRESCRIBES ITS POWERS AND DUTIES; TO REENACT SECTION 43-17-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PRESCRIBES THE AMOUNT OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) BENEFITS WHICH MAY BE GRANTED TO RECIPIENTS; TO REENACT SECTION 43-19-45, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH REQUIRES THE CHILD SUPPORT UNIT ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A STATE PARENT LOCATOR SERVICE; TO REENACT SECTION 43-19-46, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH REQUIRES EMPLOYERS TO SUBMIT CERTAIN INFORMATION RELATING TO NEWLY HIRED EMPLOYEES TO THE DIRECTORY OF NEW HIRES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES; TO REENACT SECTIONS 57-62-5 AND 57-62-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH RELATE TO THE MISSISSIPPI ADVANTAGE JOBS ACT; TO REENACT SECTION 57-75-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH DEFINES CERTAIN TERMS USED UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI MAJOR ECONOMIC IMPACT ACT; TO REENACT SECTION 57-80-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH RELATES TO THE GROWTH AND PROSPERITY ACT; TO REENACT SECTION 69-2-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PRESCRIBES CERTAIN DUTIES OF THE MISSISSIPPI COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE RELATING TO THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION TO THE AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY; TO REENACT SECTION 7-1-355, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH REQUIRES THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, TO MAKE AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES; TO AMEND SECTION 60, CHAPTER 572, LAWS OF 2004, AS LAST AMENDED BY SECTION 7, CHAPTER 476, LAWS OF 2020, TO EXTEND THE DATE OF REPEAL ON THOSE STATUTES REENACTED BY THIS ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 25-1-98, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE REPEAL DATE ON THE AUTHORITY OF STATE SERVICE AGENCIES TO ALLOW TELEWORK IN ACCORDANCE WITH A POLICY APPROVED BY THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD; TO AMEND SECTION 71-5-355, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE NONCHARGES CAUSED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC SHALL NOT BE USED FOR THE PURPOSES OF CALCULATING THE GENERAL EXPERIENCE RATE; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 71-5-146, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY TO FINGERPRINT AND CONDUCT BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS ON CERTAIN EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS, AND TO ENACT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REGARDING THE SAME; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: David Parker, Jeremy England, Chuck Younger

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Donnie Bell, Kevin Felsher, Otis Anthony

On motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker, Weathersby. Total-5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Carpenter called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 677: County veteran service officers; revise certain qualifications for.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 677: County veteran service officers; revise certain qualifications for.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 35-3-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by Senate Bill No. 2197, 2023 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

35-3-21. In order to maintain offices and pay personnel for the purpose of assisting all residents of the State of Mississippi who served in the military or naval forces of the United States during any war, their relatives, beneficiaries or dependents, to receive from the United States any and all compensation, hospitalization, insurance or other aid or benefits to which they may be entitled under existing or hereafter enacted laws of the United States, the boards of supervisors in the various counties in the state are hereby authorized and empowered, in their discretion, to expend out of the general county fund, or special veterans' fund herein authorized to be set up, or from both of such funds, such monies necessary to defray the office operating expenses and salary of the county veteran service officers.

Two (2) or more counties may, upon resolution duly adopted by the board of supervisors of each of such counties, agree to establish one (1) veteran service office for all of such counties. When two (2) or more counties enter into such an agreement, each county shall pay such amount mutually agreed upon and duly adopted by resolution of the respective boards of supervisors.

County veteran service officers shall be (a) honorably discharged or honorably released veterans; (b) the surviving spouse or child of any such * * * veteran, living or deceased; or (c) any person employed as a county veteran service officer in any county of this state on March 30, 1990. From and after July 1, 1990, county veteran service officers shall be certified by the Mississippi State Veterans Affairs Board which, among any other criteria it may establish, shall require such officers to (a) attend one (1) of the annual training programs provided for such officers by the Mississippi State Veterans Affairs Board, (b) successfully complete a written examination each year on the duties and responsibilities of and assistance available to such officers and veterans, (c) have certification and be accredited according to 38 CFR Section 14.629 administered by the Mississippi State Veterans Affairs Board, and (d) follow the rules and regulations promulgated by the Mississippi State Veterans Affairs Board. County veteran service officers who annually receive and complete such instruction in a manner satisfactory to the Veterans Affairs Board and in accordance with this section shall be certified by the board. No county veteran service officer shall be entitled to receive any compensation for his services, to which he is otherwise entitled by law, unless he is annually certified by the board. Persons who cannot meet the accreditation standards of hours worked for county veteran service officers may be certified by the Mississippi State Veterans Affairs Board as Veterans Resource Advisors and be entitled to receive any compensation for his services as authorized by law.

County veteran service officers may be employed, in the discretion of the boards of supervisors, either full time or part time.

County veteran service officers shall be authorized and empowered to act for a veteran under a written power of attorney authorized by the veteran for the purpose of assisting with claims, benefits, and appeals in an administrative hearing before the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and any of its boards or departments, and shall be immune from legal action only for such actions except in cases of abuse, fraud or breach of fiduciary duty.

The boards of supervisors of the various counties are authorized and directed to provide necessary office space and communications connectivity for county veteran service officers.

The boards of supervisors of the various counties are further authorized and empowered to pay all necessary and actual expenses of county veteran service officers who attend a school of instruction within the State of Mississippi for such county veteran service officers.

It shall also be the duty of the boards of supervisors to aid the United States to defeat all unjust claims for aid or benefit therefrom.

Such expenditures may be made by the several counties acting alone, or in cooperation with other counties, and in cooperation with any federal or state agency carrying out such purposes.

In the event that the general revenues of the county levied under and within the limits of existing taxing statutes are not sufficient to pay the expenses authorized herein, the board of supervisors may, in its discretion, levy an additional tax not to exceed one (1) mill on all taxable property in the county to defray such expenses or any part thereof. Any tax levy made under authority of this chapter shall not be considered in refunding homestead exemption losses under Title 27, Chapter 33, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 35-3-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED BY SENATE BILL NO. 2197, 2023 REGULAR SESSION, TO REVISE

CERTAIN QUALIFICATIONS FOR COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Lester Carpenter, Gene Newman, Jeffrey Hulum III

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joseph M. Seymour, Chad McMahan, Lydia Graves Chassaniol

On motion of Rep. Carpenter the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hudleston, Osborne, Robinson, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Arnold called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 691: Memorial highways; designate various throughout the state.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 691: Memorial highway; designate a portion of U.S. Highway 45 in Wayne County, MS, as the "Army Sergeant Eric C. Newman Memorial Highway."

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) The segment of U.S. Highway 45 located in Wayne County, Mississippi, beginning at a point one-tenth (1/10) of a mile North of the Highway 84 West exit on U.S. Highway 45 and extending northerly for a distance of approximately three (3) miles to a point one-tenth (1/10) of a mile South of the intersection of U.S. Highway 45 and Pleasant Grove Chapparal Road is designated and shall be known as the "Army Sergeant Eric C. Newman Memorial Highway."

(2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment of highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 2. (1) The segment of U.S. Highway 72, located in Slayden, Marshall County, Mississippi, beginning one (1) mile to the south of the H.W. Byers High School and extending northerly to an ending point approximately one (1) mile north of the H.W. Byers High School, for a total distance of approximately two (2) miles, is designated and shall be known as the "Eddie Dixon Memorial Highway."

(2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment of highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 3. (1) The intersection of U.S. Highway 80 and Highway 481 in the City of Morton, Scott County, Mississippi, is designated and shall be known as the "Reverend Scott Mangum Life Springs Ministries Memorial Intersection."

(2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the intersection described in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 4. (1) Within the incorporated city limits of the Town of Lake, in Scott County, Mississippi, along the Interstate 20 East and Interstate 20 West corridor near the Lake exit, Exit 96, may be erected a sign or signs that reads as follows: "Home of Randy Houser, Country Music Singer."

(2) The sign or signs described in subsection (1) of this section are to be erected in accordance with the Mississippi Department of Transportation's permitting process and must be paid for by the Town of Lake.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF U.S. HIGHWAY 45 LOCATED IN WAYNE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "ARMY SERGEANT ERIC C. NEWMAN MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF U.S. HIGHWAY 72, LOCATED IN SLAYDEN, MARSHALL COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "EDDIE DIXON MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; TO DESIGNATE THE INTERSECTION OF U.S. HIGHWAY 80 AND HIGHWAY 481 LOCATED IN MORTON, SCOTT COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "REVEREND SCOTT MANGUM LIFE SPRINGS MINISTRIES MEMORIAL INTERSECTION"; TO AUTHORIZE A SIGN OR SIGNS TO BE ERECTED ON INTERSTATE 20 IN LAKE, SCOTT COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO HONOR COUNTRY MUSIC SINGER RANDY HOUSER; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Charles Busby, Steve Massengill, William Tracy Arnold
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Jenifer B. Branning, Scott DeLano, Mike Thompson

On motion of Rep. Arnold the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Arnold called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2002: Memorial highways; designate segments of highways to Bradford C. Freeman and Douglas Anderson.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2002: Memorial highways; designate segments of highways to Bradford C. Freeman and Douglas Anderson.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

AMEND after line 27 by inserting the following new sections and renumber subsequent section(s) accordingly:

SECTION 3. (1) The bridge on Hutchins Landing Road in Adams County, Mississippi, that is currently referred to as the Second Creek Bridge, is designated as the "Boyd Sojourner Memorial Bridge" in memory of the late former Adams County Supervisor Alexander Boyd Sojourner.

(2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment of road described in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 4. (1) The bridge on Liberty Road in Adams County, Mississippi, that is currently referred to as the St. Catherine's Creek Bridge, is designated as the "James Carter Memorial Bridge" in memory of the late Adams County Supervisor James Carter.

(2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment of road described in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 5. (1) The stretch of Highway 1 between Rosedale, Mississippi, and Friars Point, Mississippi, is designated as the "Traveling Riverside Blues Highway."

(2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment of road described in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 6. (1) The intersection of Indiana Avenue and South Frontage Road in Warren County, Mississippi, and extending west to Halls Ferry Road for approximately one and one-half (1-1/2) miles, is designated as the "Dr. Bill Pierce Memorial Frontage Road" in memory of the late Dr. Paul Williamson "Bill" Pierce, III.

(2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment of road described in subsection (1) of this section.

FURTHER, AMEND on line 29 by deleting the following language:
, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023

FURTHER, AMEND the title on line 7 by inserting the following language after the semicolon:

TO DESIGNATE THE SECOND CREEK BRIDGE ON HUTCHINS LANDING ROAD IN ADAMS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "BOYD SOJOURNER MEMORIAL BRIDGE" IN MEMORY OF THE LATE FORMER ADAMS COUNTY SUPERVISOR ALEXANDER BOYD SOJOURNER; TO DESIGNATE THE ST. CATHERINE'S CREEK BRIDGE ON LIBERTY ROAD IN ADAMS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "JAMES CARTER MEMORIAL BRIDGE" IN MEMORY OF THE LATE ADAMS COUNTY SUPERVISOR JAMES CARTER; TO DESIGNATE THE SEGMENT OF HIGHWAY 1 BETWEEN ROSEDALE, MISSISSIPPI, AND FRIARS POINT, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "TRAVELING RIVERSIDE BLUES HIGHWAY"; TO DESIGNATE A SECTION OF SOUTH FRONTAGE ROAD IN WARREN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "DR. BILL PIERCE MEMORIAL FRONTAGE ROAD" IN MEMORY OF THE LATE DR. PAUL WILLIAMSON "BILL" PIERCE, III;

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Jenifer B. Branning, Bart Williams, Chuck Younger
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Charles Busby, Steve Massengill, William Tracy Arnold
On motion of Rep. Arnold the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Massengill called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2853: Small unmanned aircraft systems; require state purchase and servicing of from American companies only.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2853: Small unmanned aircraft systems; require state purchase and servicing of from American companies only.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 1 with the following exception(s):

AMEND on line 37 by striking "March 1, 2024" and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

January 1, 2025

FURTHER, AMEND on lines 50 and 52 by striking "twenty percent (20%)" and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
ten percent (10%)

FURTHER, AMEND on line 53 by striking "must" and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

may

2. That the House concur in the above exception(s).

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: John A. Polk, Neil S. Whaley, Bart Williams

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Charles Busby, Steve Massengill, Missy McGee

On motion of Rep. Massengill the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson, Shanks, Walker, Wallace.
Total-5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Representative Paden introduced special guests, Coahoma High School Boys Basketball Team, H. R. No. 110.

Rep. Scoggin called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 770: Mississippi Office of Space and Technology; create to be administered by MDA, which shall staff.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 770: Mississippi Office of Space and Technology; create to be administered by MDA, which shall staff.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Donnie Scoggin, Stacey Hobgood-Wilkes, Karl Oliver
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: David Parker, Jason Barrett, Scott DeLano

On motion of Rep. Scoggin the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.
Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.
Absent or those not voting--Clark, Huddleston, Robinson, Scott, Walker. Total-5.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--59

Representative Barton entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

S. B. No. 3150: City of Kosciusko; authorize election for restaurant tax to fund tourism and parks and recreation.

Rep. Zuber called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1084: Insurance agents; revise the continuing education requirements of those who are 65 and have been licensed for 20 years.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1084: Insurance agents; revise the continuing education requirements of those who are 65 and have been licensed for 20 years.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 83-17-251, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

83-17-251. (1) Every individual seeking to be licensed as an insurance producer in the State of Mississippi, as a condition of issuance of an original license, must furnish the Commissioner of Insurance certification on a form prescribed by the commissioner that he or she has completed an approved preclicensing course of study for the line of insurance requested.

(2) The preclicensing course of study hours shall consist of twenty (20) hours of approved preclicensing education courses per line of authority. The Commissioner of Insurance shall determine the content requirements for each preclicensing course of study. The preclicensing educational requirements of this section shall not apply to:

(a) An individual that is exempt from taking the written examination as provided in Section 83-17-39(1) and Section 83-17-67.

(b) An individual who has received a bachelor's degree with major coursework in insurance from an accredited institution of higher learning.

(c) An individual holding a current and valid CEBS, CHFC, CIC, CFP, CLU, FLMI, LUTCF designation is exempt for the life line of authority.

(d) An individual holding a current and valid RHU, CEBS, REBC, HIA designation is exempt for the accident and health or sickness line of authority.

(e) An individual holding a current and valid AAI, ARM, CIC, CPCU designation is exempt for the property and casualty lines of authority.

(f) Limited lines insurance producer and limited lines credit insurance producer as defined in Section 83-17-53.

(g) An individual that is seeking licensure for the variable life and variable annuity products line of authority only.

(3) Every individual seeking renewal of an insurance producer license, which has been in effect for a term of eighteen (18) months or less shall satisfactorily complete twelve (12) hours of study in approved continuing education courses. Every individual seeking renewal of an insurance producer license, which has been in effect for a term of more than eighteen (18) months shall satisfactorily complete twenty-four (24) hours of study in approved continuing education courses, of which three (3) hours shall have a course concentration in ethics.

(4) The continuing educational requirements of this section shall not apply to:

(a) Any individual that is exempt from taking the written examination as provided in Section 83-17-39(1)(b), (c), (e) and (g);

(b) Any limited lines producer or limited lines credit insurance producer;

(c) A person not a resident of this state who meets the continuing educational requirement in the state in which such person resides and Mississippi has a reciprocal agreement with that state; * * *

(d) Nonactive agents as defined in Section 83-17-1 * * *; or

(e) Any individual who is sixty-five (65) years of age or older and who has been licensed as an insurance producer for a continuous period of twenty-five (25) years or more as of the effective date of this act, as evidenced by submission of an affidavit, under oath, on a form prescribed by the commissioner, signed by the licensee attesting to satisfaction of the age, licensing and experience requirements of this paragraph (e).

SECTION 2. Section 73-35-18, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

73-35-18. (1) Each individual applicant for renewal of a license issued by the Mississippi Real Estate Commission shall, on or before the expiration date of his license, or at a time directed by the commission, submit proof of completion of not less than sixteen (16) clock hours of approved course work to the commission, in addition to any other requirements for renewal. The sixteen (16) clock hours' course work requirement shall apply to each two-year license renewal, and hours in excess thereof shall not be cumulated or credited for the purposes of subsequent license renewals except as provided in this subsection (1). The commission shall develop standards for approval of courses and shall require certification of such course work of the applicant. The commission may determine any required subject matter within the mandated sixteen (16) hours; provided that the required subjects shall not exceed eight (8) hours of the total sixteen (16) hours. Approved continuing education hours earned in the final three (3)

months of a licensee's renewal period, if in excess of the required minimum sixteen (16) hours, may be carried over and credited to the next renewal period. However, no more than six (6) hours may be carried over in this manner. Any member of the Mississippi Legislature who has a real estate license shall be credited with eight (8) hours of credit for the attendance of each year of a legislative session. No person may receive continuing education credit for prelicense education courses taken, except as follows: a licensee whose license is on inactive status and whose continuing education credits are at least thirty (30) hours in arrears may, at the discretion of the commission, receive continuing education credit for retaking prelicense coursework, provided the entire prelicense course is retaken.

(2) This section shall apply to renewals of licenses which expire on and after July 1, 1994; however, an applicant for first renewal who has been licensed for not more than one (1) year shall not be required to comply with this section for the first renewal of the applicant's license. The provisions of this section shall not apply to persons who have held a broker's or salesperson's license in this state for at least twenty-five (25) years and who are * * * at least sixty-five (65) years of age. Inactive licensees are not required to meet the real estate continuing education requirements specified in this section; however, such inactive licensees, before activating their license to active status, must cumulatively meet requirements missed during the period their license was inactive.

(3) A renewal of a license issued by the commission which expires after June 30, 2019, must include a current email address for the applicant. Any email address previously provided by an applicant to the commission which is no longer valid or the primary email address of the applicant must be updated when a renewal application is submitted under this section.

(4) The commission shall promulgate rules and regulations as necessary to accomplish the purposes of this section in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law.

(5) [Repealed]

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-17-251, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO IS SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND WHO HAS BEEN LICENSED AS AN INSURANCE PRODUCER FOR A CONTINUOUS PERIOD OF TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OR MORE AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT, AS EVIDENCED BY SUBMISSION OF AN AFFIDAVIT, UNDER OATH, ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER, SIGNED BY THE LICENSEE ATTESTING TO SATISFACTION OF THE AGE, LICENSING AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OF AN INSURANCE PRODUCER; TO AMEND SECTION 73-35-18, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXEMPT FROM THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR REAL ESTATE LICENSURE THOSE PERSONS WHO HAVE HELD A REAL ESTATE BROKER'S OR SALESPERSON'S LICENSE IN THIS STATE FOR AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AND WHO ARE AT LEAST SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Henry Zuber III, Kevin Ford, Jeffrey S. Guice

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: J. Walter Michel, Dean Kirby, Michael McLendon

On motion of Rep. Zuber the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood,

Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Owen called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1110: Second Amendment Financial Privacy Act; create.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1110: Second Amendment Financial Privacy Act; create.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House concur in Senate Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Nick Bain, Jansen Owen, Shane Barnett

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Chris Caughman, Chris Johnson (No Signature), Chad McMahan

On motion of Rep. Owen the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson, Rosebud, Summers, Walker. Total-5.

Present--Bailey. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Powell called up the conference report on the following bill:

H. B. No. 1310: Elections; revise provisions related to the integrity of.

Rep. Johnson moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Bain called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1315: Pornographic online and digital/resources for K-12 students; prohibit.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1315: Pornographic media materials; regulate access to minors and require age verification.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section 37-11-81, Mississippi Code of 1972:

37-11-81. (1) The state, or any of its agencies, a school district, charter school, the Mississippi School of the Arts, the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science, the Mississippi Virtual Public School, the Mississippi School for the Deaf or the Mississippi School for the Blind (hereafter, "the contracting party") may offer digital or online resources or databases to students in kindergarten through twelfth grade only if the vendor or other person or entity providing the resources verifies that all the resources will comply with the provisions of subsection (2) of this section.

(2) A vendor or other person or entity providing digital or online resources or databases under the authority of this section must have safety policies and technology protection measures that:

(a) Prohibit and prevent a person from sending, receiving, viewing or downloading materials that are:

- (i) Child pornography;
- (ii) Materials that depict or promote child sexual

exploitation or trafficking;

(iii) Obscene materials, as defined in this act;

(iv) Inappropriate materials depicting or dealing with matters of sex, cruelty and violence in a manner likely to be injurious or harmful to a child; or

(v) Materials that are sexually oriented, as defined in

Section 97-5-27(2); and

(b) Block, or otherwise prohibit and prevent, access to obscene materials, inappropriate materials, materials that are sexually oriented or materials that depict, describe or promote child pornography or child sexual exploitation.

(c) For the purposes of this act, material is obscene, if:

(i) To the average person, applying contemporary community standards, taken as a whole, it appeals to the prurient interest, that is, a lustful, erotic, shameful, or morbid interest in nudity, sex or excretion; and

(ii) The material taken as a whole lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value; and

(iii) The material depicts or describes in a patently offensive way, sexual contact specifically defined in items 1 through 5 below:

1. Acts of sexual intercourse of any kind, normal or perverted, actual or simulated;
2. Acts of masturbation;
3. Acts involving excretory functions or lewd exhibition of the genitals;
4. Acts of bestiality or the fondling of sex organs of animals; or
5. Sexual acts of flagellation, torture or other violence indicating a sadomasochistic sexual relationship.

(3) (a) The provisions of this section shall take precedence over any other provision of law to the contrary in a contract between the contracting party and a vendor or other person or entity providing digital or online resources or databases. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in a contract between the contracting party and a provider to the contrary, if a provider of digital or online resources or databases fails to comply with the requirements of this section, the contracting party shall withhold further payments, if any, to the provider pending verification of compliance.

(b) The provisions of this section apply to a vendor or other person or entity that provisions instances of Internet infrastructure for the purpose of publishing content. A cloud service provider shall not be held to have violated the provisions of this act solely for providing noncontent provisioning services, including Infrastructure-as-a-Service (IaaS) and Platform-as-a-Service (PaaS).

(c) The provisions of this section do not apply to the use of digital or online resources or databases by a student enrolled in a Mississippi institution of higher education or a Mississippi community or junior college, including dual-enrolled students.

(d) Upon a first uncured occurrence by a provider of digital or online resources or databases of noncompliance with subsection (2) of this section and failure to verify within thirty (30) days of receiving notice of the noncompliance from the contracting party that the provider is in compliance with this section, the contracting party shall consider the provider's noncompliance to be a breach of contract.

(e) Upon a second uncured occurrence by a provider of noncompliance with subsection (2) and failure to verify within thirty (30) days of receiving notice of the noncompliance from the contracting party that the provider is in compliance with the requirements of this section, the contracting party is entitled to a reduction in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the agreed upon price in the contract to be paid by the contracting party to the provider. The contracting party shall adjust any future payments due to the provider under the contract accordingly to effectuate the ten percent (10%) reduction. However, if the contract price has been paid in full, or if the balance owed on the contract price is equal to less than ten percent (10%) of the contract price, the provider must return to the contracting party such amount that is required to effectuate a ten percent (10%) reduction of the contract price.

(f) Upon a third uncured occurrence by a provider of noncompliance with subsection (2) and failure to verify within thirty (30) days of receiving notice of the noncompliance from the contracting party that the provider is in compliance with the requirements of this section, the contract must be considered terminated and the contracting party is entitled to a complete refund of the agreed upon price in the contract to be paid by the contracting party to the provider. The contracting party shall withhold any future payments that may be due to the provider, and the provider must return to the contracting party all amounts previously paid to the provider under the contract.

(4) The Attorney General may investigate compliance with this section. The contracting party must report to the Attorney General a provider's failure to comply with subsection (2) of this section no later than thirty (30) days after the contracting party learns

of the provider's noncompliance. Such a report shall constitute a public record under the Mississippi Public Records Act.

SECTION 2. The following shall be codified as Section 39-3-25, Mississippi Code of 1972:

39-3-25. (1) The state, or any of its agencies, or a public library (hereafter, "the contracting party") may offer digital or online resources or databases to minors only if the vendor or other person or entity providing the resources verifies that all the resources will comply with the provisions of subsection (2) of this section.

(2) A vendor or other person or entity providing digital or online resources or databases under the authority of this section must have safety policies and technology protection measures that:

(a) Prohibit and prevent a minor from sending, receiving, viewing or downloading materials that are:

(i) Child pornography;

(ii) Materials that depict or promote child sexual exploitation or trafficking;

(iii) Obscene materials, as defined in this act;

(iv) Inappropriate materials depicting or dealing with matters of sex, cruelty and violence in a manner likely to be injurious or harmful to a child; or

(v) Materials that are sexually oriented, as defined in Section 97-5-27(2); and

(b) Block, or otherwise prohibit and prevent, a minor from accessing obscene materials, inappropriate materials, materials that are sexually oriented or materials that depict, describe or promote child pornography or child sexual exploitation.

(3) (a) The provisions of this section take precedence over any provision in a contract between the contracting party and a vendor or other person or entity providing digital or online resources or databases to the contrary. Notwithstanding any provision in a contract between the contracting party and a provider to the contrary, if a provider of digital or online resources or databases fails to comply with the requirements of this section, the contracting party shall withhold further payments, if any, to the provider pending verification of compliance.

(b) The provisions of this section shall apply to a vendor or other person or entity that provisions instances of Internet infrastructure for the purpose of publishing content. A cloud service provider shall not be held to have violated the provisions of this act solely for providing noncontent provisioning services, including Infrastructure-as-a-Service (IaaS) and Platform-as-a-Service (PaaS).

(c) The provisions of this section do not apply to the use of digital or online resources or databases by a student enrolled in a Mississippi institution of higher education or a Mississippi community or junior college, including dual-enrolled students.

(d) Upon a first uncured occurrence by a provider of digital or online resources or databases of noncompliance with subsection (2) of this section and failure to verify within thirty (30) days of receiving notice of the noncompliance from the contracting party that the provider is in compliance with this section, the contracting party shall consider the provider's noncompliance to be a breach of contract.

(e) Upon a second uncured occurrence by a provider of noncompliance with subsection (2) and failure to verify within thirty (30) days of receiving notice of the noncompliance from the contracting party that the provider is in compliance with the requirements of this section, the contracting party is entitled to a reduction in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the agreed upon price in the contract to be paid by the contracting party to the provider. The contracting party shall adjust any future payments due to the provider under the contract accordingly to effectuate the ten percent (10%) reduction. However, if the contract price has been paid in full, or if the balance owed on the contract price is equal to less than ten percent (10%) of the contract price, the provider must return to the contracting party such amount that is required to effectuate a ten percent (10%) reduction of the contract price.

(f) Upon a third uncured occurrence by a provider of noncompliance with subsection (2) and failure to verify within thirty (30) days of receiving notice of the noncompliance from the contracting party that the provider is in compliance with the

requirements of this section, the contract must be considered terminated and the contracting party is entitled to a complete refund of the agreed upon price in the contract to be paid by the contracting party to the provider. The contracting party shall withhold any future payments that may be due to the provider, and the provider must return to the contracting party all amounts previously paid to the provider under the contract.

(4) Prior to withholding any payment for noncompliance under this act, any contracting party must provide to the database vendor:

(i) Written notice of the nature of the violation, including reasonable identification of the prohibited material and the manner of its access.

(ii) Thirty (30) days to present evidence that the acts alleged to constitute a violation are not a breach of the provider's obligation.

(iii) Thirty (30) days to cure any occurrence of noncompliance.

(iv) After having exhausted the administrative remedies referenced in subparagraphs (i) – (iii), the opportunity to tender the disputed contract funds into the registry of a court of competent jurisdiction and to seek a judicial determination of the rights under the contract.

(5) The Attorney General may investigate compliance with this section. The contracting party must report to the Attorney General a provider's failure to comply with subsection (2) of this section no later than thirty (30) days after the contracting party learns of the provider's noncompliance. Such a report shall constitute a public record under the Mississippi Public Records Act.

SECTION 3. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or any part of this act passed on or after the effective date of this act is declared to be unconstitutional or void, or if for any reason is declared to be invalid or of no effect, the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases or parts of this act shall be in no manner affected thereby but shall remain in full force and effect.

Unless the contrary intent shall clearly appear in the particular act in question, each and every act passed hereafter shall be read and construed as though the provisions of the first paragraph of this section form an integral part thereof, whether expressly set out therein or not.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO REGULATE PORNOGRAPHIC MEDIA EXPOSURE TO CHILDREN IN K-12; TO REGULATE DIGITAL AND ONLINE RESOURCES PROVIDED BY K-12 VENDORS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Nick Bain, Jill Ford, Gene Newman

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Brice Wiggins, Angela Burks Hill

Rep. Yates moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion failed.

On motion of Rep. Bain the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McKnight, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Zuber. Total--83.

Nays--Anderson, J, Banks, Blackmon, Clark, Clarke, Denton, Harness, Hines, Johnson, McCarty, Osborne, Porter, Taylor, Thompson, Yates. Total--15.

Absent or those not voting--Bell, C, Cockerham, Huddleston, McGee, McLean, Owen, Reynolds, Robinson, Rosebud, Straughter, Walker, Watson. Total-12.

Present--Bailey, Brown, B, Burnett, Evans, B, Jackson, Karriem, Paden, Scott, Stamps, Summers, Young. Total--11.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--50

Representative Bain called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on **H. B. No. 400**: (Election crimes; revise the penalties for certain.), and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Bain moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Bennett called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1614: Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1614: Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024\$ 4,680,452.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the Authority, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Authority for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024
\$ 12,287,177.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 and Section 2, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 80
Time-Limited: 7

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The

Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. Funds appropriated herein shall first be used for the continuation of a full and complete broadcast schedule of educational and instructional, professional growth, and public service programs, with the production of new films and programs to be secondary thereto.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Two Million One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-six Dollars (\$2,118,966.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are derived from the Education Enhancement Fund pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972 \$ 2,000,000.00.

These funds are provided for tower maintenance and upgrades.

SECTION 8. No part of the funds appropriated herein shall be transferred to, expended by, or used, directly or indirectly, for the benefit of any public relations, publicity or publication activities of any other state agency, department or officer, nor shall any personnel paid or equipment purchased with funds appropriated hereby be transferred or assigned to any other state agency, department or officer for public relations, publicity or publication activities of such office.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television shall have the authority to expend funds in the Capital Equipment Replacement Revolving Fund, in accordance with Section 37-63-17,

Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of purchasing technical equipment for operating the educational radio and television facilities.

SECTION 10. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2024 Target
Content Operations	
Number of Locally Produced TV Programs	150
Number of Locally Produced Radio Programs	1,092
Number of Monthly Average Number of Web Site Users	4,500
Number of New Programs Produced and Broadcast Related to Fit to Eat Programming	13
Percent Increase in Visitors Viewing the Healthy Living Related Items on MPB Site	31.00
Percent of Radio Broadcasts & TV Alerts During Times of Emergency	100.00
Education Services	
Percent Increase in Users Using MPB Education Online Resources for Pre-K Children and Families	15.00
Number of Students Served by the Digital Education Network (DEN) Classroom	2,000
Number of School Districts Participating in the DEN Classroom	30
Number of Teachers Taking e-Learning Courses	1,200
Number of Teacher Continuing Education Units (CEUs) Provided by e-Learning Courses Offered	400
Percent Increase of Visitors to the MPB Education Website	15.00
Number of Rotary Clubs Sponsoring with MPB	20
Number of Early Childhood Educators Attending MPB Resource Workshops Involving PBS and MPB Programs/Content	250
Number of Childcare Centers Using PBS Content	30
Number of Parents Participating in Parents Are Teachers Too (PATT) Initiative	300
Technical Services	
Number of Transmitters On Air	8
On-Air Reliability	99.95
Number of IT Help Desk Orders Filled	600
Administration	
Number of Community Engagements/Outreach Events Including Virtual Engagements	125
Number of State Agency Partners	40
New Grant Dollars Acquired	75,000.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and

whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that an amount equal to One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) per square foot shall be paid to the Executive Office of the State Board of Institutions of Higher Learning to defray utility costs.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Authority for Educational Television may fund a program to focus on the manufacturing industry in Mississippi.

SECTION 14. Mississippi Authority for Educational Television is authorized to accept and expend any grant, donation, or contribution from any individual, public, or private organization, or government entity for purposes of defraying the operational costs of the department. Such grants, donations or contributions shall be received and expended under the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00).

SECTION 15. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Education Enhancement Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Educational Television Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Education Enhancement Funds to defray the expenses of the Educational Television Authority, as authorized in House Bill No. 1601, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 3,048,822.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of funds as allocated herein:

- (a) Tower maintenance and upgrades \$ 1,999,794.00.
- (b) Digitalization of 49 Years of Educational Content and Mississippi History \$ 700,000.00.
- (c) Production of a Medgar Evers documentary \$ 349,028.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 16. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Educational Television Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds as authorized in House Bill No. 1601, 2022 Regular Session provide for tower maintenance and upgrades for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 1,135,044.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 17. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 18. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI AUTHORITY FOR EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Richard Bennett, Greg Haney
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Dennis DeBar, Jr., Sollie B. Norwood

On motion of Rep. Bennett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Stamps, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--92.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Calvert, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Eubanks, Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Kinkade, McLeod, Newman, Owen, Powell, Sanford, Shanks, Smith, Turner, Wallace, Williamson. Total--21.

Absent or those not voting--Crawford, Huddleston, McCarty, McLean, Robinson, Straughter, Walker, Watson. Total-8.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Bennett called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1632: Appropriation; Port Authority, State.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1632: Appropriation; Port Authority, State.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is authorized and approved for expenditure out of any funds which are received by or otherwise become available to the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the authority for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 76,354,323.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	39
Time-Limited:	0

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

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

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated herein, One Hundred Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$135,000.00) is provided for salary increase for the purpose of funding overtime, callback or standby pay.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport shall only expend funds on activities directly related to the operation of the state port.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 8. The money appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 shall be disbursed upon bank checks signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE PORT AUTHORITY AT GULFPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Timmy Ladner, Richard Bennett

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Jenifer B. Branning, Brice Wiggins

On motion of Rep. Bennett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.
Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson, Straughter, Tullos, Walker,
Watson, Yates. Total-7.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1644: Appropriations; additional for various state agencies for FY 2023 and FY 2024.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1644: Appropriations; additional for various state agencies for FY 2023 and FY 2024.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund, not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of paying for certain outside legal assistance, expert witness fees, court fees, judgments and settlement agreements, or other costs incurred by the Office of the Attorney General for the period beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 216,452.00

Of the funds appropriated in this section, the following amounts are provided:

(a) United States Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Mississippi; Chemfax Inc., Superfund Site, Gulfport, Harrison County, Mississippi; Docket Number CERCLA-04-2014-3756

\$ 21,452.00.

(b) Flowers v. Evans, et al; United States District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi, Cause No. 4:21-CV-NBB-JMV \$ 195,000.00.

SECTION 2. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund, not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of paying for certain outside legal assistance, expert witness fees, court fees, judgments and settlement agreements, or other costs incurred by the Office of the Attorney General for the period beginning upon passage and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 1,112,942.00

Of the funds appropriated in this section, the following amounts are provided:

(a) Olivia Y., et al v. Tate Reeves as Governor of the State of Mississippi and the Department of Human Services; United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi, Jackson Division, Cause No. 3:03cv251(L)(N) \$ 140,000.00.

(b) United States v. State of Mississippi; United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi Cause No. 3:16-CV-00622-CWR-FKB \$ 272,942.00.

(c) Bosarge, et al. v. Daniel P. Edney, in his official capacity as the State Health Officer; Lynn Fitch, in her official capacity as Attorney General of Mississippi, et al.; United States

District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi Cause No. 1:22-CV-00233 \$
100,000.00.

(d) Mississippi State Conference of the National Conference for the Advancement of
Colored People, et al. v. State Board of Election Commissioners, et al.; United States
District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi Cause No. 3:22-CV-734
\$ 450,000.00.

(e) Gowdy v. Mississippi Industries for the Blind et al.; United States District Court for the
Southern District of Mississippi Cause No. 3:20-CV-00835 \$ 150,000.00.

SECTION 3. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so
much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
Fund, not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of the State Department of
Health for the period beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2023 \$
1,103,950.00.

This additional appropriation is provided for defraying the costs of legal
expenses.

SECTION 4. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so
much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
Fund, not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of the Department of
Corrections for the period beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$
23,865,997.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the
medical program.

SECTION 5. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so
much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
Fund, not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of the Department of
Corrections for the period beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$
1,596,594.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the
Regional Facilities.

SECTION 6. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so
much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
Fund, not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of the Department of
Corrections for the period beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$
2,873,765.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying the expenses of
private prisons.

SECTION 7. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so
much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the
Mississippi Emergency Management Agency and allocated in a manner as determined
by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Mississippi Emergency
Management Agency for the period beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 6,518,942.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of reimbursing the Hazard
Mitigation Fund for expenses associated with the City of Jackson Water Crisis.

SECTION 8. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so
much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the
Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce and allocated in a manner as
determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Mississippi
Department of Agriculture and Commerce for the period beginning July 1, 2022, and
ending June 30, 2023
\$ 400,985.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of agency operations.

SECTION 9. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so
much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
Fund, not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of the Supreme Court Trial
Judges for the period beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$
335,000.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying the cost of special judges.

SECTION 10. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund, not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of the Mississippi Ethics Commission for the period beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 24,961.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of agency operations.

SECTION 11. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Mississippi Department of Banking and Consumer Finance and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Mississippi Department of Banking and Consumer Finance for the period beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 1,316,969.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of agency operations.

SECTION 12. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services for the period beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 12,000,000.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of agency operations.

SECTION 13. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Governor's Office-Division of Medicaid and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Governor's Office-Division of Medicaid for the period beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 245,955,527.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of agency operations.

SECTION 14. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks for the period beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 10,000,000.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of agency operations.

SECTION 15. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF GENERAL FUNDS AND SPECIAL FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023 AND 2024 TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL; MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; THE MISSISSIPPI EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY; THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE; THE MISSISSIPPI SUPREME COURT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF COURTS; THE MISSISSIPPI ETHICS COMMISSION; AND THE ETHICS COMMISSION; THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND CONSUMER FINANCE; THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES; THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE-DIVISION OF MEDICAID; AND THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE FISHERIES AND PARKS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Angela Cockerham, Manly Barton
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Dennis DeBar, Jr., Kevin Blackwell

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--105.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--10.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Huddleston, Robinson, Straughter, Walker, Watson. Total-6.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill:

S. B. No. 3037: Appropriation; Geologists, Board of Registered Professional.

Rep. Read moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

At 11:47 AM on motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 12:08 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Roberson called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 261: Income tax; extend credit for qualified contributions to an endowed fund at qualified community foundations.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 261: Income tax; extend credit for qualified contributions to an endowed fund at qualified community foundations.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Rob Roberson

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Chris Johnson (No Signature), Jeremy England

On motion of Rep. Roberson the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Banks, Hines, Huddleston, Johnson, Robinson, Walker. Total-6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1671: Tax credits; revise certain existing and authorize additional.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1671: Tax credits; revise certain existing and authorize additional.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 27-7-22.43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-7-22.43. (1) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Pregnancy Resource Act."

(2) For the purposes of this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Department" means the Department of Revenue.

(b) "Eligible charitable organization" means an organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is a pregnancy resource center or crisis pregnancy center eligible to receive funding disbursed by the Choose Life Advisory Committee, Choose Life Mississippi or any successor entity under Section 27-19-56.70, 27-19-56.277 and/or 27-19-56.412. To be

considered an "eligible charitable organization" a pregnancy resource center or crisis pregnancy center must meet the following criteria:

(i) Certify that no more than ten percent (10%) of the contributions received under this section will be spent on administrative purposes;

(ii) File annually with the Secretary of State the organization's publicly available Internal Revenue Service filings.

(3) (a) The tax credit authorized in this section shall be available only to a taxpayer who is a business enterprise engaged in commercial, industrial or professional activities and operating as a corporation, limited liability company, partnership or sole proprietorship. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a credit is allowed against the taxes imposed by Sections 27-7-5, 27-15-103, 27-15-109 and 27-15-123, for voluntary cash contributions made by a taxpayer during the taxable year to an eligible charitable organization. For calendar year 2022, for a taxpayer that is not operating as a corporation, a credit is also allowed against ad valorem taxes assessed and levied on real property for voluntary cash contributions made by the taxpayer during the taxable year to an eligible charitable organization. From and after January 1, 2023, a credit is also allowed against ad valorem taxes assessed and levied on real property for voluntary cash contributions made by a taxpayer during the taxable year to an eligible charitable organization. The amount of credit that may be utilized by a taxpayer in a taxable year shall be limited to (i) an amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total tax liability of the taxpayer for the taxes imposed by such sections of law and (ii) an amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total tax liability of the taxpayer for ad valorem taxes assessed and levied on real property. However, for credits allocated under this section on or after January 1, 2023, the amount of credit that may be utilized by a taxpayer in a taxable year shall be limited to (i) an amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total tax liability of the taxpayer for the taxes imposed by such sections of law and (ii) an amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total tax liability of the taxpayer for ad valorem taxes assessed and levied on real property. Any tax credit claimed under this section but not used in any taxable year may be carried forward for five (5) consecutive years from the close of the tax year in which the credits were earned.

(b) A contribution for which a credit is claimed under this section may not be used as a deduction by the taxpayer for state income tax purposes.

(4) Taxpayers taking a credit authorized by this section shall provide the name of the eligible charitable organization and the amount of the contribution to the department on forms provided by the department.

(5) An eligible charitable organization shall provide the department with a written certification that it meets all criteria to be considered an eligible charitable organization. The organization shall also notify the department of any changes that may affect eligibility under this section.

(6) The eligible charitable organization's written certification must be signed by an officer of the organization under penalty of perjury. The written certification shall include the following:

(a) Verification of the organization's status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

(b) A statement that the organization does not provide, pay for or provide coverage of abortions and does not financially support any other entity that provides, pays for or provides coverage of abortions;

(c) Any other information that the department requires to administer this section.

(7) The department shall review each written certification and determine whether the organization meets all the criteria to be considered an eligible charitable organization and notify the organization of its determination. The department may also periodically request recertification from the organization. The department shall compile and make available to the public a list of eligible charitable organizations.

(8) Tax credits authorized by this section that are earned by a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation or other similar pass-through entity, shall be allocated among all partners, members or shareholders, respectively, either in proportion to their ownership interest in such entity or as the partners, members or shareholders mutually agree as provided in an executed document.

(9) (a) A taxpayer shall apply for credits with the department on forms prescribed by the department. In the application the taxpayer shall certify to the department the dollar amount of the contributions made or to be made during the calendar year. Within thirty (30) days after the receipt of an application, the department shall allocate credits based on the dollar amount of contributions as certified in the application. However, if the department cannot allocate the full amount of credits certified in the application due to the limit on the aggregate amount of credits that may be awarded under this section in a calendar year, the department shall so notify the applicant within thirty (30) days with the amount of credits, if any, that may be allocated to the applicant in the calendar year. Once the department has allocated credits to a taxpayer, if the contribution for which a credit is allocated has not been made as of the date of the allocation, then the contribution must be made not later than sixty (60) days from the date of the allocation. If the contribution is not made within such time period, the allocation shall be cancelled and returned to the department for reallocation. Upon final documentation of the contributions, if the actual dollar amount of the contributions is lower than the amount estimated, the department shall adjust the tax credit allowed under this section.

(b) For the purposes of using a tax credit against ad valorem taxes assessed and levied on real property, a taxpayer shall present to the appropriate tax collector the tax credit documentation provided to the taxpayer by the Department of Revenue, and the tax collector shall apply the tax credit against such ad valorem taxes. The tax collector shall forward the tax credit documentation to the Department of Revenue along with the amount of the tax credit applied against ad valorem taxes, and the department shall disburse funds to the tax collector for the amount of the tax credit applied against ad valorem taxes. Such payments by the Department of Revenue shall be made from current tax collections.

(10) The aggregate amount of tax credits that may be allocated by the department under this section during a calendar year shall not exceed Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000.00). However, for calendar year 2023, and for each calendar year thereafter, the aggregate amount of tax credits that may be allocated by the department under this section during a calendar year shall not exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00). For credits allocated during a calendar year for contributions to eligible charitable organizations, no more than * * * twenty-five percent (25%) of such credits may be allocated for contributions to a single eligible charitable organization.

SECTION 2. Section 27-7-22.39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-7-22.39. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Low-income residents" means persons whose household income is less than one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the federal poverty level.

(b) "Qualifying charitable organization" means a charitable organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or is a designated community action agency that receives community services block grant program monies pursuant to 42 USC 9901. The organization must spend at least fifty percent (50%) of its budget on services to residents of this state who receive temporary assistance for needy families benefits or low-income residents of this state and their households or to children who have a chronic illness or physical, intellectual, developmental or emotional disability who are residents of this state. A charitable organization that is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and that meets all other requirements of this paragraph except that it does not spend at least fifty percent (50%) of its overall budget in Mississippi may be a qualifying charitable organization if it spends at least fifty percent (50%) of its Mississippi budget on services to qualified individuals in Mississippi and it certifies to the department that one hundred percent (100%) of the voluntary cash contributions from the taxpayer will be spent on services to qualified individuals in Mississippi. Taxpayers choosing to make donations through an umbrella charitable organization that collects donations on behalf of member charities shall designate that the donation be directed to a member charitable organization that would qualify under this section on a stand-alone basis. Qualifying charitable organization does not include any entity that provides, pays for or provides coverage of abortions or that financially supports any other entity that provides, pays for or provides coverage of abortions.

(c) "Qualifying foster care charitable organization" means a qualifying charitable organization that each operating year provides services to at least one hundred (100) qualified individuals in this state and spends at least fifty percent (50%) of its budget on services to qualified individuals in this state. A charitable organization that is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and that meets all other requirements of this paragraph except that it does not spend at least fifty percent (50%) of its overall budget in Mississippi may be a qualifying foster care charitable organization if it spends at least fifty percent (50%) of its Mississippi budget on services to qualified individuals in Mississippi and it certifies to the department that one hundred percent (100%) of the voluntary cash contributions from the taxpayer will be spent on services to qualified individuals in Mississippi. For the purposes of this paragraph, "qualified individual" means a child in a foster care placement program established by the Department of Child Protection Services, a child placed under the Safe Families for Children model, or a child at significant risk of entering a foster care placement program established by the Department of Child Protection Services.

(d) "Services" means:

(i) Cash assistance, medical care, child care, food, clothing, shelter, and job-placement services or any other assistance that is reasonably necessary to meet immediate basic needs and that is provided and used in this state;

(ii) Job-training or education services or funding for parents, foster parents or guardians; or (iii) Job-training or education services or funding provided as part of a foster care independent living program.

(2) (a) Except as provided in subsections (3) and (4) of this section, a credit is allowed against the taxes imposed by this chapter for voluntary cash contributions by the taxpayer during the taxable year to a qualifying charitable organization, other than a qualifying foster care charitable organization, not to exceed:

(* * *i) Through calendar year 2022, the lesser of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) or the amount of the contribution in any taxable year for a single individual or a head of household; and for calendar year 2023 and each calendar year thereafter, the lesser of One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00) or the amount of the contribution in any taxable year for a single individual or a head of household.

(* * *ii) Through calendar year 2022, the lesser of Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00) or the amount of the contribution in any taxable year for a married couple filing a joint return; and for calendar year 2023 and each calendar year thereafter, the lesser of Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400.00) or the amount of the contribution in any taxable year for a married couple filing a joint return.

(b) From and after January 1, 2023, a credit is also allowed against ad valorem taxes assessed and levied on real property for voluntary cash contributions made by the individual taxpayer during the taxable year to a qualifying charitable organization, other than a qualifying foster care charitable organization. The amount of credit that may be utilized by a taxpayer in a taxable year shall be limited to an amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total tax liability of the taxpayer for ad valorem taxes assessed and levied on real property. Any tax credit claimed under this paragraph but not used in any taxable year may be carried forward for five (5) consecutive years from the close of the tax year in which the credits were earned.

(3) (a) A separate credit is allowed against the taxes imposed by this chapter for voluntary cash contributions during the taxable year to a qualifying foster care charitable organization. A contribution to a qualifying foster care charitable organization does not qualify for, and shall not be included in, any credit amount under subsection (2) of this section. If the voluntary cash contribution by the taxpayer is to a qualifying foster care charitable organization, the credit shall not exceed:

(* * *i) Through calendar year 2022, the lesser of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or the amount of the contribution in any taxable year for a single individual or a head of household; and for calendar year 2023 and each calendar year thereafter, the lesser of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) or the amount of the contribution in any taxable year for a single individual or a head of household.

(* * *ii) Through calendar year 2022, the lesser of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or the amount of the contribution in any taxable year for a married couple filing a joint return; and for calendar year 2023 and each calendar year thereafter,

the lesser of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) or the amount of the contribution in any taxable year for a married couple filing a joint return.

(b) From and after January 1, 2023, a credit is also allowed against ad valorem taxes assessed and levied on real property for voluntary cash contributions made by the individual taxpayer during the taxable year to a qualifying foster care charitable organization. The amount of credit that may be utilized by a taxpayer in a taxable year shall be limited to an amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total tax liability of the taxpayer for ad valorem taxes assessed and levied on real property. Any tax credit claimed under this paragraph but not used in any taxable year may be carried forward for five (5) consecutive years from the close of the tax year in which the credits were earned.

(4) Subsections (2) and (3) of this section provide separate credits against taxes imposed by this chapter depending on the recipients of the contributions. A taxpayer, including a married couple filing a joint return, in the same taxable year, may either or both:

(a) Contribute to a qualifying charitable organization, other than a qualifying foster care charitable organization, and claim a credit under subsection (2) of this section.

(b) Contribute to a qualifying foster care charitable organization and claim a credit under subsection (3) of this section.

(5) A husband and wife who file separate returns for a taxable year in which they could have filed a joint return may each claim only one-half (1/2) of the tax credit that would have been allowed for a joint return.

(6) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section, if the allowable tax credit exceeds the taxes otherwise due under this chapter on the claimant's income, or if there are no taxes due under this chapter, the taxpayer may carry forward the amount of the claim not used to offset the taxes under this chapter for not more than five (5) consecutive taxable years' income tax liability.

(7) The credit allowed by this section is in lieu of a deduction pursuant to Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code and taken for state tax purposes.

(8) Taxpayers taking a credit authorized by this section shall provide the name of the qualifying charitable organization and the amount of the contribution to the department on forms provided by the department.

(9) A qualifying charitable organization shall provide the department with a written certification that it meets all criteria to be considered a qualifying charitable organization. The organization shall also notify the department of any changes that may affect the qualifications under this section.

(10) The charitable organization's written certification must be signed by an officer of the organization under penalty of perjury. The written certification shall include the following:

(a) Verification of the organization's status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or verification that the organization is a designated community action agency that receives community services block grant program monies pursuant to 42 USC 9901.

(b) Financial data indicating the organization's budget for the organization's prior operating year and the amount of that budget spent on services to residents of this state who either:

(i) Receive temporary assistance for needy families benefits;

(ii) Are low-income residents of this state;

(iii) Are children who have a chronic illness or physical, intellectual, developmental or emotional disability; or

(iv) Are children in a foster care placement program established by the Department of Child Protection Services, children placed under the Safe Families for Children model or children at significant risk of entering a foster care placement program established by the Department of Child Protection Services.

(c) A statement that the organization plans to continue spending at least fifty percent (50%) of its budget on services to residents of this state who receive temporary assistance for needy families benefits, who are low-income residents of this

state, who are children who have a chronic illness or physical, intellectual, developmental or emotional disability or who are children in a foster care placement program established by the Department of Child Protection Services, children placed under the Safe Families for Children model or children at significant risk of entering a foster care placement program established by the Department of Child Protection Services. A charitable organization that is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and that meets all other requirements for a qualifying charitable organization or qualifying foster care charitable organization except that it does not spend at least fifty percent (50%) of its overall budget in Mississippi shall submit a statement that it spends at least fifty percent (50%) of its Mississippi budget on services to qualified individuals in Mississippi and that one hundred percent (100%) of the voluntary cash contributions it receives from Mississippi taxpayers will be spent on services to qualified individuals in Mississippi.

(d) In the case of a foster care charitable organization, a statement that each operating year it provides services to at least one hundred (100) qualified individuals in this state.

(e) A statement that the organization does not provide, pay for or provide coverage of abortions and does not financially support any other entity that provides, pays for or provides coverage of abortions.

(f) Any other information that the department requires to administer this section.

(11) The department shall review each written certification and determine whether the organization meets all the criteria to be considered a qualifying charitable organization and notify the organization of its determination. The department may also periodically request recertification from the organization. The department shall compile and make available to the public a list of the qualifying charitable organizations.

(12) The aggregate amount of tax credits that may be awarded under this section in any calendar year shall not exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00). However, for calendar year 2021, and for each calendar year thereafter, the aggregate amount of tax credits that may be awarded under this section in any calendar year shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). In addition, any tax credits not awarded under this section before June 1, 2020, may be allocated during calendar year 2020 under Section 27-7-22.41 for contributions by taxpayers to eligible charitable organizations described in Section

27-7-22.41(1)(b)(ii) as provided under such section, notwithstanding any limitation on the percentage of tax credits that may be allocated for such contributions.

(13) A taxpayer shall apply for credits with the department on forms prescribed by the department. In the application the taxpayer shall certify to the department the dollar amount of the contributions made or to be made during the calendar year. Within thirty (30) days after the receipt of an application, the department shall allocate credits based on the dollar amount of contributions as certified in the application. However, if the department cannot allocate the full amount of credits certified in the application due to the limit on the aggregate amount of credits that may be awarded under this section in a calendar year, the department shall so notify the applicant within thirty (30) days with the amount of credits, if any, that may be allocated to the applicant in the calendar year. Once the department has allocated credits to a taxpayer, if the contribution for which a credit is allocated has not been made as of the date of the allocation, then the contribution must be made not later than sixty (60) days from the date of the allocation. If the contribution is not made within such time period, the allocation shall be cancelled and returned to the department for reallocation. Upon final documentation of the contributions, if the actual dollar amount of the contributions is lower than the amount estimated, the department shall adjust the tax credit allowed under this section.

(14) This section shall be repealed from and after January 1, 2025.

SECTION 3. (1) For the purposes of this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Department" means the Department of Revenue.

(b) "Eligible transitional home organization" means an organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal

Revenue Code that provides transitional housing for homeless persons age twenty-five (25) and under, homeless families and/or homeless and/or referred unwed pregnant women.

"Eligible transitional home organization" does not include any entity that provides, pays for or provides coverage of abortions or that financially supports any other entity that provides, pays for or provides coverage of abortions.

"Eligible transitional home organization" does not include any entity that charges a fee for the services and/or benefits it provides as an eligible transitional home organization. The prohibition against charging a fee for services and/or benefits is limited to services and benefits the entity provides as an eligible transitional home organization and does not apply to any other services and/or benefits the entity may provide to persons not being served by the entity's transitional home services.

(c) "Transitional housing" means temporary housing the purpose of which is to provide homeless persons age twenty-five (25) and under, homeless families and/or homeless and/or referred unwed pregnant women with temporary shelter and facilitate their movement to permanent housing within an amount of time that the eligible transitional home organization determines to be appropriate.

"Transitional housing" includes a program designed by the eligible transitional home organization that offers structure, supervision, support, life skills, education and training as the eligible transitional home organization determines to be appropriate for each individual and/or family to achieve and/or maintain independence.

(2) (a) (i) The tax credit authorized in this subsection shall be available only to a taxpayer who is a business enterprise engaged in commercial, industrial or professional activities and operating as a corporation, limited liability company, partnership or sole proprietorship. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a credit is allowed against the taxes imposed by Sections 27-7-5, 27-15-103, 27-15-109 and 27-15-123, for voluntary cash contributions made by a taxpayer during the taxable year to an eligible transitional home organization. A credit is also allowed against ad valorem taxes assessed and levied on real property for voluntary cash contributions made by the taxpayer during the taxable year to an eligible transitional home organization. The amount of credit that may be utilized by a taxpayer in a taxable year shall be limited to an amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total tax liability of the taxpayer for the taxes imposed by such sections of law and an amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total tax liability of the taxpayer for ad valorem taxes assessed and levied on real property. Any tax credit claimed under this subsection but not used in any taxable year may be carried forward for five (5) consecutive years from the close of the tax year in which the credits were earned.

(ii) A contribution to an eligible transitional home organization for which a credit is claimed under this subsection does not qualify for and shall not be included in any credit that may be claimed under subsection (3) of this section.

(iii) A contribution for which a credit is claimed under this subsection may not be used as a deduction by the taxpayer for state income tax purposes.

(b) Taxpayers taking a credit authorized by this subsection shall provide the name of the eligible transitional home organization and the amount of the contribution to the department on forms provided by the department.

(c) An eligible transitional home organization shall provide the department with a written certification that it meets all criteria to be considered an eligible transitional home organization. The organization shall also notify the department of any changes that may affect eligibility under this section.

(d) The eligible transitional home organization's written certification must be signed by an officer of the organization under penalty of perjury. The written certification shall include the following:

(i) Verification of the organization's status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

(ii) Information about the facilities that demonstrate the applicant's ability to provide housing for homeless persons age twenty-five (25) and under, homeless families, and/or homeless and/or referred unwed pregnant women;

(iii) Sufficient materials to document the program of the applicant that demonstrate that the applicant has and runs a program that offers structure,

supervision, support, life skills, education and training as the eligible transitional home organization determines to be appropriate for each individual and/or family to achieve and/or maintain independence;

(iv) A statement that the organization does not charge a fee for services or benefits provided in whole or in part by its transitional housing program; and

(v) Any other information that the department requires to administer this section.

(e) The department shall review each written certification and determine whether the organization meets all the criteria to be considered an eligible transitional home organization and notify the organization of its determination. The department may also periodically request recertification from the organization. The department shall compile and make available to the public a list of eligible transitional home organizations.

(f) Tax credits authorized by this subsection that are earned by a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation or other similar pass-through entity, shall be allocated among all partners, members or shareholders, respectively, either in proportion to their ownership interest in such entity or as the partners, members or shareholders mutually agree as provided in an executed document.

(g) (i) A taxpayer shall apply for credits with the department on forms prescribed by the department. In the application the taxpayer shall certify to the department the dollar amount of the contributions made or to be made during the calendar year. Within thirty (30) days after the receipt of an application, the department shall allocate credits based on the dollar amount of contributions as certified in the application. However, if the department cannot allocate the full amount of credits certified in the application due to the limit on the aggregate amount of credits that may be awarded under this subsection in a calendar year, the department shall so notify the applicant within thirty (30) days with the amount of credits, if any, that may be allocated to the applicant in the calendar year. Once the department has allocated credits to a taxpayer, if the contribution for which a credit is allocated has not been made as of the date of the allocation, then the contribution must be made not later than sixty (60) days from the date of the allocation. If the contribution is not made within such time period, the allocation shall be cancelled and returned to the department for reallocation. Upon final documentation of the contributions, if the actual dollar amount of the contributions is lower than the amount estimated, the department shall adjust the tax credit allowed under this subsection.

(ii) For the purposes of using a tax credit against ad valorem taxes assessed and levied on real property, a taxpayer shall present to the appropriate tax collector the tax credit documentation provided to the taxpayer by the Department of Revenue, and the tax collector shall apply the tax credit against such ad valorem taxes. The tax collector shall forward the tax credit documentation to the Department of Revenue along with the amount of the tax credit applied against ad valorem taxes, and the department shall disburse funds to the tax collector for the amount of the tax credit applied against ad valorem taxes. Such payments by the Department of Revenue shall be made from current tax collections.

(h) The aggregate amount of tax credits that may be allocated by the department under this subsection during a calendar year shall not exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00). For credits allocated during a calendar year for contributions to eligible transitional home organizations, no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of such credits may be allocated for contributions to a single eligible transitional home organization.

(3) (a) (i) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a credit is allowed against the taxes imposed by this chapter for voluntary cash contributions by an individual taxpayer during the taxable year to an eligible transitional home organization. A credit is also allowed against ad valorem taxes assessed and levied on real property for voluntary cash contributions made by an individual taxpayer during the taxable year to an eligible transitional home organization. The amount of credit that may be utilized by a taxpayer in a taxable year shall be limited to an amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total tax liability of the taxpayer for the taxes imposed by this chapter and an amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total tax liability of the taxpayer for ad valorem taxes

assessed and levied on real property. Any tax credit claimed under this subsection but not used in any taxable year may be carried forward for five (5) consecutive years from the close of the tax year in which the credits were earned.

(ii) A husband and wife who file separate returns for a taxable year in which they could have filed a joint return may each claim only one-half (1/2) of the tax credit that would have been allowed for a joint return.

(iii) A contribution to an eligible transitional home organization for which a credit is claimed under this subsection does not qualify for and shall not be included in any credit that may be claimed under subsection (2) of this section.

(iv) A contribution for which a credit is claimed under this subsection may not be used as a deduction by the taxpayer for state income tax purposes.

(b) Taxpayers taking a credit authorized by this subsection shall provide the name of the eligible transitional home organization and the amount of the contribution to the department on forms provided by the department.

(c) An eligible transitional home organization shall provide the department with a written certification that it meets all criteria to be considered an eligible transitional home organization. The organization shall also notify the department of any changes that may affect eligibility under this section.

(d) The eligible transitional housing organization's written certification must be signed by an officer of the organization under penalty of perjury. The written certification shall include the following:

(i) Verification of the organization's status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

(ii) Information about the facilities that demonstrate the applicant's ability to provide housing for homeless persons age twenty-five (25) and under, homeless families, and/or homeless and/or referred unwed pregnant women;

(iii) Sufficient materials to document the program of the applicant that demonstrate that the applicant has and runs a program that offers structure, supervision, support, life skills, education and training as the eligible transitional home organization determines to be appropriate for each individual and/or family to achieve and/or maintain independence;

(iv) A statement that the organization does not charge a fee for services or benefits provided in whole or in part by its transitional housing program; and

(v) Any other information that the department requires to administer this section.

(e) The department shall review each written certification and determine whether the organization meets all the criteria to be considered an eligible transitional home organization and notify the organization of its determination. The department may also periodically request recertification from the organization. The department shall compile and make available to the public a list of eligible transitional home organizations.

(f) (i) A taxpayer shall apply for credits with the department on forms prescribed by the department. In the application the taxpayer shall certify to the department the dollar amount of the contributions made or to be made during the calendar year. Within thirty (30) days after the receipt of an application, the department shall allocate credits based on the dollar amount of contributions as certified in the application. However, if the department cannot allocate the full amount of credits certified in the application due to the limit on the aggregate amount of credits that may be awarded under this subsection in a calendar year, the department shall so notify the applicant within thirty (30) days with the amount of credits, if any, that may be allocated to the applicant in the calendar year. Once the department has allocated credits to a taxpayer, if the contribution for which a credit is allocated has not been made as of the date of the allocation, then the contribution must be made not later than sixty (60) days from the date of the allocation. If the contribution is not made within such time period, the allocation shall be cancelled and returned to the department for reallocation. Upon final documentation of the contributions, if the actual dollar amount of the contributions is lower than the amount estimated, the department shall adjust the tax credit allowed under this subsection.

(ii) For the purposes of using a tax credit against ad valorem taxes assessed and levied on real property, a taxpayer shall present to the appropriate tax collector the tax credit documentation provided to the taxpayer by the Department of Revenue, and the tax collector shall apply the tax credit against such ad valorem taxes. The tax collector shall forward the tax credit documentation to the Department of Revenue along with the amount of the tax credit applied against ad valorem taxes, and the department shall disburse funds to the tax collector for the amount of the tax credit applied against ad valorem taxes. Such payments by the Department of Revenue shall be made from current tax collections.

(g) The aggregate amount of tax credits that may be allocated by the department under this subsection during a calendar year shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

SECTION 4. (1) (a) For the purposes of this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(i) "Department" means the Department of Revenue.

(ii) "Eligible charitable organization" means an organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and spends at least fifty percent (50%) of its budget on contracting or making other agreements or arrangements with physicians and/or nurse practitioners to provide health care services to low-income residents of this state including those who are mothers and to their households.

"Eligible charitable organization" does not include any entity that provides, pays for or provides coverage of abortions or that financially supports any other entity that provides, pays for or provides coverage of abortions.

(iii) "Low-income residents" means persons whose household income does not exceed one hundred eighty-five percent (185%) of the federal poverty level converted to a modified adjusted gross income equivalent standard.

(iv) "Nurse practitioner" means a nurse practitioner certified under Section 73-15-20, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(v) "Physician" means an individual licensed to practice medicine or osteopathic medicine under Section 73-25-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

(2) (a) (i) The tax credit authorized in this subsection shall be available only to a taxpayer who is a business enterprise engaged in commercial, industrial or professional activities and operating as a corporation, limited liability company, partnership or sole proprietorship. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a credit is allowed against the taxes imposed by Sections 27-7-5, 27-15-103, 27-15-109 and 27-15-123, for voluntary cash contributions made by a taxpayer during the taxable year to an eligible charitable organization. A credit is also allowed against ad valorem taxes assessed and levied on real property for voluntary cash contributions made by the taxpayer during the taxable year to an eligible charitable organization. The amount of credit that may be utilized by a taxpayer in a taxable year shall be limited to an amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total tax liability of the taxpayer for the taxes imposed by such sections of law and an amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total tax liability of the taxpayer for ad valorem taxes assessed and levied on real property. Any tax credit claimed under this subsection but not used in any taxable year may be carried forward for five (5) consecutive years from the close of the tax year in which the credits were earned.

(ii) A contribution to an eligible charitable organization for which a credit is claimed under this subsection does not qualify for and shall not be included in any credit that may be claimed under subsection (3) of this section.

(iii) A contribution for which a credit is claimed under this subsection may not be used as a deduction by the taxpayer for state income tax purposes.

(b) Taxpayers taking a credit authorized by this subsection shall provide the name of the eligible charitable organization and the amount of the contribution to the department on forms provided by the department.

(c) An eligible charitable organization shall provide the department with a written certification that it meets all criteria to be considered an eligible charitable organization. The organization shall also notify the department of any changes that may affect eligibility under this subsection.

(d) The eligible charitable organization's written certification must be signed by an officer of the organization under penalty of perjury. The written certification shall include the following:

(i) Verification of the organization's status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

(ii) A statement that the organization does not provide, pay for or provide coverage of abortions and does not financially support any other entity that provides, pays for or provides coverage of abortions;

(iii) Any other information that the department requires to administer this subsection.

(e) The department shall review each written certification and determine whether the organization meets all the criteria to be considered an eligible charitable organization and notify the organization of its determination. The department may also periodically request recertification from the organization. The department shall compile and make available to the public a list of eligible charitable organizations.

(f) Tax credits authorized by this subsection that are earned by a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation or other similar pass-through entity, shall be allocated among all partners, members or shareholders, respectively, either in proportion to their ownership interest in such entity or as the partners, members or shareholders mutually agree as provided in an executed document.

(g) (i) A taxpayer shall apply for credits with the department on forms prescribed by the department. In the application the taxpayer shall certify to the department the dollar amount of the contributions made or to be made during the calendar year. Within thirty (30) days after the receipt of an application, the department shall allocate credits based on the dollar amount of contributions as certified in the application. However, if the department cannot allocate the full amount of credits certified in the application due to the limit on the aggregate amount of credits that may be awarded under this subsection in a calendar year, the department shall so notify the applicant within thirty (30) days with the amount of credits, if any, that may be allocated to the applicant in the calendar year. Once the department has allocated credits to a taxpayer, if the contribution for which a credit is allocated has not been made as of the date of the allocation, then the contribution must be made not later than sixty (60) days from the date of the allocation. If the contribution is not made within such time period, the allocation shall be cancelled and returned to the department for reallocation. Upon final documentation of the contributions, if the actual dollar amount of the contributions is lower than the amount estimated, the department shall adjust the tax credit allowed under this subsection.

(ii) For the purposes of using a tax credit against ad valorem taxes assessed and levied on real property, a taxpayer shall present to the appropriate tax collector the tax credit documentation provided to the taxpayer by the Department of Revenue, and the tax collector shall apply the tax credit against such ad valorem taxes. The tax collector shall forward the tax credit documentation to the Department of Revenue along with the amount of the tax credit applied against ad valorem taxes, and the department shall disburse funds to the tax collector for the amount of the tax credit applied against ad valorem taxes. Such payments by the Department of Revenue shall be made from current tax collections.

(h) The aggregate amount of tax credits that may be allocated by the department under this subsection during a calendar year shall not exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00).

(3) (a) (i) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a credit is allowed against the taxes imposed by this chapter for voluntary cash contributions by an individual taxpayer during the taxable year to an eligible charitable organization. A credit is also allowed against ad valorem taxes assessed and levied on real property for voluntary cash contributions made by the taxpayer during the taxable year to an eligible charitable organization. The amount of credit that may be utilized by a taxpayer in a taxable year shall be limited to an amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total tax liability of

the taxpayer for the taxes imposed by this chapter and an amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total tax liability of the taxpayer for ad valorem taxes assessed and levied on real property. Any tax credit claimed under this subsection but not used in any taxable year may be carried forward for five (5) consecutive years from the close of the tax year in which the credits were earned.

(ii) A husband and wife who file separate returns for a taxable year in which they could have filed a joint return may each claim only one-half (1/2) of the tax credit that would have been allowed for a joint return.

(iii) A contribution to an eligible charitable organization for which a credit is claimed under this subsection does not qualify for and shall not be included in any credit that may be claimed under subsection (2) of this section.

(iv) A contribution for which a credit is claimed under this subsection may not be used as a deduction by the taxpayer for state income tax purposes.

(b) Taxpayers taking a credit authorized by this subsection shall provide the name of the eligible charitable organization and the amount of the contribution to the department on forms provided by the department.

(c) An eligible charitable organization shall provide the department with a written certification that it meets all criteria to be considered an eligible charitable organization. The organization shall also notify the department of any changes that may affect eligibility under this subsection.

(d) The eligible charitable organization's written certification must be signed by an officer of the organization under penalty of perjury. The written certification shall include the following:

(i) Verification of the organization's status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

(ii) A statement that the organization does not provide, pay for or provide coverage of abortions and does not financially support any other entity that provides, pays for or provides coverage of abortions;

(iii) Any other information that the department requires to administer this subsection.

(e) The department shall review each written certification and determine whether the organization meets all the criteria to be considered an eligible charitable organization and notify the organization of its determination. The department may also periodically request recertification from the organization. The department shall compile and make available to the public a list of eligible charitable organizations.

(f) (i) A taxpayer shall apply for credits with the department on forms prescribed by the department. In the application the taxpayer shall certify to the department the dollar amount of the contributions made or to be made during the calendar year. Within thirty (30) days after the receipt of an application, the department shall allocate credits based on the dollar amount of contributions as certified in the application. However, if the department cannot allocate the full amount of credits certified in the application due to the limit on the aggregate amount of credits that may be awarded under this subsection in a calendar year, the department shall so notify the applicant within thirty (30) days with the amount of credits, if any, that may be allocated to the applicant in the calendar year. Once the department has allocated credits to a taxpayer, if the contribution for which a credit is allocated has not been made as of the date of the allocation, then the contribution must be made not later than sixty (60) days from the date of the allocation. If the contribution is not made within such time period, the allocation shall be cancelled and returned to the department for reallocation. Upon final documentation of the contributions, if the actual dollar amount of the contributions is lower than the amount estimated, the department shall adjust the tax credit allowed under this subsection.

(ii) For the purposes of using a tax credit against ad valorem taxes assessed and levied on real property, a taxpayer shall present to the appropriate tax collector the tax credit documentation provided to the taxpayer by the Department of Revenue, and the tax collector shall apply the tax credit against such ad valorem taxes. The tax collector shall forward the tax credit documentation to the Department of Revenue along with the amount of the tax credit applied against ad valorem taxes, and the department shall disburse funds to the tax collector for the amount of the

tax credit applied against ad valorem taxes. Such payments by the Department of Revenue shall be made from current tax collections.

(g) The aggregate amount of tax credits that may be allocated by the department under this subsection during a calendar year shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

SECTION 5. (1) As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Employment-related expenses" means and has the same definition as such term has in 26 USCS Section 21.

(b) "Qualifying individual" means and has the same definition as such term has in 26 USCS Section 21(b)(1)(A).

(2) Subject to the provisions of this section, any taxpayer allowed to claim a federal income tax credit under 26 USCS Section 21 for employment-related expenses incurred related to one (1) or more qualifying individuals shall be allowed a credit against the taxes imposed under this chapter in the manner prescribed in this section. The amount of the credit shall be equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount of the federal income tax credit lawfully claimed by the taxpayer for such employment-related expenses on the taxpayer's federal income tax return. However, the amount of credit that may be utilized by a taxpayer in a taxable year shall be limited to an amount not to exceed the total tax liability of the taxpayer for the taxes imposed under this chapter. In order to claim the credit provided for in this section, a taxpayer must claim the federal income tax credit on the taxpayer's federal income tax return and have an adjusted gross income for such return of not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00). A taxpayer must provide a copy of such return and any other information required by the department.

SECTION 6. Sections 3, 4, and 5 of this act shall be codified as new sections in Chapter 7, Title 27, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 7. Nothing in this act shall affect or defeat any claim, assessment, appeal, suit, right or cause of action for taxes due or accrued under the income tax laws, insurance premium tax laws or ad valorem tax laws before the date on which this act becomes effective, whether such claims, assessments, appeals, suits or actions have been begun before the date on which this act becomes effective or are begun thereafter; and the provisions of the income tax laws, insurance premium tax laws and ad valorem tax laws are expressly continued in full force, effect and operation for the purpose of the assessment, collection and enrollment of liens for any taxes due or accrued and the execution of any warrant under such laws before the date on which this act becomes effective, and for the imposition of any penalties, forfeitures or claims for failure to comply with such laws.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-7-22.43, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES AN INCOME TAX CREDIT, INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX CREDIT AND AD VALOREM TAX CREDIT FOR CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY CERTAIN TAXPAYERS TO CERTAIN ELIGIBLE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS UNDER THE PREGNANCY RESOURCE ACT, TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "ELIGIBLE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION"; TO REVISE CERTAIN PROVISIONS REGARDING THE AMOUNT OF CREDIT THAT MAY BE UTILIZED BY A TAXPAYER DURING A TAXABLE YEAR AND TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF CREDITS THAT MAY BE ALLOCATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE UNDER THIS SECTION; TO REVISE THE TAXPAYERS ELIGIBLE FOR AN AD VALOREM TAX CREDIT FOR SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 27-7-22.32, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH AUTHORIZES AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE ADOPTION OF A CHILD, TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT AND TO DELETE THE REVERTER ON THE PROVISION OF LAW THAT INCREASES THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF THE TAX CREDIT FROM \$2,500 TO \$5,000 PER CHILD AND THE PROVISION THAT AUTHORIZES AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR A CHILD ADOPTED THROUGH THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION

SERVICES; TO AMEND SECTION 27-7-22.39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH AUTHORIZES INCOME TAX CREDITS FOR VOLUNTARY CASH CONTRIBUTIONS TO QUALIFYING CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS AND QUALIFYING FOSTER CARE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, TO REVISE THE AMOUNT OF CREDIT THAT A TAXPAYER IS ALLOWED TO CLAIM FOR SUCH A VOLUNTARY CASH CONTRIBUTION; TO AUTHORIZE AN INCOME TAX CREDIT, INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX CREDIT AND AD VALOREM TAX CREDIT FOR VOLUNTARY CASH CONTRIBUTIONS BY TAXPAYERS TO ELIGIBLE TRANSITIONAL HOME ORGANIZATIONS; TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF THE TAX CREDIT; TO PROVIDE THAT UNUSED PORTIONS OF A TAX CREDIT MAY BE CARRIED FORWARD FOR FIVE CONSECUTIVE YEARS FROM THE CLOSE OF THE TAX YEAR IN WHICH THE CREDIT WAS EARNED; TO PROVIDE THE CRITERIA THAT AN ELIGIBLE TRANSITIONAL HOME ORGANIZATION MUST MEET IN ORDER FOR A CONTRIBUTION TO THE ORGANIZATION TO QUALIFY FOR A TAX CREDIT AUTHORIZED BY THIS ACT; TO AUTHORIZE AN INCOME TAX CREDIT, INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX CREDIT AND AD VALOREM TAX CREDIT FOR VOLUNTARY CASH CONTRIBUTIONS BY TAXPAYERS TO ELIGIBLE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS; TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF THE TAX CREDIT; TO PROVIDE THAT UNUSED PORTIONS OF A TAX CREDIT MAY BE CARRIED FORWARD FOR FIVE CONSECUTIVE YEARS FROM THE CLOSE OF THE TAX YEAR IN WHICH THE CREDIT WAS EARNED; TO PROVIDE THE CRITERIA THAT AN ELIGIBLE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION MUST MEET IN ORDER FOR A CONTRIBUTION TO THE ORGANIZATION TO QUALIFY FOR A TAX CREDIT AUTHORIZED BY THIS ACT; TO AUTHORIZE AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CERTAIN TAXPAYERS CLAIMING A FEDERAL INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CERTAIN DEPENDENT CARE EXPENSES; TO PROVIDE THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Brent Powell

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk

On request of Rep. Lamar, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following corrections in **H. B. No. 1671**:

Unanimous consent of the House and Senate is requested to make the following changes to House Bill No. 1671:

- On lines 57 through 60 delete:

"eligible to receive funding disbursed by the Choose Life Advisory Committee, Choose Life Mississippi or any successor entity under Section 27-19-56.70, 27-19-56.277 and/or 27-19-56.412"

- On line 63 change "ten percent (10%)" to "twenty percent (20%)"

- On lines 91 through 98 delete:

"However, for credits allocated under this section on or after January 1, 2023, the amount of credit that may be utilized by a taxpayer in a taxable year shall be limited to (i) an amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total tax liability of the taxpayer for the taxes imposed by such sections of law and (ii) an amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total tax liability of the taxpayer for ad valorem taxes assessed and levied on real property."

- On line 186 insert the following before the period:

"; however, credits not allocated before June 1 may be allocated without regard to such restriction for the same calendar year"

- Amend the title on lines 11 through 18 by deleting"

"TO AMEND SECTION 27-7-22.32, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH AUTHORIZES AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE ADOPTION OF A CHILD, TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT AND TO

DELETE THE REVERTER ON THE PROVISION OF LAW THAT INCREASES THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF THE TAX CREDIT FROM \$2,500 TO \$5,000 PER CHILD AND THE PROVISION THAT AUTHORIZES AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR A CHILD ADOPTED THROUGH THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES;"

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.
Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson, Summers, Walker, Watson.
Total-5.

Present--Anderson, J. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1734: Use tax; revise distribution of revenue, provide income tax credit for employer making payments for employee dependent care.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1734: Bonds; authorize for various purposes.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-67-31. All administrative provisions of the sales tax law, and amendments thereto, including those which fix damages, penalties and interest for failure to comply with the provisions of said sales tax law, and all other requirements and duties imposed upon taxpayer, shall apply to all persons liable for use taxes under the provisions of this article. The commissioner shall exercise all power and authority and perform all duties with respect to taxpayers under this article as are provided in said sales tax law, except where there is conflict, then the provisions of this article shall control.

The commissioner may require transportation companies to permit the examination of waybills, freight bills, or other documents covering shipments of tangible personal property into this state.

On or before the fifteenth day of each month, the amount received from taxes, damages and interest under the provisions of this article during the preceding month shall be paid and distributed as follows:

(a) On or before July 15, 1994, through July 15, 2000, and each succeeding month thereafter, two and two hundred sixty-six one-thousandths percent (2.266%) of the total use tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this article shall be deposited in the School Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund created pursuant to Section 37-61-35. On or before August 15, 2000, and each succeeding month thereafter, two and two hundred sixty-six one-thousandths percent (2.266%) of the total use tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter shall be deposited into the School Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund created under Section 37-61-35 until such time that the total amount deposited into the fund during a fiscal year equals Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00). Thereafter, the amounts diverted under this paragraph (a) during the fiscal year in excess of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) shall be deposited into the Education Enhancement Fund created under Section 37-61-33 for appropriation by the Legislature as other education needs and shall not be subject to the percentage appropriation requirements set forth in Section 37-61-33.

(b) On or before July 15, 1994, and each succeeding month thereafter, nine and seventy-three one-thousandths percent (9.073%) of the total use tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this article shall be deposited into the Education Enhancement Fund created pursuant to Section 37-61-33.

(c) On or before July 15, 1997, and on or before the fifteenth day of each succeeding month thereafter, the revenue collected under the provisions of this article imposed and levied as a result of Section 27-65-17(2) and the corresponding levy in Section 27-65-23 on the rental or lease of private carriers of passengers and light carriers of property as defined in Section 27-51-101 shall be deposited into the Motor Vehicle Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund created pursuant to Section 27-51-105.

(d) On or before July 15, 1997, and on or before the fifteenth day of each succeeding month thereafter and after the deposits required by paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section are made, the remaining revenue collected under the provisions of this article imposed and levied as a result of Section 27-65-17(1) and the corresponding levy in Section 27-65-23 on the rental or lease of private carriers of passengers and light carriers of property as defined in Section 27-51-101 shall be deposited into the Motor Vehicle Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund created pursuant to Section 27-51-105.

(e) On or before August 15, 2019, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 2020, three and three-fourths percent (3-3/4%) of the total use tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this article shall be deposited into the special fund created in Section 27-67-35(1). On or before August 15, 2020, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 2021, seven and one-half percent (7-1/2%) of the total use tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this article shall be deposited into the special fund created in Section 27-67-35(1). On or before August 15, 2021, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 2022, eleven and one-fourth percent (11-1/4%) of the total use tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this article shall be deposited into the special fund created in Section 27-67-35(1). On or before August 15, 2022, and each succeeding month thereafter, fifteen percent (15%) of the total use tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this article shall be deposited into the special fund created in Section 27-67-35(1).

(f) On or before August 15, 2019, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 2020, three and three-fourths percent (3-3/4%) of the total use tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this article shall be deposited into the special fund created in Section 27-67-35(2). On or before August 15, 2020, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 2021, seven and one-half percent (7-1/2%) of the total use tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this article shall be deposited into the special fund created in Section 27-67-35(2). On or before August 15, 2021, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 2022, eleven and one-fourth percent (11-1/4%) of the total use tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this article shall be deposited into the special fund created in Section 27-67-35(2). On or before August 15, 2022, and each succeeding month thereafter, fifteen percent (15%) of the total use tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this article shall be deposited into the special fund created in Section 27-67-35(2).

(g) On or before August 15, 2019, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 2020, Four Hundred Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-six Dollars and Sixty-seven Cents (\$416,666.67) or one and one-fourth percent (1-1/4%) of the total use tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this article, whichever is the greater amount, shall be deposited into the Local System Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Fund created in Section 65-37-13. On or before August 15, 2020, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 2021, Eight Hundred Thirty-three Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-three Dollars and Thirty-four Cents (\$833,333.34) or two and one-half percent (2-1/2%) of the total use tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this article, whichever is the greater amount, shall be deposited into the Local System Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Fund created in Section 65-37-13. On or before August 15, 2021, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 2022, One Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,250,000.00) or three and three-fourths percent (3-3/4%) of the total use tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this article, whichever is the greater amount, shall be deposited into the Local System Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Fund created in Section 65-37-13. On or before August 15, 2022, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 2023, One Million Six Hundred Sixty-six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-six Dollars and Sixty-seven Cents (\$1,666,666.67) or five percent (5%) of the total use tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this article, whichever is the greater amount, shall be deposited into the Local System Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Fund created in Section 65-37-13. On or before August 15, 2023, and each succeeding month thereafter, (i) One Million Six Hundred Sixty-six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-six Dollars and Sixty-seven Cents (\$1,666,666.67) or two and one-half percent (2-1/2%) of the total use tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this article, whichever is the greater amount, shall be deposited into the Local System Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Fund created in Section 65-37-13, and (ii) One Million Six Hundred Sixty-six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-six Dollars and Sixty-seven Cents (\$1,666,666.67) or two and one-half percent (2-1/2%) of the total use tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this article, whichever is the greater amount, shall be deposited into the State Aid Road Fund created in Section 65-9-17.

(h) On or before August 15, 2020, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 2022, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) of the total use tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this article shall be deposited into the Local System Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Fund created in Section 65-37-13. Amounts deposited into the Local System Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Fund under this paragraph (h) shall be in addition to amounts deposited into the fund under paragraph (g) of this section.

(i) The remainder of the amount received from taxes, damages and interest under the provisions of this article shall be paid into the General Fund of the State Treasury by the commissioner.

SECTION 2. Section 65-9-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

65-9-17. (1) When any county shall have met the requirements of this chapter and shall have become eligible for state aid, the State Aid Engineer, as soon as practicable, shall notify such county in writing of such eligibility and that its proportionate part of any state funds allocated to it for state aid may be utilized for construction in the manner provided by law, and such notice shall also be given in writing to the Department of Finance and Administration and to the State Treasurer.

(2) State aid funds shall be allocated to each county for use on state aid system roads or roads on the Local System Road Program in accordance with the provisions of Section 27-65-75.

(3) State aid funds may be credited to a county in advance of the normal accrual to finance certain state aid improvements, subject to the approval of the State Aid Engineer and subject further to the following limitations:

(a) That the maximum amount of state aid funds that may be advanced to any county shall not exceed ninety percent (90%) of the state aid funds estimated to accrue to such county during the remainder of the term of office of the board of supervisors of such county.

(b) That no advance credit of funds will be made to any county when the unobligated balance in the State Aid Road Fund is less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

(c) That such advance crediting of funds be effected by the State Aid Engineer at the time of the approval of the plans and specifications for the proposed improvements.

It is the intent of this provision to utilize to the fullest practicable extent the balance of state aid funds on hand at all times.

(4) State aid funds shall be available to such county to the following extent and in the following manner:

(a) On state aid projects, other than those on or off the federal aid secondary system to be partially financed with federal funds, state aid funds credited to such county in the State Aid Road Fund shall be available to cover the cost of such project. Upon the awarding of a contract for such state aid project, the board of supervisors of any county will, by an official order of the board, authorize the State Aid Engineer to set up the project fund for such project from that county's state aid fund in the State Treasury. The amount of the project fund will cover the estimated cost of the project, including the contractor's payments and any other costs authorized under this chapter to be paid from state aid funds. Withdrawals from the project fund will be made by requisitions prepared by the State Aid Engineer, based on estimates and other supporting statements and documents prepared or approved by the county engineer, such requisitions, accompanied by such estimates and statements, to be directed to the Department of Finance and Administration, which will issue warrants in payment thereof. Requisitions may be drawn to cover the final cost of the project accepted by the boards of supervisors of the counties affected and the State Aid Engineer, even though such cost exceeds the aforesaid estimated project fund. Whenever, in the opinion of the State Aid Engineer, it should appear that any such estimate or statement of account has been improperly allowed or that any road construction project is not proceeding in accordance with the plans, specifications and standards set up therefor, then, in such event, due notice in writing shall be given the board of supervisors of such county and the contractor on such project, if any, stating the reason why such account should not have been allowed or why such project is not progressing satisfactorily; and if, within thirty (30) days from the date of such notice in writing, such error or default is not corrected to the satisfaction of the State Aid Engineer, all state aid funds theretofore allocated to such eligible county shall be immediately withdrawn and notice given the Department of Finance and Administration and the State Treasurer that such county has become ineligible therefor. Such county shall remain ineligible until it again becomes eligible by satisfying the State Aid Engineer as to its eligibility.

(b) On state aid projects on the federal aid secondary system which are to be partially financed with federal funds, state aid funds credited to such county in the State Aid Road Fund shall be available to cover the sponsor's share of the cost of such project. At the same time, the State Treasurer, on order from the board of supervisors, shall transfer an amount up to one hundred percent (100%) of such cost from

the credit of such county in the State Aid Road Fund to the credit of such county in the State Highway Fund, earmarked for such project.

(c) State aid road funds credited to a county in the State Aid Road Fund shall also be available to cover the sponsor's cost of any other project of such county which is partially financed with federal funds available through federal "safer off-system" road funds and/or other federal road funds allocated to the counties as provided for in accordance with Section 65-9-29(2). On order from the board of supervisors of such county, the State Treasurer shall transfer an amount up to one hundred percent (100%) of such cost from the credit of such county in the State Aid Road Fund to the credit of such county in the State Highway Fund, earmarked for such project.

(d) Up to one-third (1/3) of state aid road funds credited to a county in the State Aid Road Fund may be available to match federal bridge replacement monies or other federal funds, or both, to construct, replace, inspect or post bridges and to conduct pavement management surveys on county roads which are not on the state aid system. To implement such projects, the State Treasurer shall, as requested in an order from the board of supervisors of the county, make transfers out of the credit of such county in the State Aid Road Fund.

(e) Up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the state aid road funds credited to a county in the State Aid Road Fund may be available for projects authorized under the Local System Road Program. Withdrawals from the fund for the Local System Road Program will be made by requisitions prepared by the State Aid Engineer, based on estimates and other supporting statements and documents prepared or approved by the county engineer; such requisitions, accompanied by such estimates and statements, to be directed to the Department of Finance and Administration, which will issue warrants in payment thereof. Requisitions may be drawn to cover the final cost of the local system road project accepted by the boards of supervisors of the counties affected and the State Aid Engineer even though such cost exceeds the aforesaid estimated project fund. Whenever, in the opinion of the State Aid Engineer, it should appear that any such estimate or statement of account has been improperly allowed or that any road construction project is not proceeding in accordance with the plans, specifications and standards set up therefor, then, in such event, due notice in writing shall be given the board of supervisors of such county and the contractor on such project, if any, stating the reason why such account should not have been allowed or why such project is not progressing satisfactorily; and if, within thirty (30) days from the date of such notice in writing, such error or default is not corrected to the satisfaction of the State Aid Engineer, all state aid funds theretofore allocated to such eligible county shall be immediately withdrawn and notice given the Department of Finance and Administration and the State Treasurer that such county has become ineligible therefor. Such county shall remain ineligible until it again becomes eligible by satisfying the State Aid Engineer as to its eligibility.

(5) The State Treasurer is hereby authorized to continue to receive and deposit all funds from the federal government made available by it, either by existing law or by any law which may be passed hereafter, to the credit of the State Highway Fund, and the Treasurer shall notify the commission of the amounts so received.

All accounts against the above-mentioned funds shall be certified to by the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Transportation, who shall request the Department of Finance and Administration to issue its warrant on the State Treasurer for the amount of the accounts; and the Treasurer shall pay same if sufficient funds are available, all in the manner prescribed herein or as may be required by law.

(6) The board of supervisors of each county is hereby authorized and empowered to pay funds into the State Treasury in the manner above set out, and to use and expend such funds for the purposes set out in this chapter. For the purpose of providing such funds, the board of supervisors is hereby authorized and empowered to use and expend any county road and bridge funds, including revenue received from any gasoline taxes paid to such county, or any funds available in the General Fund, or to issue road and bridge bonds of such county in any lawful amount in the manner and method and subject to the restrictions, limitations and conditions, and payable from the same sources of revenue, now provided by law.

(7) (a) In addition any other provisions of this section, funds deposited into the State Aid Road Fund under Section 27-67-31(g) shall be used under this chapter to prioritize the timely repair and replacement of deficient state aid system bridges. Each county shall be allocated a percentage of such funds as they become available, which percentage shall be based:

(i) One-half (1/2) on the proportion that the total number of state aid system bridges in the county bears to the total number of state aid system bridges in all counties of the state; and

(ii) One-half (1/2) on the proportion that the total square footage of deck area of all state aid system bridges in the county bears to the total square footage of deck area of all state aid system bridges in all counties of the state.

(b) For the purposes of this subsection, (i) the term "deficient bridge" means a bridge with a condition rating of fair or less for its deck, superstructure or substructure, as determined by National Bridge Inspection Standards and that is included on the latest annual bridge inventory prepared by the Office of State Aid Road Construction and (ii) the term "state aid system bridge" means a bridge that is included on the latest annual official bridge inventory prepared by the Office of State Aid Road Construction, excluding bridges on the local bridge system and the rural major collector system.

SECTION 3. Section 19-11-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

19-11-27. No board of supervisors of any county shall expend from, or contract an obligation against, the budget estimates for road and bridge construction, maintenance and equipment, made and published by it during the last year of the term of office of such board, between the first day of October and the first day of the following January, a sum exceeding one-fourth (1/4) of such item of the budget made and published by it, except in cases of emergency. The clerk of any county is prohibited from issuing any warrant contrary to the provisions of this section. No board of supervisors nor any member thereof shall buy any machinery or equipment in the last six (6) months of their or his term unless or until he has been elected at the general election of that year. The provisions of this section shall not apply to (i) projects of any type that receive monies from the Local System Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program, the Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund, the 2018 Transportation and Infrastructure Improvement Fund or the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund and (ii) to expenditures on deficient bridges in the State Aid Road System or the Local System Road Program that have been deemed to be a deficient bridge as defined in Section 65-37-3 or a deficient state aid system bridge as defined in Section 65-9-17(7), as the case may be, or to a contract, lease or lease-purchase contract executed pursuant to the bidding requirements in Section 31-7-13 and approved by a unanimous vote of the board. Such unanimous vote shall include a statement indicating the board's proclamation that the award of the contract is essential to the efficiency and economy of the operation of the county government.

SECTION 4. Section 57-73-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-73-23. (1) A fifty percent (50%) income tax credit shall be granted to any employer providing dependent care for employees during the employee's work hours, and to any employer who provides a child care stipend of at least six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) to a licensed or registered entity providing dependent child care in the State of Mississippi for an employee's children during the employee's work hours.

(2) In order for an employer who provides a child care stipend under this section to be eligible for the tax credit, the employer shall certify to the Department of Revenue:

(a) The names of the employees on whose behalf the stipend is paid; and

(b) The amount of the stipend paid on behalf of each of those employees;

(c) The licensed or registered entity receiving the child care stipend from the employer on behalf of the employee, including the entity's federal identification number and license and registration number; and

(d) Such other information as may be required by the Department of Revenue to ensure that credits under this section are granted only to employers who

provide stipends to a licensed or registered entity providing dependent care in the State of Mississippi for an employee's children during the employee's work hours.

(3) For an employer contracting with a licensed or registered entity to provide dependent care for its employees during the employee's work hours, the credit is applied to the net cost of any contract executed by the employer for another entity to provide dependent care; or, if the employer elects to provide dependent care itself, the credit is applied to expenses of dependent care staff, learning and recreational materials and equipment, and the construction and maintenance of a facility; or, if the employer elects to provide a child care stipend to a licensed or registered entity providing dependent care in the State of Mississippi for the employee's children during the employee's work hours, the credit is applied to the amount of the stipend provided. Additional eligible expenses include net costs assumed by the employer which increase the quality, availability and affordability of dependent care in the community used by employees during the employee's work hours. This cost is net of any reimbursement. A deduction shall not be allowed for any expenses which serve as the basis for an income tax credit. The credits allowed under this section shall not be used by any business enterprise or corporation other than the business enterprise actually qualifying for the credits.

Credit may be carried forward for the five (5) successive years if the amount allowable as credit exceeds income tax liability in a tax year; however, thereafter, if the amount allowable as a credit exceeds the tax liability, the amount of excess shall not be refundable or carried forward to any other taxable year.

The facility must have an average daily enrollment for the taxable year of no less than six (6) children who are twelve (12) years of age or less and be licensed according to the regulations governing licensure of child care facilities in Mississippi; or must serve five (5) or fewer children and/or elderly adults in a family child care/elder care home approved by the Department of Health for participation in the United States Department of Agriculture child and adult nutrition program; or must serve children over twelve (12) years of age but less than eighteen (18) years of age in either a community-based facility or a facility at the employment site; or must serve adult relatives of employees in either a community-based elder care facility or a facility at the employment site; or must serve children or adult dependents having physical, emotional or mental disabilities in either a community-based facility or a facility at the employment site.

Employers will be certified as eligible for the tax credit by the *** State Department of Health for programs serving children twelve (12) years of age or younger and for programs serving elderly adults and by the *** Department of Revenue for programs serving other dependents older than twelve (12) years of age.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-67-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE PORTION OF STATE USE TAX REVENUE DEPOSITED INTO THE LOCAL SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AND REHABILITATION FUND; TO PROVIDE THAT A PORTION OF STATE USE TAX REVENUE SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE STATE AID ROAD FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 65-9-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH MONIES DEPOSITED INTO THE STATE AID ROAD FUND SHALL BE USED TO PRIORITIZE THE TIMELY REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF DEFICIENT STATE AID SYSTEM BRIDGES; TO AMEND SECTION 19-11-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ALLOW COUNTY BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS TO EXPEND MONIES ON CERTAIN DEFICIENT BRIDGES DURING THE LAST TERM OF OFFICE OF SUCH BOARDS; TO AMEND SECTION 57-73-23, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR EMPLOYERS THAT PROVIDE A CHILD CARE STIPEND TO BE USED FOR CHILD CARE DURING EMPLOYEES' WORK HOURS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Steve Massengill

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk

On request of Rep. Lamar, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in **H. B. No. 1734**:

Unanimous Consent for House Bill No. 1734, 2023 Regular Session

AMEND on lines 9 and 355 by inserting after "1972," the following:
as amended by Senate Bill No. 2734, 2023 Regular Session,

FURTHER, AMEND on line 373 by striking "and" and inserting in lieu thereof a semicolon.

FURTHER, AMEND on line 373 by striking "to".

FURTHER, AMEND on line 378 by striking the first comma and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

; (iii) projects funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) as well as any matching funds required under ARPA;

FURTHER, AMEND on line 378 by striking "to" and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
"(iv)"

FURTHER, AMEND on line 378 by inserting at the end of the line, after "lease-purchase contract", the following:
approved by a unanimous vote of the board and

FURTHER, AMEND on line 380 by striking the following:
"and approved by a unanimous vote of the board"

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Carpenter called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2187: Disabled veterans license tags; revise provisions regarding disability rating and persons eligible for.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2187: Disabled veterans motor vehicle license tags; revise certain provisions regarding disability rating.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 27-19-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-53. (1) (a) (i) Any legal resident of the State of Mississippi * * * who is rated as having * * * one hundred percent (100%) permanent service-connected disability or at least seventy percent (70%) nonpermanent service-connected disability by the Veterans' Administration or United States Department of Veterans Affairs is privileged to purchase annually under this subsection two (2) motor vehicle license plates or tags in his or her county of legal residence, for the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) in total cost for each plate or tag, regardless of make or model of motor vehicle. The registration year of such motor vehicle shall commence the first day of the month in which application for registration is made, as provided in Section 27-19-31. In order for a person who is rated as having at least seventy percent (70%) nonpermanent service-connected disability to renew a license plate or tag issued under this section, the person must provide an updated benefits letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs indicating that the person's rating has not been adjusted to less than seventy percent (70%) nonpermanent service-connected disability.

(ii) Any legal resident of the State of Mississippi * * * who is rated as having * * * one hundred percent (100%) permanent service-connected disability or at least seventy percent (70%) nonpermanent service-connected disability by the Veterans' Administration or United States Department of Veterans Affairs is privileged to purchase annually under this subsection one (1) motorcycle license plate or tag in his or her county of legal residence, for the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) in total cost for each plate or tag. The registration year of such motorcycle shall commence the first day of the month in which application for registration is made, as provided in Section 27-19-31. In order for a person who is rated as having at least seventy percent (70%) nonpermanent service-connected disability to renew a license plate or tag issued under this section, the person must provide an updated benefits letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs indicating that the person's rating has not been adjusted to less than seventy percent (70%) nonpermanent service-connected disability.

(b) Not more than two (2) such motor vehicle license plates or tags shall be issued under this subsection to each such qualified * * * person. Not more than one (1) such motorcycle license plate or tag shall be issued under this subsection to each such qualified * * * person.

(c) This section pertains only to taxes or plates for private passenger motor vehicles or pickup trucks or motorcycles.

(d) Proof of ownership of a particular motor vehicle or motorcycle for which a license plate or tag is requested must be shown at time of application for such plate or tag.

(e) Vehicles and motorcycles owned by such * * * person are exempt under this subsection from all ad valorem and privilege taxes; however, the surviving spouse of a deceased person who was issued a license plate or tag under this subsection shall be entitled to apply for or retain a license tag issued under this subsection and may continue annually to renew registration for two (2) motor vehicle license plates or tags and

one (1) motorcycle license plate or tag under this subsection for as long as the spouse remains unmarried. In addition, if a deceased person who was eligible to be issued a license plate or tag under this subsection did not apply for or was not issued a license plate or tag, the surviving spouse of such deceased person shall be entitled to apply for and be issued a license plate or tag under this subsection and may continue annually to renew registration for two (2) motor vehicle license plates or tags and one (1) motorcycle license tag or plate under this subsection for as long as the spouse remains unmarried. At the time of application or renewal registration, a surviving spouse who desires to retain a distinctive plate or tag issued under this subsection shall file with the county tax collector a sworn statement that the spouse is unmarried. Any such vehicle or motorcycle when so registered shall be exempt from all ad valorem and privilege taxes.

(2) Any person who is entitled to obtain license tags under subsection (1) of this section may be issued one (1) additional such license tag for any other vehicle registered in his or her name upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as otherwise prescribed by law for the particular vehicle.

(3) The Department of Revenue is directed to furnish each * * * person obtaining a license tag under this section an emblem, which the * * * person shall attach securely to the tag, showing that the tag was issued to a disabled American veteran.

(4) A license issued under this section shall not be transferable to any other person.

(5) Any person evading or violating any of the provisions of this section, or attempting to secure benefits under this section to which he is not entitled, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned in the county jail for not less than ninety (90) days, or both.

(6) From and after July 1, 2022, the special tag authorized under this section shall bear the name and emblem of each branch of the United States Armed Forces.

SECTION 2. Section 27-19-56.444, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-56.444. (1) Any legal resident of the State of Mississippi who * * * is rated as having service-connected disability by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, but who is not rated as having one hundred percent (100%) permanent service-connected disability or at least seventy percent (70%) nonpermanent service-connected disability by such department, is privileged to obtain annually under this section a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his or her name upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles. The distinctive license tag so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag or plate. The registration year of such motor vehicle shall commence the first day of the month in which application for registration is made, as provided in Section 27-19-31.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. Proof of ownership of a particular motor vehicle for which a license tag is requested must be shown at time of application for such tag.

(3) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag. A license tag issued under this section shall not be transferable to any other person.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-53, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE DISABILITY RATING REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE AND MOTORCYCLE LICENSE PLATES AND TAGS AUTHORIZED FOR DISABLED VETERANS; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.444, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY THERETO; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joseph M. Seymour, Scott DeLano (No Signature), Josh Harkins

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Lester Carpenter

On motion of Rep. Carpenter the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2695: Tourism Project Incentive Program; extend deadline for MDA issuance of certificates approving participants.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2695: Tourism Project Incentive Program; extend deadline for MDA issuance of certificates approving participants.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Lydia Graves Chassaniol, Chad McMahan

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Steve Massengill

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.
Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--6.
Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2696: Income tax credit for qualified adoption expenses; increase amount for Mississippi children and remove CPS requirement.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2696: Income tax credit for qualified adoption expenses; increase amount for Mississippi children and remove CPS requirement.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 27-7-22.32, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:
* * *

27-7-22.32. (1) (a) There shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter the amount of the qualified adoption expenses paid or incurred, * * * not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), for each dependent child residing outside Mississippi but legally adopted by a taxpayer under the laws of this state during calendar year 2023 or during any calendar year thereafter. A taxpayer claiming a credit under this paragraph (a) may not claim a credit under paragraph (b) of this subsection for the adoption of the same child.

(b) There shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter the amount of * * * Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for each dependent child residing in Mississippi and legally adopted by a taxpayer under the laws of this state * * * during calendar year * * * 2023 or during any calendar year thereafter. A taxpayer claiming a credit under this paragraph (b) may not claim a credit under paragraph (a) of this subsection for the adoption of the same child.

(2) The tax credit under this section may be claimed for the taxable year in which the adoption becomes final under the laws of this state. Any tax credit claimed under this section but not used in any taxable year may be carried forward for the five (5) succeeding tax years. A tax credit is allowed under this section for any child for which an exemption is claimed during the same taxable year under Section 27-7-21(e). For the purposes of this section, the term "qualified adoption expenses" means and has the same definition as that term has in * * * 26 USCA 23.

* * *

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-7-22.32, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE TERMS OF THE INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN LEGALLY ADOPTED UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE; TO ALLOW A CREDIT IN THE AMOUNT OF THE QUALIFIED ADOPTION EXPENSES PAID OR INCURRED, NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000.00, FOR EACH DEPENDENT CHILD RESIDING OUTSIDE MISSISSIPPI; TO ALLOW A CREDIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00 FOR EACH DEPENDENT CHILD RESIDING IN MISSISSIPPI; TO REMOVE THE REVERTER EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024, WHICH WOULD LOWER TO \$2,500.00 THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT PER CHILD ADOPTED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Nicole Boyd, David Parker
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Brent Powell

On request of Rep. Lamar, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in **S. B. No. 2696**:

AMEND on line 43 by striking "July" and inserting in lieu thereof "January".

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson, Walker, Watson. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2841: Law enforcement officers & fire fighters death benefits black tag; authorize black version of regular tag.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2841: Law enforcement officers & fire fighters death benefits black tag; authorize black version of regular tag.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 27-19-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-31. (1) The Department of Revenue is authorized and directed to establish and maintain a vehicle registration renewal system whereby the license tag attached upon a motor vehicle or trailer may be issued for five (5) years with the approval of the License Tag Commission, except for motor vehicles registered in excess of ten thousand (10,000) pounds gross vehicle weight, and motor vehicles in a fleet registered under Section 27-19-66, apportioned vehicles, rental and commercial trailers and buses, which shall be issued for a period of time determined by the Department of Revenue. During each intervening year of the period for which license tags are issued, the Department of Revenue shall issue up to two (2) license decals, in lieu of the license tags, the month and year in which the license tag expires shall be specified on one (1) of the decals so issued. Motor vehicles in a corporate fleet registered under Section 27-19-66, trailers in a fleet registered under Section 27-19-66.1, and apportioned vehicles shall not be issued decals specifying the month and year of expiration.

Any series of tags may be cancelled by the commissioner with the approval of the License Tag Commission and a new series of tags issued.

(2) (a) The license decals issued in lieu of the license tags shall indicate the month and the last two (2) figures of the year for which such license shall expire. The license decals shall be attached to the license tag of the motor vehicle or trailer, and when so attached shall be deemed to be the license tag for the ensuing registration year. The month and year decal shall be attached in an upright position in the lower right corner of the license tag. Decals specifying the month and year of expiration shall not be required to be attached to license tags on motor vehicles in a corporate fleet registered under Section 27-19-66, trailers in a fleet registered under Section 27-19-66.1, or apportioned vehicles.

Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the registration year shall be a period of one (1) year commencing on the first day of the month following the month in which the vehicle was acquired. Beginning October 1, 1982, original registrations of motor vehicles, except motor vehicles registered in excess of ten thousand (10,000) pounds gross vehicle weight, apportioned vehicles and buses, may be made and shall be prorated for a period of from six (6) to eleven (11) months according to regulations established by the Department of Revenue to reduce a disproportionate number of registrations for a particular month. Beginning July 1, 1995, original registrations and renewal registrations of motor vehicles in corporate fleets registered under Section 27-19-66, shall be prorated according to regulations established by the Department of Revenue so as to cause the registration of such fleet motor vehicles to coincide with the anniversary month for corporate fleets established by the Department of Revenue. Beginning July 1, 2011, original registrations and renewal registrations of trailers in trailer fleets registered under Section 27-19-66.1 shall be prorated according to regulations established by the Department of Revenue so as to cause the registration of such trailers to coincide with

the anniversary month for trailer fleets established by the Department of Revenue. Where a vehicle is registered for a period less than twelve (12) months, the anniversary month shall be the month of the expiration of the original license tag.

Beginning July 1, 1996, original registrations and renewal registrations of motor vehicles in individual fleets registered under Section 27-19-66 shall be prorated according to regulations established by the Department of Revenue so as to cause the registration of such fleet motor vehicles to coincide with the anniversary month for individual fleets established by the county tax collector. Where a vehicle is registered for a period less than twelve (12) months, the anniversary month shall be the month of the expiration of the original license tag.

The Department of Revenue, with the approval of the License Tag Commission, shall so specify the area or areas on the license tag where the license decals shall be attached. The number of the license tag shall be written across its face, and the number of the tag shall represent the registration number; and upon all the tags for private passenger vehicles the word "MISSISSIPPI" shall be written across the top of the tag in capital letters sufficiently large to be easily read, but upon all other tags such word may be abbreviated. The number of the license tag shall not exceed seven (7) letters, numbers or a combination of such letters and numbers. Also, on all tags sold and issued, an appropriate place will be provided thereon to place license decals indicating the expiration date of the tag. For the purposes of this section and Section 27-19-32, Mississippi Code of 1972, the term "decal," "decals" or "license decal" shall mean a tab, sticker or other similar device attached to a license tag which validates same for a stated period of time. One (1) license tag and up to two (2) license decals shall be furnished for all vehicles and shall be fastened immovably twelve (12) inches or more above the ground, at the rear of the vehicle under or over the rear light, with the number in upright position so that it will be plainly visible and legible at all times, and at night at a distance of sixty (60) feet. In the case of tractors or other motor vehicles drawing or pulling trailers, semitrailers or farm implements, the tag shall be fastened upon such vehicle twelve (12) inches or more above the ground, upon the front or back of such vehicle, with the number in an upright position. Such license plate, all characters and any legally affixed decals shall not be defaced, covered or obstructed from view by any object, decal, sticker, paint, marking or license plate bracket or holder. Any person who defaces, covers or obstructs any portion of a license tag with any sticker, decoration, paint, marking, license plate bracket or holder or any other thing or device, in such a manner that the characters and any legally affixed decals on the tag cannot be read, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not more than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00). However, it shall not be unlawful for the county name to be partially or completely obstructed from view by any object, decal, sticker or license plate bracket or holder. Unless the license tag with current decals is fastened to the vehicle as herein provided, the said vehicle shall be regarded as operating without a license tag, and the owner or operator shall be liable for the penalties herein provided.

In addition to the above requirements, license tags for private passenger vehicles shall have a county designation thereon referencing the name of the county in which such vehicle is registered.

Law enforcement officers of this state shall remove from a motor vehicle or trailer any license tag and/or decals which are so defaced that proper identification cannot be reasonably made. The officer shall issue to the driver of such vehicle a tag permit which shall be valid for a period of five (5) days. Each person receiving such tag permit shall purchase, within five (5) days from the date of the issuance of the permit, a new tag and/or decals for the fee set forth in Section 27-19-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, for a substitute tag.

Any person who has a license tag or decals on a vehicle which may be so defaced that proper identification cannot be reasonably made may remove such and purchase another license tag and/or decals for the same fee required for a substitute tag. If any license tag shall deteriorate due to age so that identification cannot be reasonably made, the owner may surrender such tag to the issuing authority and be issued a new tag and like decals at no cost.

(b) Beginning January 1, 2024, an owner of a private carrier of passengers or motorcycle may choose a tag with a black background and a white pinstripe

border. "Mississippi" shall be printed at the top, and the name of the county shall be printed at the bottom. The application and the additional fee of Thirty-eight Dollars and Twenty-five Cents (\$38.25), less Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be remitted to the Department of Revenue License Tag Acquisition Fund created in Section 27-19-179, shall be remitted to the department on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The remaining Thirty-six Dollars and Twenty-five Cents (\$36.25) of the additional fee shall be deposited to the credit of the Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Death Benefits Trust Fund established in Section 45-2-1. In all other respects, tags issued under this paragraph (b) shall follow the guidelines for tags issued under paragraph (a) of this subsection.

(3) The Department of Revenue is authorized to promulgate appropriate rules and regulations to govern the use and display of license decals and to publish a summary thereof which shall be available to state officials and the public upon request.

SECTION 2. Section 27-19-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-11. (1) On each carrier of property, for each commercial motor vehicle, truck-tractor or road tractor, and on each bus, there is hereby levied an annual highway privilege tax in accordance with the following schedule, except that the gross vehicle weight of buses shall be the gross weight of the vehicle plus one hundred fifty (150) pounds per each regular seat.

RATE OF TAX			
GROSS WEIGHT	COMMON AND	PRIVATE	
PRIVATE	CONTRACT	COMMERCIAL	
OF VEHICLE	CARRIERS	AND	OF
NOT TO EXCEED	CARRIERS OF	AND	OF
IN POUNDS	PROPERTY		
NONCOMMERCIAL	PROPERTY		
CARRIERS OF			
PROPERTY			
0000 - 6000	\$ 7.20	\$ 7.20	\$ 7.20
6001 - 10000	33.60	25.20	16.80
10001 - 16000	78.40	70.70	39.20
16001 - 20000	156.00	129.00	78.00
20001 - 26000	228.00	192.00	114.00
26001 - 30000	300.00	247.00	150.00
30001 - 36000	384.00	318.00	192.00
36001 - 40000	456.00	378.00	228.00
40001 - 42000	504.00	420.00	264.00
42001 - 44000	528.00	444.00	276.00
44001 - 46000	552.00	456.00	282.00
46001 - 48000	588.00	492.00	300.00
48001 - 50000	612.00	507.00	312.00
50001 - 52000	660.00	540.00	336.00
52001 - 54000	684.00	564.00	348.00
54001 - 56000	708.00	588.00	360.00
56001 - 58000	756.00	624.00	384.00
58001 - 60000	780.00	642.00	396.00
60001 - 62000	828.00	828.00	420.00
62001 - 64000	852.00	852.00	432.00
64001 - 66000	900.00	900.00	482.00
66001 - 68000	936.00	936.00	504.00
68001 - 70000	972.00	972.00	516.00
70001 - 72000	996.00	996.00	528.00
72001 - 74000	1,128.00	1,128.00	576.00
74001 - 76000	1,248.00	1,248.00	612.00
76001 - 78000	1,380.00	1,380.00	720.00
78001 - 80000	1,512.00	1,512.00	864.00

80001 - 84000 1,776.00 1,776.00 1,152.00

The purchase of the license tag exceeding 80,000 gross vehicle weight is limited to the transport of products as provided for harvest permits as defined in Section 27-19-81(4). Such license tag shall be a "HP" license tag with weight allowance printed on the cab card only.

In addition to the above levied annual highway privilege tax on vehicles with a gross weight exceeding ten thousand (10,000) pounds, there is levied and shall be collected an additional privilege tax in the amount of One Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$1,875.00) for each current or later year model vehicle based upon a licensed weight of eighty-four thousand (84,000) pounds. This additional privilege tax shall be reduced by the amount of One Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$175.00) for each year of age to a minimum of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and further reduced by the ratio of licensed weight to the maximum weight of eighty-four thousand (84,000) pounds. During the first year only, the privilege tax monies collected under the provisions of this paragraph shall be distributed to the various counties of the state on the basis of the ratio of the last year of annual ad valorem taxes collected by such counties on such vehicles to the total ad valorem taxes collected by all counties on such vehicles in the same year. In all subsequent years, the distribution to the counties shall be made on the basis of the ratio of the number of motor vehicles registered in excess of ten thousand (10,000) pounds, in each taxing district in each county, to the total number of such vehicles registered statewide. The counties shall then distribute these proceeds as they would if these collections were ad valorem taxes.

From the privilege tax monies collected under this section, Three Million Seven Hundred Thirty-two Thousand Four Hundred Three Dollars and Eleven Cents (\$3,732,403.11) shall be earmarked and set aside to be apportioned and paid to the counties of the state in the manner provided by Section 27-19-159, Mississippi Code of 1972. Any excess privilege tax monies collected under this section shall be deposited into the State Highway Fund for the construction, maintenance and reconstruction of highways and roads of the State of Mississippi or the payment of interest and principal on bonds authorized by the 1972 Regular Session of the Legislature for construction and reconstruction of highways.

No privilege license shall be issued for any period of time for less than One Dollar (\$1.00). Any person making application for the license tag under this section is required to sign an affidavit attesting to facts indicating the applicability of this section. Proof of purchase of valid harvest permit for the vehicle must be presented at time of purchase of the license tag.

The annual highway privilege tax imposed on operators engaged exclusively in the transportation of household goods shall be the same as the tax imposed upon private commercial carriers by this section. In determining the amount of privilege taxes due under the provisions of this section, there shall be allowed a maximum tolerance of five hundred (500) pounds on all classes of carriers except carriers of liquefied compressed gases and in the case of carriers of liquefied compressed gases there shall be allowed a maximum tolerance of two thousand (2,000) pounds.

Any owner or operator who operates a motor vehicle on the public highways, with a license tag attached to it which was issued for another or different vehicle, shall be liable for the privilege tax on said vehicle for twelve (12) months plus a penalty thereon of twenty-five percent (25%).

Carriers of property duly registered and licensed in another state and being used to transport farm harvesting machinery or equipment to and from a particular county in this state may, upon adoption of a resolution by the board of supervisors of the county where such machinery or equipment is being exclusively used in harvesting farm crops within the county, be exempt from the taxes herein levied when the resolution is filed with the Department of Revenue. However, the exemption shall not exceed a period of forty (40) days for any annual period without a second resolution of approval by the board of supervisors who shall have the authority to extend the exemption not to exceed an additional period of twenty (20) days during any annual period.

A private commercial carrier of property hauling interstate may purchase a common and contract carrier of property license plate at the prescribed fee to allow the

carrier to lease on a one-way basis per trip without qualifying with the Public Service Commission.

(2) Beginning January 1, 2024, an owner of a carrier of property whose gross vehicle weight does not exceed ten thousand (10,000) pounds may choose a license tag with a black background and a white pinstripe border. "Mississippi" shall be printed at the top, and the name of the county shall be printed at the bottom. The application and the additional fee of Thirty-eight Dollars and Twenty-five Cents (\$38.25), less Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be remitted to the Department of Revenue License Tag Acquisition Fund created in Section 27-19-179, shall be remitted to the department on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The remaining Thirty-six Dollars and Twenty-five Cents (\$36.25) of the additional fee shall be deposited to the credit of the Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Death Benefits Trust Fund established in Section 45-2-1. In all other respects, tags issued under this subsection (2) shall follow the guidelines for tags issued under subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 2024.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT AN OWNER OF A PRIVATE CARRIER OF PASSENGERS OR MOTORCYCLE MAY CHOOSE A REGULAR LICENSE TAG WITH A BLACK BACKGROUND AND A WHITE PINSTRIPE BORDER, WITH "MISSISSIPPI" PRINTED AT THE TOP AND THE NAME OF THE COUNTY PRINTED AT THE BOTTOM; TO PRESCRIBE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE TAG; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ADDITIONAL FEE COLLECTED FROM THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE TAG; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT AN OWNER OF A CARRIER OF PROPERTY WHOSE GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT DOES NOT EXCEED 10,000 POUNDS MAY CHOOSE A LICENSE TAG WITH A BLACK BACKGROUND AND A WHITE PINSTRIPE BORDER, WITH "MISSISSIPPI" PRINTED AT THE TOP AND THE NAME OF THE COUNTY PRINTED AT THE BOTTOM; TO PRESCRIBE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE TAG; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ADDITIONAL FEE COLLECTED FROM THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE TAG; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Scott DeLano, Mike Thompson

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Henry Zuber III

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bell, D, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2842: Use tax; revise provisions regarding special infrastructure assistance funds for municipalities and counties.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2842: Use tax; revise standards for municipality's eligibility to receive monies from special infrastructure assistance fund.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 27-67-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-67-35. (1) (a) There is hereby created a special fund in the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. The fund shall consist of monies deposited therein under Section 27-67-31(e) and monies from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. Monies in the fund shall be expended by the department * * * to provide funds to assist municipalities in this state in paying costs associated with (i) repair, maintenance and/or reconstruction of roads, streets and bridges in municipalities, and/or (ii) repair, maintenance and/or other improvements to water infrastructure and sewer infrastructure * * *, including storm water and drainage improvements. These monies shall not be used for salaries, benefits or any form of compensation for employees, or for contract employees, administrative costs, debt service, personal property or equipment (other than equipment to be permanently installed as part of a road or bridge), or for the construction or maintenance of public buildings or other structures that are not integral to the system of roads and bridges. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

(b) (i) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph (b) and Section 65-21-31, funds provided to municipalities under this subsection (1) shall be allocated and distributed to municipalities as follows:

1. Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) shall be allocated to all municipalities in equal shares, and
2. The remainder of the funds allocated as follows:

a. One-half (1/2) shall be allocated to municipalities based on the proportion that the population of a municipality according to the most recent federal decennial census bears to the total population of all municipalities in the state according to the most recent federal decennial census, and

b. One-half (1/2) shall be allocated to municipalities based on the proportion that the amount of sales tax revenue distributed to a municipality during the preceding fiscal year under Section 27-65-75(1)(a) bears to the

total amount of sales tax revenue distributed to all municipalities during the preceding fiscal year under Section 27-65-75(1)(a). The department * * * shall distribute funds under this subsection (1) on a semiannual basis with distributions being made in the months of January and July.

(ii) In order to be eligible to receive the full amount of funds allocated for distribution to a municipality during a year under this subsection (1), the municipality must have expended an amount not less than the amount of base expenditures during the previous municipal fiscal year for the purposes described in paragraph (a) of this subsection (1). If a municipality fails to expend such required amount, then the amount of funds allocated for distribution to the municipality shall be reduced by the percentage by which the municipality failed to expend the amount of base expenditures. For the purposes of this subsection (1), "base expenditures" means the average annual expenditures made by a municipality for purposes described in paragraph (a) of this subsection (1) for the * * * two-year period beginning October 1, * * * 2020, and ending September 30, * * * 2022. * * * Expenditure of grant proceeds, loan proceeds, or the proceeds of bonds issued by a municipality for the purposes described in paragraph (a) of this subsection (1) shall not be considered when calculating the base period. Beginning July 1, * * * 2023, and each succeeding July 1 thereafter, the amount of the base expenditures shall be adjusted and compounded annually by increasing or decreasing such amount by a percentage amount that is equal to the lesser of one-half percent (0.5%) or to the United States inflation rate for the previous calendar year ending on December 31 as certified by the department * * * and provided to the municipalities thereby within thirty (30) days of such certification. The United States inflation rate for a calendar year shall be the Consumer Price Index for the calendar year for urban consumers as calculated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.

(c) The department * * * and the * * * Office of the State Auditor shall have all powers necessary to ensure the proper implementation of this subsection (1).

(2) (a) There is hereby created a special fund in the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. The fund shall consist of monies deposited therein under Section 27-67-31(f) and monies from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. Monies in the fund shall be expended by the department * * * to provide funds to assist counties in this state in paying costs associated with the repair, maintenance and/or reconstruction of roads, streets and bridges in counties * * *. These funds shall not be used for salaries, benefits or any form of compensation for employees, or for contract employees, administrative costs, debt service, personal property or equipment (other than equipment to be permanently installed as part of a road or bridge), or for the construction or maintenance of public buildings or other structures that are not integral to the system of roads and bridges. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

(b) (i) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph (b) and Section 65-21-31, funds provided to counties under this subsection (2) shall be allocated and distributed to counties in the following proportions:

1. One-third (1/3) shall be allocated to all counties in equal shares,

2. One-third (1/3) shall be allocated to counties based on the proportion that the total number of rural road miles in a county bears to the total number of rural road miles in all counties of the state, and

3. One-third (1/3) shall be allocated to counties based on the proportion that the rural population of a county bears to the total rural population in all counties of the state, according to the latest federal decennial census.

The department * * * shall distribute funds under this subsection (2) on a semiannual basis with distributions being made in the months of January and July. Rural road miles and rural road population in the counties shall be determined in the same manner as they are determined for the purposes of the distribution formula in Section 65-9-3.

(ii) From and after July 1, 2020, of the funds allocated for distribution to a county during a year under this subsection (2), the maximum amount of such funds that may be distributed to the county during that year shall not exceed the amount of county funds expended by the county during the previous county fiscal year for purposes described in paragraph (a) of this subsection (2). Expenditure of the proceeds of bonds issued by a county to pay costs associated with the repair, maintenance and/or reconstruction of roads, streets and bridges shall not be considered when determining the amount of county funds expended by the county during the previous county fiscal year.

(c) The department * * * and the * * * Office of the State Auditor shall have all powers necessary to ensure the proper implementation of this subsection (2).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-67-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATES A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY TO BE USED TO PROVIDE MONIES TO ASSIST MUNICIPALITIES IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ROAD AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS AND WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, TO REQUIRE THAT THESE MONIES NOT BE USED FOR SALARIES, BENEFITS OR ANY FORM OF COMPENSATION FOR EMPLOYEES, OR FOR CONTRACT EMPLOYEES, ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, DEBT SERVICE, PERSONAL PROPERTY OR EQUIPMENT EXCEPT EQUIPMENT PERMANENTLY INSTALLED AS PART OF A ROAD OR BRIDGE, OR FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS OR OTHER STRUCTURES THAT ARE NOT INTEGRAL TO THE SYSTEM OF ROADS AND BRIDGES; TO REVISE THE TIME PERIOD REFERENCED IN THE DEFINITION OF "BASE EXPENDITURES" THAT MUST BE MET BY A MUNICIPALITY IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE FULL AMOUNT OF MONIES ALLOCATED FOR DISTRIBUTION FROM THE SPECIAL FUND; TO PROVIDE THAT THE AMOUNT OF BASE EXPENDITURES SHALL BE ADJUSTED AND COMPOUNDED ANNUALLY BY INCREASING OR DECREASING SUCH AMOUNT BY A PERCENTAGE THAT IS THE LESSER OF 0.5% OR THE UNITED STATES INFLATION RATE FOR THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Chris Johnson, Scott DeLano

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Steve Massengill

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2862: Sales tax; exempt sales of coins, currency and bullion.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2862: Sales tax; provide industrial exemption for tangible personal property first used in another state.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 27-65-111, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-65-111. The exemptions from the provisions of this chapter which are not industrial, agricultural or governmental, or which do not relate to utilities or taxes, or which are not properly classified as one (1) of the exemption classifications of this chapter, shall be confined to persons or property exempted by this section or by the Constitution of the United States or the State of Mississippi. No exemptions as now provided by any other section, except the classified exemption sections of this chapter set forth herein, shall be valid as against the tax herein levied. Any subsequent exemption from the tax levied hereunder, except as indicated above, shall be provided by amendments to this section.

No exemption provided in this section shall apply to taxes levied by Section 27-65-15 or 27-65-21.

The tax levied by this chapter shall not apply to the following:

(a) Sales of tangible personal property and services to hospitals or infirmaries owned and operated by a corporation or association in which no part of the net earnings inures to the benefit of any private shareholder, group or individual, and which are subject to and governed by Sections 41-7-123 through 41-7-127.

Only sales of tangible personal property or services which are ordinary and necessary to the operation of such hospitals and infirmaries are exempted from tax.

(b) Sales of daily or weekly newspapers, and periodicals or publications of scientific, literary or educational organizations exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as it exists as of March 31, 1975, and subscription sales of all magazines.

(c) Sales of coffins, caskets and other materials used in the preparation of human bodies for burial.

(d) Sales of tangible personal property for immediate export to a foreign country.

(e) Sales of tangible personal property to an orphanage, old men's or ladies' home, supported wholly or in part by a religious denomination, fraternal nonprofit organization or other nonprofit organization.

(f) Sales of tangible personal property, labor or services taxable under Sections 27-65-17, 27-65-19 and 27-65-23, to a YMCA, YWCA, a Boys' or Girls' Club owned and operated by a corporation or association in which no part of the net earnings inures to the benefit of any private shareholder, group or individual.

(g) Sales to elementary and secondary grade schools, junior and senior colleges owned and operated by a corporation or association in which no part of the net earnings inures to the benefit of any private shareholder, group or individual, and which are exempt from state income taxation, provided that this exemption does not apply to sales of property or services which are not to be used in the ordinary operation of the school, or which are to be resold to the students or the public.

(h) The gross proceeds of retail sales and the use or consumption in this state of drugs and medicines:

(i) Prescribed for the treatment of a human being by a person authorized to prescribe the medicines, and dispensed or prescription filled by a registered pharmacist in accordance with law; or

(ii) Furnished by a licensed physician, surgeon, dentist or podiatrist to his own patient for treatment of the patient; or

(iii) Furnished by a hospital for treatment of any person pursuant to the order of a licensed physician, surgeon, dentist or podiatrist; or

(iv) Sold to a licensed physician, surgeon, podiatrist, dentist or hospital for the treatment of a human being; or

(v) Sold to this state or any political subdivision or municipal corporation thereof, for use in the treatment of a human being or furnished for the treatment of a human being by a medical facility or clinic maintained by this state or any political subdivision or municipal corporation thereof.

"Medicines," as used in this paragraph (h), shall mean and include any substance or preparation intended for use by external or internal application to the human body in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease and which is commonly recognized as a substance or preparation intended for such use; provided that "medicines" do not include any auditory, prosthetic, ophthalmic or ocular device or appliance, any dentures or parts thereof or any artificial limbs or their replacement parts, articles which are in the nature of splints, bandages, pads, compresses, supports, dressings, instruments, apparatus, contrivances, appliances, devices or other mechanical, electronic, optical or physical equipment or article or the component parts and accessories thereof, or any alcoholic beverage or any other drug or medicine not commonly referred to as a prescription drug.

Notwithstanding the preceding sentence of this paragraph (h), "medicines" as used in this paragraph (h), shall mean and include sutures, whether or not permanently implanted, bone screws, bone pins, pacemakers and other articles permanently implanted in the human body to assist the functioning of any natural organ, artery, vein or limb and which remain or dissolve in the body.

The exemption provided in this paragraph (h) shall not apply to medical cannabis sold in accordance with the provisions of the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act and in compliance with rules and regulations adopted thereunder.

"Hospital," as used in this paragraph (h), shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 41-9-3, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Insulin furnished by a registered pharmacist to a person for treatment of diabetes as directed by a physician shall be deemed to be dispensed on prescription within the meaning of this paragraph (h).

(i) Retail sales of automobiles, trucks and truck-tractors if exported from this state within forty-eight (48) hours and registered and first used in another state.

(j) Sales of tangible personal property or services to the Salvation Army and the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Inc.

(k) From July 1, 1985, through December 31, 1992, retail sales of "alcohol-blended fuel" as such term is defined in Section 75-55-5. The gasoline-alcohol blend or the straight alcohol eligible for this exemption shall not contain alcohol distilled outside the State of Mississippi.

(l) Sales of tangible personal property or services to the Institute for Technology Development.

(m) The gross proceeds of retail sales of food and drink for human consumption made through vending machines serviced by full-line vendors from and not connected with other taxable businesses.

(n) The gross proceeds of sales of motor fuel.

(o) Retail sales of food for human consumption purchased with food stamps issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, or other federal agency, from and after October 1, 1987, or from and after the expiration of any waiver granted pursuant to federal law, the effect of which waiver is to permit the collection by the state of tax on such retail sales of food for human consumption purchased with food stamps.

(p) Sales of cookies for human consumption by the Girl Scouts of America no part of the net earnings from which sales inures to the benefit of any private group or individual.

(q) Gifts or sales of tangible personal property or services to public or private nonprofit museums of art.

(r) Sales of tangible personal property or services to alumni associations of state-supported colleges or universities.

(s) Sales of tangible personal property or services to National Association of Junior Auxiliaries, Inc., and chapters of the National Association of Junior Auxiliaries, Inc.

(t) Sales of tangible personal property or services to domestic violence shelters which qualify for state funding under Sections 93-21-101 through 93-21-113.

(u) Sales of tangible personal property or services to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Mississippi Chapter.

(v) Retail sales of food for human consumption purchased with food instruments issued the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians under the Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC) funded by the United States Department of Agriculture.

(w) Sales of tangible personal property or services to a private company, as defined in Section 57-61-5, which is making such purchases with proceeds of bonds issued under Section 57-61-1 et seq., the Mississippi Business Investment Act.

(x) The gross collections from the operation of self-service, coin-operated car washing equipment and sales of the service of washing motor vehicles with portable high-pressure washing equipment on the premises of the customer.

(y) Sales of tangible personal property or services to the Mississippi Technology Alliance.

(z) Sales of tangible personal property to nonprofit organizations that provide foster care, adoption services and temporary housing for unwed mothers and their children if the organization is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(aa) Sales of tangible personal property to nonprofit organizations that provide residential rehabilitation for persons with alcohol and drug dependencies if the organization is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(bb) (i) Retail sales of an article of clothing or footwear designed to be worn on or about the human body and retail sales of school supplies if the sales price of the article of clothing or footwear or school supply is less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and the sale takes place during a period beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the last Friday in July and ending at 12:00 midnight the following Saturday. This paragraph (bb) shall not apply to:

1. Accessories including jewelry, handbags, luggage, umbrellas, wallets, watches, briefcases, garment bags and similar items carried on or about the human body, without regard to whether worn on the body in a manner characteristic of clothing;

2. The rental of clothing or footwear; and

3. Skis, swim fins, roller blades, skates and similar items worn on the foot.

(ii) For purposes of this paragraph (bb), "school supplies" means items that are commonly used by a student in a course of study. The following is an all-inclusive list:

1. Backpacks;

2. Binder pockets;

3. Binders;

4. Blackboard chalk;

5. Book bags;
6. Calculators;
7. Cellophane tape;
8. Clays and glazes;
9. Compasses;
10. Composition books;
11. Crayons;
12. Dictionaries and thesauruses;
13. Dividers;
14. Erasers;
15. Folders: expandable, pocket, plastic and manila;
16. Glue, paste and paste sticks;
17. Highlighters;
18. Index card boxes;
19. Index cards;
20. Legal pads;
21. Lunch boxes;
22. Markers;
23. Notebooks;
24. Paintbrushes for artwork;
25. Paints: acrylic, tempera and oil;
26. Paper: loose-leaf ruled notebook paper, copy paper, graph paper, tracing paper, manila paper, colored paper, poster board and construction paper;
27. Pencil boxes and other school supply boxes;
28. Pencil sharpeners;
29. Pencils;
30. Pens;
31. Protractors;
32. Reference books;
33. Reference maps and globes;
34. Rulers;
35. Scissors;
36. Sheet music;
37. Sketch and drawing pads;
38. Textbooks;
39. Watercolors;
40. Workbooks; and
41. Writing tablets.

(iii) From and after January 1, 2010, the governing authorities of a municipality, for retail sales occurring within the corporate limits of the municipality, may suspend the application of the exemption provided for in this paragraph (bb) by adoption of a resolution to that effect stating the date upon which the suspension shall take effect. A certified copy of the resolution shall be furnished to the Department of Revenue at least ninety (90) days prior to the date upon which the municipality desires such suspension to take effect.

(cc) The gross proceeds of sales of tangible personal property made for the sole purpose of raising funds for a school or an organization affiliated with a school.

As used in this paragraph (cc), "school" means any public or private school that teaches courses of instruction to students in any grade from kindergarten through Grade 12.

(dd) Sales of durable medical equipment and home medical supplies when ordered or prescribed by a licensed physician for medical purposes of a patient. As used in this paragraph (dd), "durable medical equipment" and "home medical supplies" mean equipment, including repair and replacement parts for the equipment or supplies listed under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act or under the state plan for medical assistance under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, prosthetics, orthotics, hearing aids, hearing devices, prescription eyeglasses, oxygen and oxygen equipment. Payment does

not have to be made, in whole or in part, by any particular person to be eligible for this exemption. Purchases of home medical equipment and supplies by a provider of home health services or a provider of hospice services are eligible for this exemption if the purchases otherwise meet the requirements of this paragraph.

(ee) Sales of tangible personal property or services to Mississippi Blood Services.

(ff) (i) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph (ff), retail sales of firearms, ammunition and hunting supplies if sold during the annual Mississippi Second Amendment Weekend holiday beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the last Friday in August and ending at 12:00 midnight the following Sunday. For the purposes of this paragraph (ff), "hunting supplies" means tangible personal property used for hunting, including, and limited to, archery equipment, firearm and archery cases, firearm and archery accessories, hearing protection, holsters, belts and slings. Hunting supplies does not include animals used for hunting.

(ii) This paragraph (ff) shall apply only if one or more of the following occur:

1. Title to and/or possession of an eligible item is transferred from a seller to a purchaser; and/or

2. A purchaser orders and pays for an eligible item and the seller accepts the order for immediate shipment, even if delivery is made after the time period provided in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (ff), provided that the purchaser has not requested or caused the delay in shipment.

(gg) Sales of nonperishable food items to charitable organizations that are exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and operate a food bank or food pantry or food lines.

(hh) Sales of tangible personal property or services to the United Way of the Pine Belt Region, Inc.

(ii) Sales of tangible personal property or services to the Mississippi Children's Museum or any subsidiary or affiliate thereof operating a satellite or branch museum within this state.

(jj) Sales of tangible personal property or services to the Jackson Zoological Park.

(kk) Sales of tangible personal property or services to the Hattiesburg Zoo.

(ll) Gross proceeds from sales of food, merchandise or other concessions at an event held solely for religious or charitable purposes at livestock facilities, agriculture facilities or other facilities constructed, renovated or expanded with funds for the grant program authorized under Section 18, Chapter 530, Laws of 1995.

(mm) Sales of tangible personal property and services to the Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi and the Mississippi Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

(nn) Sales of potting soil, mulch, or other soil amendments used in growing ornamental plants which bear no fruit of commercial value when sold to commercial plant nurseries that operate exclusively at wholesale and where no retail sales can be made.

(oo) Sales of tangible personal property or services to the University of Mississippi Medical Center Research Development Foundation.

(pp) Sales of tangible personal property or services to Keep Mississippi Beautiful, Inc., and all affiliates of Keep Mississippi Beautiful, Inc.

(qq) Sales of tangible personal property or services to the Friends of Children's Hospital.

(rr) Sales of tangible personal property or services to the Pinecrest Weekend Snackpaks for Kids located in Corinth, Mississippi.

(ss) Sales of hearing aids when ordered or prescribed by a licensed physician, audiologist or hearing aid specialist for the medical purposes of a patient.

(tt) Sales exempt under the Facilitating Business Rapid Response to State Declared Disasters Act of 2015 (Sections 27-113-1 through 27-113-9).

(uu) Sales of tangible personal property or services to the Junior League of Jackson.

(vv) Sales of tangible personal property or services to the Mississippi's Toughest Kids Foundation for use in the construction, furnishing and equipping of buildings and related facilities and infrastructure at Camp Kamassa in Copiah County, Mississippi. This paragraph (vv) shall stand repealed on July 1, 2025.

(ww) Sales of tangible personal property or services to MS Gulf Coast Buddy Sports, Inc.

(xx) Sales of tangible personal property or services to Biloxi Lions, Inc.

(yy) Sales of tangible personal property or services to Lions Sight Foundation of Mississippi, Inc.

(zz) Sales of tangible personal property and services to the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life (ISJL).

(aaa) Sales of coins, currency, and bullion. For the purposes of this paragraph (aaa), the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this paragraph (aaa) unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(i) "Bullion" means a bar, ingot, or coin:

1. Manufactured, in whole or in part, of gold, silver, platinum, or palladium;

2. That was or is used solely as a medium of exchange, security, or commodity by any state, the United States Government, or a foreign nation; and

3. Sold based on the intrinsic value of the bar, ingot, or coin as a precious metal or collectible item rather than its form or representative value as a medium of exchange.

(ii) "Coin or currency" means a coin or currency:

1. Manufactured, in whole or in part, of gold, silver, other metal, or paper;

2. That was or is used solely as a medium of exchange, security, or commodity by any state, the United States Government, or a foreign nation; and

3. Sold based on the intrinsic value of the coin or currency as a precious metal or collectible item rather than its form or representative value as a medium of exchange.

"Coin or currency" does not include a coin or currency that has been incorporated into jewelry.

SECTION 2. Nothing in this act shall affect or defeat any claim, assessment, appeal, suit, right or cause of action for taxes due or accrued under the sales tax laws before the date on which this act becomes effective, whether such claims, assessments, appeals, suits or actions have been begun before the date on which this act becomes effective or are begun thereafter; and the provisions of the sales tax laws are expressly continued in full force, effect and operation for the purpose of the assessment, collection and enrollment of liens for any taxes due or accrued and the execution of any warrant under such laws before the date on which this act becomes effective, and for the imposition of any penalties, forfeitures or claims for failure to comply with such laws.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-65-111, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXEMPT FROM SALES TAXATION SALES OF COINS, CURRENCY AND BULLION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Chris Johnson, Juan Barnett

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Steve Massengill

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total-115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, B, Huddleston, Reynolds, Robinson, Summers, Walker. Total-6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Roberson called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2887: State Treasurer; modify certain provisions concerning the deposit and investment of excess state funds.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2887: State Treasurer; modify certain provisions concerning the deposit and investment of excess state funds.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 27-105-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-105-33. It shall be the duty of the State Treasurer and the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration on or about the tenth day of each month, and in their discretion at any other time, to analyze carefully the amount of cash in the General Fund of the state and in all special funds credited to any special purpose designated by the State Legislature or held to meet the budgets or appropriations for maintenance, improvements and services of the several institutions, boards, departments, commissions, agencies, persons or entities of the state, and to determine in their opinion when the cash in such funds is in excess of the amount required to meet the current needs and demands of no more than seven (7) business days on such funds and report their findings to the Governor. It shall be the duty of the State Treasurer to provide a cash flow model for forecasting revenues and expenditures on a bimonthly basis and providing technical assistance for its operation. The Department of Finance and Administration

shall use the cash flow model furnished by the State Treasurer, in analyzing the amount of funds on deposit and available for investment.

The State Treasurer is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to invest all such excess general and special funds of the state in the following manner:

(a) Funds shall be allocated equally among all qualified state depositories which do not have demand accounts in excess of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) until each qualified depository willing to accept the same shall have on deposit or in security repurchase agreements or in other securities authorized in paragraph (d) of this section at interest the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00). For the purposes of this subsection, no branch bank or branch office shall be counted as a separate depository.

(b) The balance, if any, of such excess general and special funds shall be offered to qualified depositories of the state on a pro rata basis as provided in Section 27-105-9. For the purposes of this subsection, the pro rata share of each depository shall be reduced by the amount of the average daily collected earning balance of demand deposits maintained by the State Treasurer pursuant to Section 27-105-9 during the preceding calendar year, and such reduction shall be allocated pro rata among other eligible depositories.

(c) Funds offered pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b) above shall be invested for periods of up to one (1) year, and shall bear interest at an interest rate no less than that numerically equal to the bond equivalent yield on direct obligations of the United States Treasury of comparable maturity, as determined by the State Treasurer. In determining such rate, the State Treasurer shall consider the Legislature's desire to distribute funds equitably throughout the state to the maximum extent possible.

(d) To the extent that the State Treasurer shall find that general and special funds cannot be invested pursuant to paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this section for the stated maturity up to one (1) year, the Treasurer may invest such funds, together with any other funds required for current operation, as determined pursuant to this section, in the following:

(i) Time certificates of deposit or interest-bearing accounts with qualified state depositories. For those funds determined under prudent judgment of the State Treasurer to be made available for investment in time certificates of deposit, the rate of interest paid by the depositories shall be determined by rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the State Treasurer which may include competitive bids. At the time of investment, the interest rate on such certificates of deposit under the provisions of this subparagraph shall be a rate not less than the bond equivalent yield on direct obligations of the United States Treasury with a similar length of maturity.

(ii) Direct United States Treasury obligations, the principal and interest of which are fully guaranteed by the government of the United States.

(iii) United States government agency, United States government instrumentality or United States government-sponsored enterprise obligations, the principal and interest of which are fully guaranteed by the government of the United States, such as the Government National Mortgage Association; or United States governmental agency, United States government instrumentality or United States government-sponsored enterprise obligations, the principal and interest of which are guaranteed by any United States government agency, United States government instrumentality or United States government-sponsored enterprise contained in a list promulgated by the State Treasurer.

(iv) Direct security repurchase agreements and reverse direct security repurchase agreements of any federal book entry of only those securities enumerated in subparagraphs (ii) and (iii) above. "Direct security repurchase agreement" means an agreement under which the state buys, holds for a specified time, and then sells back those securities and obligations enumerated in subparagraphs (ii) and (iii) above. "Reverse direct securities repurchase agreement" means an agreement under which the state sells and after a specified time buys back any of the securities and obligations enumerated in subparagraphs (ii) and (iii) above. * * * A qualified state depository shall be given preference for such agreements when possible.

(v) Bonds issued, assumed or guaranteed by the Country of Israel, provided that:

1. Investments in such instruments shall be denominated in United States currency;

2. Such bonds must be of investment grade as rated by at least one (1) nationally recognized statistical rating agency; and

3. The amount of funds invested in such bonds at any time shall not exceed Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00).

(vi) Corporate bonds and taxable municipal bonds; or corporate short-term obligations of corporations or of wholly owned subsidiaries of corporations, whose short-term obligations are rated A-1 or better by Standard and Poor's, rated P-1 or better by Moody's Investment Service, F-1 or better by Fitch Ratings, Ltd., or the equivalent of these ratings if assigned by another United States Securities and Exchange Commission designated Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization.

(e) For the purposes of this section, direct obligations issued by the United States of America shall be deemed to include securities of, or other interests in, any open-end or closed-end management type investment company or investment trust registered under the provisions of 15 USCS Section 80(a)-1 et seq., provided that the portfolio of such investment company or investment trust is limited to direct obligations issued by the United States of America, United States government agencies, United States government instrumentalities or United States government-sponsored enterprises, and to repurchase agreements fully collateralized by direct obligations of the United States of America, United States government agencies, United States government instrumentalities or United States government-sponsored enterprises, and the investment company or investment trust takes delivery of such collateral for the repurchase agreement, either directly or through an authorized custodian. The State Treasurer and the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration shall review and approve the investment companies and investment trusts in which funds invested under paragraph (d) of this section may be invested. The total dollar amount of funds invested in all open-end and closed-end management type investment companies and investment trusts at any one time shall not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the total dollar amount of funds invested under paragraph (d) of this section.

(f) Investments authorized by subparagraphs (ii) and (iii) of paragraph (d) shall mature on such date or dates as determined by the State Treasurer in the exercise of prudent judgment to generate a favorable return to the state and will allow the monies to be available for use at such time as the monies will be needed for state purposes. However, the maturity of securities purchased as enumerated in subparagraphs (ii) and (iii) shall not exceed ten (10) years from date of purchase. Special funds shall be considered those funds created constitutionally, statutorily or administratively which are not considered general funds. All funds invested for a period of thirty (30) days or longer under paragraph (d) shall bear a rate at least equal to the current established rate under paragraph (c) of this section.

(g) Any interest-bearing deposits or certificates of deposit shall not exceed at any time the amount insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in any one (1) banking institution, the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation in any one (1) savings and loan association, or other deposit insurance corporation approved by the State Treasurer, unless the uninsured portion is collateralized by the pledge of securities in the manner provided by Section 27-105-5.

(h) Unless otherwise provided, income from investments authorized by the provisions of this subsection shall be credited to the State General Fund.

(i) Not more than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) of funds may be invested with foreign financial institutions, and the State Treasurer may enter into price contracts for the purchase or exchange of foreign currency or other arrangements for currency exchange in an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) upon specific direction of the Department of Economic and Community Development. The State Treasurer shall promulgate all rules and regulations for applications, qualifications and any other necessary matters for foreign financial institutions.

Any liquidating agent of a depository in liquidation, voluntary or involuntary, shall redeem from the state any bonds and securities which have been pledged to secure state funds and such redemption shall be at the par value or market value thereof,

whichever is greater; otherwise, The liquidating agent or receiver may pay off the state in full for its deposits and retrieve the pledged securities without regard to par or market value.

The State Treasurer and the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration shall make monthly reports to the Legislative Budget Office containing a full and complete statement of all funds invested by virtue of the provisions of this section and the revenues derived therefrom and the expenses incurred therewith, together with all such other information as may seem to each of them as being pertinent to inform fully the Mississippi Legislature with reference thereto.

The State Treasurer shall not deposit any funds on demand deposit with any authorized depository, unless such depository has contracted for interest-bearing accounts or time certificates of deposit.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, any financial institution not meeting the prescribed ratio requirement set forth in Section 27-105-5 whose accounts are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or any successor to that insurance corporation, may receive state funds in an amount not exceeding the amount which is insured by such insurance corporations and may qualify as a state depository to the extent of such insurance for this purpose only. The paid-in and earned capital funds of such financial institution shall not be included in the computations specified in Section 27-105-9(a) and (b).

SECTION 2. Section 27-104-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 249, 2023 Regular Session, and House Bill No. 540, 2023 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

27-104-7. (1) (a) There is created the Public Procurement Review Board, which shall be reconstituted on January 1, 2018, and shall be composed of the following members:

(i) Three (3) individuals appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate;

(ii) Two (2) individuals appointed by the Lieutenant Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate; and

(iii) The Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, serving as an ex officio and nonvoting member.

(b) The initial terms of each appointee shall be as follows:

(i) One (1) member appointed by the Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2019;

(ii) One (1) member appointed by the Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2020;

(iii) One (1) member appointed by the Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2021;

(iv) One (1) member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2019; and

(v) One (1) member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2020.

After the expiration of the initial terms, all appointed members' terms shall be for a period of four (4) years from the expiration date of the previous term, and until such time as the member's successor is duly appointed and qualified.

(c) When appointing members to the Public Procurement Review Board, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall take into consideration persons who possess at least five (5) years of management experience in general business, health care or finance for an organization, corporation or other public or private entity. Any person, or any employee or owner of a company, who receives any grants, procurements or contracts that are subject to approval under this section shall not be appointed to the Public Procurement Review Board. Any person, or any employee or owner of a company, who is a principal of the source providing a personal or professional service shall not be appointed to the Public Procurement Review Board if the principal owns or controls a greater than five percent (5%) interest or has an ownership value of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in the source's business, whichever is smaller. No member shall be an officer or employee of the State of Mississippi while serving as a voting member on the Public Procurement Review Board.

(d) Members of the Public Procurement Review Board shall be entitled to per diem as authorized by Section 25-3-69 and travel reimbursement as authorized by Section 25-3-41.

(e) The members of the Public Procurement Review Board shall elect a chair from among the membership, and he or she shall preside over the meetings of the board. The board shall annually elect a vice chair, who shall serve in the absence of the chair. No business shall be transacted, including adoption of rules of procedure, without the presence of a quorum of the board. Three (3) members shall be a quorum. No action shall be valid unless approved by a majority of the members present and voting, entered upon the minutes of the board and signed by the chair. Necessary clerical and administrative support for the board shall be provided by the Department of Finance and Administration. Minutes shall be kept of the proceedings of each meeting, copies of which shall be filed on a monthly basis with the chairs of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairs of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives.

(2) The Public Procurement Review Board shall have the following powers and responsibilities:

(a) Approve all purchasing regulations governing the purchase or lease by any agency, as defined in Section 31-7-1, of commodities and equipment, except computer equipment acquired pursuant to Sections 25-53-1 through 25-53-29;

(b) Adopt regulations governing the approval of contracts let for the construction and maintenance of state buildings and other state facilities as well as related contracts for architectural and engineering services.

The provisions of this paragraph (b) shall not apply to such contracts involving buildings and other facilities of state institutions of higher learning which are self-administered as provided under this paragraph (b) or Section 37-101-15(m);

(c) Adopt regulations governing any lease or rental agreement by any state agency or department, including any state agency financed entirely by federal funds, for space outside the buildings under the jurisdiction of the Department of Finance and Administration. These regulations shall require each agency requesting to lease such space to provide the following information that shall be published by the Department of Finance and Administration on its website: the agency to lease the space; the terms of the lease; the approximate square feet to be leased; the use for the space; a description of a suitable space; the general location desired for the leased space; the contact information for a person from the agency; the deadline date for the agency to have received a lease proposal; any other specific terms or conditions of the agency; and any other information deemed appropriate by the Division of Real Property Management of the Department of Finance and Administration or the Public Procurement Review Board. The information shall be provided sufficiently in advance of the time the space is needed to allow the Division of Real Property Management of the Department of Finance and Administration to review and preapprove the lease before the time for advertisement begins;

(d) Adopt, in its discretion, regulations to set aside at least five percent (5%) of anticipated annual expenditures for the purchase of commodities from minority businesses; however, all such set-aside purchases shall comply with all purchasing regulations promulgated by the department and shall be subject to all bid requirements. Set-aside purchases for which competitive bids are required shall be made from the lowest and best minority business bidder; however, if no minority bid is available or if the minority bid is more than two percent (2%) higher than the lowest bid, then bids shall be accepted and awarded to the lowest and best bidder. However, the provisions in this paragraph shall not be construed to prohibit the rejection of a bid when only one (1) bid is received. Such rejection shall be placed in the minutes. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "minority business" means a business which is owned by a person who is a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States and who is:

(i) Black: having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa;

(ii) Hispanic: of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish or Portuguese culture or origin regardless of race;

(iii) Asian-American: having origins in any of the original people of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands;

(iv) American Indian or Alaskan Native: having origins in any of the original people of North America; or

(v) Female;

(e) In consultation with and approval by the Chairs of the Senate and House Public Property Committees, approve leases, for a term not to exceed eighteen (18) months, entered into by state agencies for the purpose of providing parking arrangements for state employees who work in the Woolfolk Building, the Carroll Gartin Justice Building or the Walter Sillers Office Building;

(f) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (xv) of this paragraph, promulgate rules and regulations governing the solicitation and selection of contractual services personnel, including personal and professional services contracts for any form of consulting, policy analysis, public relations, marketing, public affairs, legislative advocacy services or any other contract that the board deems appropriate for oversight, with the exception of:

(i) Any personal service contracts entered into by any agency that employs only nonstate service employees as defined in Section 25-9-107(c);

(ii) Any personal service contracts entered into for computer or information technology-related services governed by the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services;

(iii) Any personal service contracts entered into by the individual state institutions of higher learning;

(iv) Any personal service contracts entered into by the Mississippi Department of Transportation;

(v) Any personal service contracts entered into by the Department of Human Services through June 30, 2019, which the Executive Director of the Department of Human Services determines would be useful in establishing and operating the Department of Child Protection Services;

(vi) Any personal service contracts entered into by the Department of Child Protection Services through June 30, 2019;

(vii) Any contracts for entertainers and/or performers at the Mississippi State Fairgrounds entered into by the Mississippi Fair Commission;

(viii) Any contracts entered into by the Department of Finance and Administration when procuring aircraft maintenance, parts, equipment and/or services;

(ix) Any contract entered into by the Department of Public Safety for service on specialized equipment and/or software required for the operation at such specialized equipment for use by the Office of Forensics Laboratories;

(x) Any personal or professional service contract entered into by the Mississippi Department of Health or the Department of Revenue solely in connection with their respective responsibilities under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act from February 2, 2022, through June 30, 2026;

(xi) Any contract for attorney, accountant, actuary auditor, architect, engineer, anatomical pathologist, or utility rate expert services;

(xii) Any personal service contracts approved by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration and entered into by the Coordinator of Mental Health Accessibility through June 30, 2022;

(xiii) Any personal or professional services contract entered into by the State Department of Health in carrying out its responsibilities under the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program through June 30, 2026;

(xiv) Any personal or professional services contract entered into by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality in carrying out its responsibilities under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022, through June 30, 2026.

Any such rules and regulations shall provide for maintaining continuous internal audit covering the activities of such agency affecting its revenue and expenditures as required under Section 7-7-3(6)(d). Any rules and regulation changes related to personal and professional services contracts that the Public Procurement Review Board may

propose shall be submitted to the Chairs of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the Chairs of the Appropriation Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives at least fifteen (15) days before the board votes on the proposed changes, and those rules and regulation changes, if adopted, shall be promulgated in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Act; and

(xv) From and after July 1, 2024, the Public Procurement Review Board shall promulgate rules and regulations that require the Department of Finance and Administration to conduct personal and professional services solicitations as provided in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph for those services in excess of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) for the Department of Marine Resources, the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency and the Mississippi Development Authority, with assistance to be provided from these entities. Any powers that have been conferred upon agencies in order to comply with the provisions of this section for personal and professional services solicitations shall be conferred upon the Department of Finance and Administration to conduct personal and professional services solicitations for the Department of Marine Resources, the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency and the Mississippi Development Authority for those services in excess of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00). The Department of Finance and Administration shall make any submissions that are required to be made by other agencies to the Public Procurement Review Board for the Department of Marine Resources, the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency and the Mississippi Development Authority.

The provisions of this subparagraph (xv) shall stand repealed on June 30, 2027.

(g) Approve all personal and professional services contracts involving the expenditures of funds in excess of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), except as provided in paragraph (f) of this subsection (2) and in subsection (8);

(h) Develop mandatory standards with respect to contractual services personnel that require invitations for public bid, requests for proposals, record keeping and financial responsibility of contractors. The Public Procurement Review Board shall, unless exempted under this paragraph (h) or under paragraph (i) or (o) of this subsection (2), require the agency involved to submit the procurement to a competitive procurement process, and may reserve the right to reject any or all resulting procurements;

(i) Prescribe certain circumstances by which agency heads may enter into contracts for personal and professional services without receiving prior approval from the Public Procurement Review Board. The Public Procurement Review Board may establish a preapproved list of providers of various personal and professional services for set prices with which state agencies may contract without bidding or prior approval from the board;

(i) Agency requirements may be fulfilled by procuring services performed incident to the state's own programs. The agency head shall determine in writing whether the price represents a fair market value for the services. When the procurements are made from other governmental entities, the private sector need not be solicited; however, these contracts shall still be submitted for approval to the Public Procurement Review Board.

(ii) Contracts between two (2) state agencies, both under Public Procurement Review Board purview, shall not require Public Procurement Review Board approval. However, the contracts shall still be entered into the enterprise resource planning system;

(j) Provide standards for the issuance of requests for proposals, the evaluation of proposals received, consideration of costs and quality of services proposed, contract negotiations, the administrative monitoring of contract performance by the agency and successful steps in terminating a contract;

(k) Present recommendations for governmental privatization and to evaluate privatization proposals submitted by any state agency;

(l) Authorize personal and professional service contracts to be effective for more than one (1) year provided a funding condition is included in any such multiple year contract, except the State Board of Education, which shall have the authority to enter into contractual agreements for student assessment for a period up to ten (10) years. The State Board of Education shall procure these services in accordance with the Public Procurement Review Board procurement regulations;

(m) Request the State Auditor to conduct a performance audit on any personal or professional service contract;

(n) Prepare an annual report to the Legislature concerning the issuance of personal and professional services contracts during the previous year, collecting any necessary information from state agencies in making such report;

(o) Develop and implement the following standards and procedures for the approval of any sole source contract for personal and professional services regardless of the value of the procurement:

(i) For the purposes of this paragraph (o), the term "sole source" means only one (1) source is available that can provide the required personal or professional service.

(ii) An agency that has been issued a binding, valid court order mandating that a particular source or provider must be used for the required service must include a copy of the applicable court order in all future sole source contract reviews for the particular personal or professional service referenced in the court order.

(iii) Any agency alleging to have a sole source for any personal or professional service, other than those exempted under paragraph (f) of this subsection (2) and subsection (8), shall publish on the procurement portal website established by Sections 25-53-151 and 27-104-165, for at least fourteen (14) days, the terms of the proposed contract for those services. In addition, the publication shall include, but is not limited to, the following information:

1. The personal or professional service offered in the contract;

2. An explanation of why the personal or professional service is the only one that can meet the needs of the agency;

3. An explanation of why the source is the only person or entity that can provide the required personal or professional service;

4. An explanation of why the amount to be expended for the personal or professional service is reasonable; and

5. The efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the personal or professional service.

(iv) If any person or entity objects and proposes that the personal or professional service published under subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph (o) is not a sole source service and can be provided by another person or entity, then the objecting person or entity shall notify the Public Procurement Review Board and the agency that published the proposed sole source contract with a detailed explanation of why the personal or professional service is not a sole source service.

(v) 1. If the agency determines after review that the personal or professional service in the proposed sole source contract can be provided by another person or entity, then the agency must withdraw the sole source contract publication from the procurement portal website and submit the procurement of the personal or professional service to an advertised competitive bid or selection process.

2. If the agency determines after review that there is only one (1) source for the required personal or professional service, then the agency may appeal to the Public Procurement Review Board. The agency has the burden of proving that the personal or professional service is only provided by one (1) source.

3. If the Public Procurement Review Board has any reasonable doubt as to whether the personal or professional service can only be provided by one (1) source, then the agency must submit the procurement of the personal or professional service to an advertised competitive bid or selection process. No action taken by the Public Procurement Review Board in this appeal process shall be valid unless approved by a majority of the members of the Public Procurement Review Board present and voting.

(vi) The Public Procurement Review Board shall prepare and submit a quarterly report to the House of Representatives and Senate Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees that details the sole source contracts presented to the Public Procurement Review Board and the reasons that the Public Procurement Review Board approved or rejected each contract. These quarterly reports shall also include the documentation and memoranda required in subsection (4) of this section. An agency that submitted a sole source contract shall be prepared to explain the sole source contract to each committee by December 15 of each year upon request by the committee;

(p) Assess any fines and administrative penalties provided for in Sections 31-7-401 through 31-7-423.

(3) All submissions shall be made sufficiently in advance of each monthly meeting of the Public Procurement Review Board as prescribed by the Public Procurement Review Board. If the Public Procurement Review Board rejects any contract submitted for review or approval, the Public Procurement Review Board shall clearly set out the reasons for its action, including, but not limited to, the policy that the agency has violated in its submitted contract and any corrective actions that the agency may take to amend the contract to comply with the rules and regulations of the Public Procurement Review Board.

(4) All sole source contracts for personal and professional services awarded by state agencies, other than those exempted under Section 27-104-7(2)(f) and (8), whether approved by an agency head or the Public Procurement Review Board, shall contain in the procurement file a written determination for the approval, using a request form furnished by the Public Procurement Review Board. The written determination shall document the basis for the determination, including any market analysis conducted in order to ensure that the service required was practicably available from only one (1) source. A memorandum shall accompany the request form and address the following four (4) points:

(a) Explanation of why this service is the only service that can meet the needs of the purchasing agency;

(b) Explanation of why this vendor is the only practicably available source from which to obtain this service;

(c) Explanation of why the price is considered reasonable; and

(d) Description of the efforts that were made to conduct a noncompetitive negotiation to get the best possible price for the taxpayers.

(5) In conjunction with the State Personnel Board, the Public Procurement Review Board shall develop and promulgate rules and regulations to define the allowable legal relationship between contract employees and the contracting departments, agencies and institutions of state government under the jurisdiction of the State Personnel Board, in compliance with the applicable rules and regulations of the federal Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for federal employment tax purposes. Under these regulations, the usual common law rules are applicable to determine and require that such worker is an independent contractor and not an employee, requiring evidence of lawful behavioral control, lawful financial control and lawful relationship of the parties. Any state department, agency or institution shall only be authorized to contract for personnel services in compliance with those regulations.

(6) No member of the Public Procurement Review Board shall use his or her official authority or influence to coerce, by threat of discharge from employment, or otherwise, the purchase of commodities, the contracting for personal or professional services, or the contracting for public construction under this chapter.

(7) Notwithstanding any other laws or rules to the contrary, the provisions of subsection (2) of this section shall not be applicable to the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport.

(8) Nothing in this section shall impair or limit the authority of the Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement System to enter into any personal or professional services contracts directly related to their constitutional obligation to manage the trust funds, including, but not limited to, actuarial, custodial banks, cash management, investment consultant and investment management contracts. Nor shall this section impair or limit the authority of the State Treasurer to enter into any personal or professional services contracts involving the management of trust funds, including, but not limited to,

actuarial, custodial banks, cash management, investment consultant and investment management contracts.

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SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-105-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO MODIFY CERTAIN PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF EXCESS STATE FUNDS BY THE STATE TREASURER; TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENT THAT AT LEAST 80% OF THE TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT IN ALL REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS AT ANY ONE TIME SHALL BE PURSUANT TO CONTRACTS WITH QUALIFIED STATE DEPOSITORIES; TO PROVIDE THE OPTION OF INVESTING IN CERTAIN CORPORATE BONDS AND TAXABLE MUNICIPAL BONDS; TO AMEND SECTION 27-104-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED BY HOUSE BILL NO. 249, 2023 REGULAR SESSION, AND HOUSE BILL NO. 540, 2023 REGULAR SESSION, TO SPECIFY THAT CERTAIN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT REVIEW BOARD PROVISIONS DO NOT IMPAIR OR LIMIT THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE TREASURER TO ENTER INTO ANY PERSONAL OR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS INVOLVING THE MANAGEMENT OF TRUST FUNDS, AN AUTHORITY COMPARABLE TO THAT GRANTED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; TO REMOVE A SUBSECTION THAT REPEALED ON JULY 1, 2022; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Chris Johnson, Daniel H. Sparks

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Rob Roberson

On motion of Rep. Roberson the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McKnight, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--96.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Bomgar, Criswell, Currie, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Ladner, Owen, Williamson. Total--11.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Brown, C, Huddleston, McCarty, McGee, McLean, Robinson, Summers, Walker. Total-9.

Present--Brown, B, Crudup, Evans, B, McCray, Rosebud. Total--5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--54

At 12:30 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed until 1:30 PM.

At 1:34 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Barton moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1792: City of Starkville; revise the definitions of the terms "hotel" and "motel" under the city's motel-hotel tax.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--103.
Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.
Absent or those not voting--Bell, C, Clarke, Huddleston, Ladner, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanford, Tullos, Walker, Yates. Total-10.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--55

On motion of Rep. Barton unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. B. No. 1792: City of Starkville; revise the definitions of the terms "hotel" and "motel" under the city's motel-hotel tax.

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 271: Appropriation; additional to Health Department for Mississippi Hospital Sustainability Grant Program, ARPA funds.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 271: Appropriation; Health Department for distributing funds to hospitals under the Health Care Impact Grant Program.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Health for the purpose of funding the Mississippi Hospital Sustainability Grant Program established under Senate Bill No. 2372, 2023 Regular Session, for the period beginning upon the passage of this act and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 103,700,000.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, the department is authorized to expend not more than Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) for administrative expenses in administering the grant program.

SECTION 3. (1) As used in this section and Section 4 of this act, the term "department" means the Department of Health.

(2) The department shall not disburse any funds appropriated under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in the department's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In addition, the department shall ensure that all funds appropriated under this act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

SECTION 4. (1) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds appropriated to the department under this act, the department shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to the department under this act complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

(2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (a) determines that the department or recipient has expended or otherwise used any of the funds appropriated to the department under this act for any purpose that is not in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and (b) the State of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined were expended or otherwise used improperly by the department or recipient, then the department or recipient that expended or otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to the federal government.

SECTION 5. None of the funds appropriated by this act shall be used to pay employee premium payments.

SECTION 6. The money appropriated by this act shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE MISSISSIPPI HOSPITAL SUSTAINABILITY GRANT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER SENATE

BILL NO. 2372, 2023 REGULAR SESSION, FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING UPON THE PASSAGE OF THIS ACT AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Sam C. Mims, V, Jason White

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Kevin Blackwell, John A. Polk

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Brown, C, Crudup, Huddleston, McCarty, Mims, Robinson, Walker. Total-8.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

At 1:41 PM on motion of Rep. Massengill the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 2:16 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Bain called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2079: MS School Safety Guardian Act; create.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2079: Mississippi School Protection Act; enact to allow armed educators.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section 45-9-181, Mississippi Code of 1972:

45-9-181. (1) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Mississippi School Safety Guardian Act."

(2) For purposes of this section:

(a) "Department" means the Department of Public Safety.

(b) "Governing body" means with respect to any public school district or public charter school, the local school board or charter school board, as applicable; with respect to any private school, the board or other governing body of the private school as provided in the charter, bylaws, or other governing documents of the school.

(c) "Program" means a school safety guardian program established by the governing body of a school in accordance with this act.

(d) "School" means any public or private educational institution within the State of Mississippi and includes any elementary or secondary school.

(e) "Training program" means the School Safety Guardian Training Program established in subsection (3) of this act.

(3) There is hereby established the School Safety Guardian Program in the Office of Homeland Security within the department. The department shall administer the program through the Office of Homeland Security. In consultation with the Mississippi Department of Education, the department shall establish the program and promulgate rules, regulations, and establish training requirements.

(4) The governing body of a school, in consultation with school administrators and the department, may establish a program under this act. The department or the governing body of a school may discontinue a school's participation in the program at anytime. If the governing body of a school establishes a program under this act, the governing body of a school shall designate employees to participate in the training program developed by the department by which designated and trained school employees are authorized to carry concealed firearms for the protection of the students, employees and others on the campus of the school. The scope and purpose of each program shall include responding to an active shooter situation or other situation that would cause death or serious bodily harm on the school campus or in the immediate vicinity of the school campus. The school safety guardian's weapon shall always remain under his or her physical control on campus.

(5) A designated school safety guardian is immune from civil liability for any action taken by the school safety guardian if the action in question occurs during the reasonable exercise of and within the course and scope of the designated School Safety Guardian's official duties. School Safety Guardians are charged with these duties and must act in accordance with these duties to maintain their immunity. If a School Safety Guardian is found to have failed to carry out their official duties, the immunity described in this subsection shall be waived.

(6) School Safety Guardians shall be paid a monthly stipend in an amount not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), but not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) by the school district, however, no funds received by school districts under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) shall be used to pay the stipends authorized under this subsection in accordance with the prohibition on the use of such funds as prescribed in Section 13401 of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, Public Law 117-159, 117th Congress of the United States, which amends the ESEA (20 USCS Section 7906 (Supp. 2022)).

(7) To be eligible for the immunity provided in this section:

(a) The program, at a minimum, shall require that each designated member of the program who is not a law enforcement officer, as defined in Section 45-6-3, possess a firearms license issued under Section 45-9-101 and the endorsement authorized in Section 97-37-7; has completed instructional training through a law enforcement training academy approved department not less than once every twelve (12) months; and has been CPR and First Aid certified; and

(b) The identities of any person designated by the school's governing body to serve as a School Safety Guardian must be documented at the time of the designation and shall be communicated to school administrators and local law enforcement.

(8) The department may authorize and certify Mississippi law enforcement training academies to offer the training program to the governing body of a school.

(a) The training program, at a minimum, must include:

(i) An instructional course developed by the department;

- (ii) A criminal background check;
- (iii) A psychological screening;
- (iv) A shooting proficiency test; and
- (v) An annual recertification training.

(b) A law enforcement training academy may provide School Safety Guardian training to any employee of a school or school district who:

(i) Holds a license to carry a concealed handgun issued under Section 45-9-101;

(ii) Has an endorsement authorized by Section 97-37-7; and

(iii) Has current certification in CPR and First Aid.

(c) The department may establish a fee in an amount that is sufficient to cover the costs of the training program under this section to be paid to the training academy by the governing body of the school.

(d) The department shall adopt rules to administer this section, including a method to identify license holders who have completed a School Safety Guardian training certification course and setting a fee to be charged by the department for the issuance or reissuance of identification of the license holder as being certified.

(e) The department shall adopt rules and regulations that require review of the firearms training policies and procedures of school districts that authorized its employees to carry concealed firearms as part of a school safety program before the effective date of this act. Upon review of such rules and regulations, if the department determines that such district's policies and procedures conform to the department's training standards under the authority of this act, the department shall approve such district's policies and procedures and all employees of such school district that have completed the approved training shall receive all authority and protections provided by this act to carry concealed firearms as part of an approved school safety guardian program. However, if the department determines that such district's policies and procedures fail to conform to the department's training standards under the authority of this act, the employees of the district shall be required to comply with the requirements under this act to carry concealed firearms as part of an approved school safety guardian program.

(9) A person who is indicted or charged with a violation of criminal law while acting as a School Safety Guardian may assert as a defense, in addition to any other defense available, that, at the time of the action in question, the person was a certified School Safety Guardian, was then actually engaged in the performance of the person's duties as a School Safety Guardian, and had met the requirements of this section at the time of the action in question.

(10) Records relating to the identities of any person designated by the school's governing body to serve as a School Safety Guardian shall be exempt from the provisions of the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983.

(11) Subject to appropriation and any other requirements provided by law, the Office of Homeland Security may contract with a third-party vendor for mobile phone applications and/or computer equipment or services to accomplish the purposes of this act.

SECTION 2. Section 45-1-2, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

45-1-2. (1) The Executive Director of the Department of Public Safety shall be the Commissioner of Public Safety.

(2) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall establish the organizational structure of the Department of Public Safety, which shall include the creation of any units necessary to implement the duties assigned to the department and consistent with specific requirements of law including, but not limited to:

- (a) Office of Public Safety Planning;
- (b) Office of Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol;
- (c) Office of Mississippi Bureau of Investigation (to be directed by a Lieutenant Colonel of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol);
- (d) Office of Forensic Laboratories, which includes the Mississippi Forensics Laboratory and the Office of the State Medical Examiner;
- (e) Office of Law Enforcement Officers' Training Academy;

- (f) Office of Support Services;
- (g) Office of Narcotics, which shall be known as the Bureau of Narcotics;
- (h) Office of Homeland Security;
- (i) Office of Capitol Police;
- (j) Office of Driver Service Bureau; and
- (k) Office of Commercial Transportation Enforcement Division.

(3) The department shall be headed by a commissioner, who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The appointment of the commissioner shall be made with the advice and consent of the Senate. The commissioner shall have, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.

(4) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the commissioner shall appoint heads of offices, who shall serve at the pleasure of the commissioner. The commissioner shall have the authority to organize the offices established by subsection (2) of this section as deemed appropriate to carry out the responsibilities of the department. The commissioner may assign to the appropriate offices such powers and duties as deemed appropriate to carry out the department's lawful functions. The organization charts of the department shall be presented annually with the budget request of the Governor for review by the Legislature.

(5) The commissioner shall appoint, from within the Department of Public Safety, a statewide safety training officer who shall serve at the pleasure of the commissioner and whose duty it shall be to perform public training for both law enforcement and private persons throughout the state concerning proper emergency response to the mentally ill, terroristic threats or acts, domestic conflict, other conflict resolution, and such other matters as the commissioner may direct.

(6) The commissioner, after consultation with the Mississippi Association of Chiefs of Police and the Mississippi Sheriffs' Association, shall be responsible for establishing guidelines for response to active shooter situations and any related jurisdictional issues.

(** *7) The commissioner shall establish within the department the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security for the purpose of seeing that the laws are faithfully executed and for the purpose of investigating cyber-related crimes and suppressing crimes of violence and acts of intimidation and terror. The commissioner is hereby authorized to employ within the Office of Homeland Security a director, investigators and other qualified personnel as he may deem necessary to make investigation of cyber-related crimes, crimes of violence and acts of terrorism or intimidation, to aid in the arrest and prosecution of persons charged with such cyber-related crimes, crimes of violence, acts of terrorism or intimidation, or threats of violence and to perform other duties as necessary to accomplish these purposes. Investigators and other law enforcement personnel employed by the commissioner shall have full power to investigate, apprehend, and arrest persons committing cyber-related crimes, acts of violence, intimidation, or terrorism anywhere in the state, and shall be vested with the power of police officers in the performance of such duties as provided herein. Such investigators and other personnel shall perform their duties under the direction of the commissioner, or his designee. The commissioner shall be authorized to offer and pay suitable rewards to other persons for aiding in such investigation and in the apprehension and conviction of persons charged with cyber-related crimes, acts of violence, or threats of violence, or intimidation, or acts of terrorism.

(** *8) The commissioner shall establish within the Office of Homeland Security a Mississippi Analysis and Information Center (MSAIC Fusion Center) which shall be the highest priority for the allocation of available federal resources for statewide information sharing, including the deployment of personnel and connectivity with federal data systems. Subject to appropriation therefor, the Mississippi Fusion Center shall employ three (3) regional analysts dedicated to analyzing and resolving potential threats identified by the agency's statewide social media intelligence platform and the dissemination of school safety information.

SECTION 3. Section 97-3-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-3-15. (1) The killing of a human being by the act, procurement or omission of another shall be justifiable in the following cases:

(a) When committed by public officers, or those acting by their aid and assistance, in obedience to any judgment of a competent court;

(b) When necessarily committed by public officers, or those acting by their command in their aid and assistance, in overcoming actual resistance to the execution of some legal process, or to the discharge of any other legal duty;

(c) When necessarily committed by public officers, or those acting by their command in their aid and assistance, in retaking any felon who has been rescued or has escaped;

(d) When necessarily committed by public officers, or those acting by their command in their aid and assistance, in arresting any felon fleeing from justice;

(e) When committed by any person in resisting any attempt unlawfully to kill such person or to commit any felony upon him, or upon or in any dwelling, in any occupied vehicle, in any place of business, in any place of employment or in the immediate premises thereof in which such person shall be;

(f) When committed in the lawful defense of one's own person or any other human being, where there shall be reasonable ground to apprehend a design to commit a felony or to do some great personal injury, and there shall be imminent danger of such design being accomplished;

(g) When necessarily committed in attempting by lawful ways and means to apprehend any person for any felony committed;

(h) When necessarily committed in lawfully suppressing any riot or in lawfully keeping and preserving the peace; * * *

(i) When necessarily committed in the performance of duty as a member of a church or place of worship security program as described in Section 45-9-171 * * *; and

(j) When necessarily committed in the performance of duty as a member of a School Safety Guardian Program as described in Section 45-9-181.

(2) (a) As used in subsection (1)(c) and (d) of this section, the term "when necessarily committed" means that a public officer or a person acting by or at the officer's command, aid or assistance is authorized to use such force as necessary in securing and detaining the felon offender, overcoming the offender's resistance, preventing the offender's escape, recapturing the offender if the offender escapes or in protecting himself or others from bodily harm; but such officer or person shall not be authorized to resort to deadly or dangerous means when to do so would be unreasonable under the circumstances. The public officer or person acting by or at the officer's command may act upon a reasonable apprehension of the surrounding circumstances; however, such officer or person shall not use excessive force or force that is greater than reasonably necessary in securing and detaining the offender, overcoming the offender's resistance, preventing the offender's escape, recapturing the offender if the offender escapes or in protecting himself or others from bodily harm.

(b) As used in subsection (1)(c) and (d) of this section, the term "felon" shall include an offender who has been convicted of a felony and shall also include an offender who is in custody, or whose custody is being sought, on a charge or for an offense which is punishable, upon conviction, by death or confinement in the Penitentiary.

(c) As used in subsections (1)(e) and (3) of this section, "dwelling" means a building or conveyance of any kind that has a roof over it, whether the building or conveyance is temporary or permanent, mobile or immobile, including a tent, that is designed to be occupied by people lodging therein at night, including any attached porch.

(3) A person who uses defensive force shall be presumed to have reasonably feared imminent death or great bodily harm, or the commission of a felony upon him or another or upon his dwelling, or against a vehicle which he was occupying, or against his business or place of employment or the immediate premises of such business or place of employment, if the person against whom the defensive force was used, was in the process of unlawfully and forcibly entering, or had unlawfully and forcibly entered, a dwelling, occupied vehicle, business, place of employment or the immediate premises thereof or if that person had unlawfully removed or was attempting to unlawfully remove another against the other person's will from that dwelling, occupied vehicle, business, place of

employment or the immediate premises thereof and the person who used defensive force knew or had reason to believe that the forcible entry or unlawful and forcible act was occurring or had occurred. This presumption shall not apply if the person against whom defensive force was used has a right to be in or is a lawful resident or owner of the dwelling, vehicle, business, place of employment or the immediate premises thereof or is the lawful resident or owner of the dwelling, vehicle, business, place of employment or the immediate premises thereof or if the person who uses defensive force is engaged in unlawful activity or if the person is a law enforcement officer engaged in the performance of his official duties.

(4) A person who is not the initial aggressor and is not engaged in unlawful activity shall have no duty to retreat before using deadly force under subsection (1)(e) or (f) of this section if the person is in a place where the person has a right to be, and no finder of fact shall be permitted to consider the person's failure to retreat as evidence that the person's use of force was unnecessary, excessive or unreasonable.

(5) (a) The presumptions contained in subsection (3) of this section shall apply in civil cases in which self-defense or defense of another is claimed as a defense.

(b) The court shall award reasonable attorney's fees, court costs, compensation for loss of income, and all expenses incurred by the defendant in defense of any civil action brought by a plaintiff if the court finds that the defendant acted in accordance with subsection (1)(e) or (f) of this section. A defendant who has previously been adjudicated "not guilty" of any crime by reason of subsection (1)(e) or (f) of this section shall be immune from any civil action for damages arising from the same conduct.

SECTION 4. Section 97-37-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-37-9. Any person indicted or charged for a violation of Section 97-37-1 may show as a defense:

(a) That he was threatened, and had good and sufficient reason to apprehend a serious attack from any enemy, and that he did so apprehend; or

(b) That he was traveling and was not a tramp, or was setting out on a journey and was not a tramp; or

(c) That he was a law enforcement or peace officer in the discharge of his duties; or

(d) That he was at the time in the discharge of his duties as a mail carrier; or

(e) That he was at the time engaged in transporting valuables for an express company or bank; or

(f) That he was a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, National Guard, State Militia, Emergency Management Corps, guard or patrolman in a state or municipal institution while in the performance of his official duties; or

(g) That he was in lawful pursuit of a felon; or

(h) That he was lawfully engaged in legitimate sports; or

(i) That at the time he was a company guard, bank guard, watchman, or other person enumerated in Section 97-37-7, and was then actually engaged in the performance of his duties as such, and then held a valid permit from the sheriff, the commissioner of public safety, or a valid permit issued by the Secretary of State prior to May 1, 1974, to carry the weapon; and the burden of proving either of said defenses shall be on the accused; or

(j) That at the time he or she was a member of a church or place of worship security program, and was then actually engaged in the performance of his or her duties as such and met the requirements of Section 45-9-171 * * * ; or

(k) That at the time he or she was certified under a School Safety Guardian Program, and was then actually engaged in the performance of his or her duties under the program and met the requirements of Section 45-9-181.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 45-9-181, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ENACT THE MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL SAFETY GUARDIAN ACT; TO DEFINE TERMS; TO ESTABLISH THE SCHOOL SAFETY GUARDIAN TRAINING PROGRAM WITHIN THE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING BODY OF A SCHOOL TO ESTABLISH A SCHOOL SAFETY GUARDIAN PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE CIVIL IMMUNITY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES FOR SCHOOL SAFETY GUARDIANS WHO COMPLY WITH THE ACT; TO EXEMPT THE IDENTITY OF SCHOOL SAFETY GUARDIANS FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE; TO PROVIDE MINIMUM REQUIREMENT FOR THE TRAINING PROGRAM; TO ENACT STANDARDS; TO PROVIDE THAT SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION AND ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY MAY CONTRACT WITH A THIRD-PARTY VENDOR FOR MOBILE PHONE APPLICATIONS AND/OR COMPUTER EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES TO ACCOMPLISH THE PURPOSES OF THIS ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 45-1-2, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DIRECT THE COMMISSIONER TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR ACTIVE SHOOTER SITUATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 97-3-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM THE INSTANCES OF JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE; TO AMEND SECTION 97-37-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM THE DEFENSES TO A CHARGE OF UNLAWFULLY CARRYING OF A CONCEALED WEAPON; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Dennis DeBar, Jr., Angela Burks Hill, John A. Polk
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Nick Bain, Kevin Horan, Jill Ford

On motion of Rep. Bain the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--79.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Faulkner, Foster, Harness, Hines, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Sanders, Scott, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--32.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, McCarty, McGee, Owen, Robinson, Walker. Total-6.

Present--Holloway, McCray, Rosebud, Stamps. Total--4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--67

Rep. Bain called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2239: Department of Public Safety; authorize officer use of uniforms, weapons and vehicles off duty while performing security services.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2239: State law enforcement officers; authorize use of uniforms, weapons and vehicles off duty while performing security services.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 17-25-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

17-25-11. (1) Certified law enforcement officers or certified part-time law enforcement officers, as defined in Section 45-6-3, who are employed by a county * * *, municipality or the Department of Public Safety may wear the official uniform and may utilize the official firearm and the official vehicle issued by the employing jurisdiction while in the performance of private security services in off-duty hours. The governing authority of a municipality must approve of such use of the uniform, official weapon and vehicle by municipal law enforcement officers by act spread upon the minutes of such board and approved by the chief executive. The sheriff of a county must approve such use of the uniform, official weapon and vehicle by deputy sheriffs. The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety must approve such use of the uniform, official weapon and vehicle by officers of the department. Approval shall be on an employee-by-employee basis and not by general order. Any proceedings regarding application or approval and the minutes regarding same shall be a public record.

(2) Each governing board and chief executive * * *, sheriff or the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety shall determine before the use of the official uniform, weapon and vehicle is approved that the proposed employment is not likely to bring disrepute to the employing jurisdiction or its law enforcement agency, the officer at issue, or law enforcement generally, and that the use of the official uniform, weapon and vehicle in the discharge of the officer's private security endeavor promotes the public interest.

(3) (a) Acts and omissions of an officer in discharge of private security employment shall be deemed to be the acts and omissions of the person or entity who hires or enters into any independent contractual service agreement with an officer for the private security services, and not the acts and omissions of the employing jurisdiction whose uniform, weapon and vehicle are approved for the private security use.

(b) The person or entity, and the person's or entity's insurer, who hires or enters into any independent contractual service agreement with an officer for private security services shall:

(i) Hold harmless the employing jurisdiction and fully indemnify the employing jurisdiction for any expense or loss, including attorney's fees and any damage to the official vehicle, which results from any action taken against the employing jurisdiction arising out of the acts or omissions of the officer in discharge of private security services while wearing the official uniform or using the official weapon or vehicle; and

(ii) Name the employing jurisdiction as a named insured on its general liability and automobile liability policies for at least the amount of recovery provided for in Section 11-46-15 for any damage to the official vehicle.

(c) If the person or entity, and the person's or entity's insurer, fails or refuses to endorse, indemnify and hold harmless the employing jurisdiction, the employing jurisdiction shall not approve the use of the official vehicle of the employing jurisdiction for private security services.

(d) Neither the state nor any subdivision thereof shall be liable for a claim or injury arising from the acts or omissions of an officer in the discharge of any private security employment duties under this section, including travel to and from private security employment duties in the official vehicle.

(4) Certified police officers performing private jobs during their off-duty hours are required to notify the appropriate law enforcement agency of the place of employment, the hours to be worked, and the type of employment.

(5) The official uniform, weapon and vehicle may be worn and utilized only at locations which are within the jurisdiction of the governmental entity whose uniform, weapon and vehicle are involved.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 17-25-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO USE THEIR OFFICIAL UNIFORM, FIREARM AND VEHICLE WHILE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF PRIVATE SECURITY SERVICES IN OFF DUTY HOURS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Jeremy England, Juan Barnett

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Nick Bain, Jill Ford, Jansen Owen

On motion of Rep. Bain the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Summers, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--85.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Faulkner, Foster, Hines, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Owen, Paden, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Watson. Total--23.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Currie, Huddleston, McCarty, Robinson, Rushing, Walker. Total-7.

Present--Banks, Evans, B, Holloway, McCray, Porter, Stamps. Total--6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--54

At 2:55 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 3:49 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Hood called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1624: Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1624: Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid for the purpose of providing medical assistance under the Mississippi Medicaid Law and defraying the expenses of the administration of such law, as provided in Section 43-13-101 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 846,380,488.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Medical Care Fund created by Section 43-13-143, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of providing medical assistance under the Mississippi Medicaid Law for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 352,666,905.00.

SECTION 3. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the Division, for the purpose of providing medical assistance under the Mississippi Medicaid Law and defraying the expenses of the administration of such law, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 6,046,663,411.00.

Prior period recovery of funds may be maintained and expended by the division when the recovery is received or finalized. Any recoveries due to audits or third party recoveries may be used to offset the cost of such audits and third party recoveries and as such, the division may escalate Contractual Services as needed for these purposes.

SECTION 4. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Health Care Expendable Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 63,230,003.00.

The above funds shall be allocated as follows:

CHIP Program at up to 209% level of poverty \$ 9,000,000.00.
Medical Program Matching Funds \$ 54,230,003.00.

It is the intention of the Legislature that funds may be shifted among the above allocated line items where needed at the discretion of the Executive Director of Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 868
Time-Limited: 82

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for

promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process with the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) being separated from the Medical Services Program and submitted as a separate program. All Medicaid 1915 (C) Home and Community Based Services Waivers shall be presented as a budget program separate from the Medical Services Program. In addition, the performance measures reported for the Medical Services Program shall include an unduplicated case count of individuals served by eligibility status, and the number and the costs of emergency room visits.

SECTION 7. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2024 Target
Administrative Services	
Admin as a Percent of Total Budget	3.66
Third Party Liability Cost Avoided (Thou)	1,176,412.00
Percent of Clean Claims Processed within 30 Days of Receipt	99.50
Percent of Clean Claims Processed within 90 Days of Receipt	100.00
Percent of Applications Processed within Std. of Promptness - Medicaid	90.00
Third Party Funds Recovered	7,998,051.00
Number of Providers Submitting Electronic Claims	31,500
Turnover Rate of Employees	15.00
Medical Services	

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Costs of Emergency Room Visits	171,539,318
Number of Emergency Room Visits	418,177
Medicaid Recipients - Enrolled (Persons)	793,762
Child Physical Exams (Ages 0-20)	317,675
Adult Physical Exams (21-Older)	10,595
Number of Fraud and Abuse Cases Investigated	300
Number of Medicaid Providers	45,000
Number of Medicaid Beneficiaries	
Assigned to a Managed Care Company	450,000
Percent of MSCAN Diabetic Members Aged	
17-75 Receiving HBA1c Test	88.69
Percent of MSCAN Members with Persistent	
Asthma are Appropriately Prescribed	
Medication	71.08
Rate of EPSDT Well Child Screening	75.00
Percent Change in Number of Recipients	
Enrolled From Last Year	2.50
Percent Change in Number of Providers	
From Last Year	29.15
Children's Health Insur Prg (chip)	
Number of CHIP Enrollees	47,000
Percent of CHIP Applications Processed	
within Std. of Promptness	90.00
Home & Comm-based Waiver Prg	
Elderly and Disabled - Persons Served	20,559
Elderly and Disabled - Funded Slots	20,121
Elderly and Disabled - Total Authorized	
Slots	22,200
Assisted Living - Persons Served	945
Assisted Living - Funded Slots	918
Assisted Living - Total Authorized Slots	1,100
Independent Living - Persons Served	3,675
Independent Living - Funded Slots	3,615
Independent Living - Total Authorized Slots	5,800
Traumatic Brain Injury - Persons Served	1,103
Traumatic Brain Injury - Funded Slots	1,050
Traumatic Brain Injury - Total	
Authorized Slots	1,150
Intellectual Disability - Persons Served	3,250
Intellectual Disability - Funded Slots	3,250
Intellectual Disability - Total	
Authorized Slots	4,150
Percent Change in Persons On Waiting	
List (E&D)	10.00
Percent Change in Persons On Waiting	
List (AL)	10.00
Percent Change in Persons On Waiting	
List (IL)	10.00
Percent Change in Persons On Waiting	
List (TBI)	10.00
Percent Change in Persons On Waiting	
List (IDD)	10.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar

preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 9. The Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid shall provide statistical and financial reports on a monthly basis to the Legislative Budget Office and the PEER Committee. These reports shall include, but are not limited to, an accounting of all funds spent in the medical program, the CHIP program, the Dialysis Transportation program, and each of the Home and Community Based Waiver programs, and an accounting of all funds spent in the administrative program, participant statistics and any other information requested by the Legislative Budget Office and the PEER Committee.

The Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid shall perform its cash flow projections on a predetermined monthly schedule and make this and any other information requested available, upon request, to the Chair of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee, the House Public Health and Human Services Committee, the House and Senate Medicaid Committees, the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, the Legislative Budget Office and the PEER Committee. A summary of this cash flow projection shall also be presented in the report referenced in the above paragraph.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act in an amount not to exceed, Two Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,750,000.00) is provided for the purpose of funding a temporary program to provide nonemergency transportation to locations for necessary dialysis services for end-stage renal disease patients who are sixty-five (65) years of age or older or are disabled as determined under Section 1614(a)(3) of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, whose income did not exceed one hundred thirty-five percent (135%) of the nonfarm official poverty level as defined by the Office of Management and Budget and whose eligibility was covered under the former category of eligibility known as Poverty Level Aged and Disabled (PLADS).

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 3, Three Hundred Ninety-eight Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$398,550.00) General Funds and One Million One Hundred One Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,101,450.00) Special Funds are provided to maintain five (5) additional slots in the Assisted Living Waiver program for persons with Traumatic Brain Injury and in need of Cognitive Rehabilitation.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Eight Hundred Five Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$805,630.00) is provided to maintain additional slots in the Assisted Living Home and Community Based Waiver program and One Million One Hundred Ninety-two Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$1,192,770.00) is provided to maintain additional slots in the Elderly and Disabled Home and Community Based Waiver program.

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 and Section 3, One Million Nine Hundred Thirty-four Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-two Dollars (\$1,934,292.00) Special Funds are provided for One Hundred (100) slots for the Department of Rehabilitation Services and Ten Million Two Hundred Seventy-two Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-six Dollars (\$10,272,676.00) for Two Hundred (200) slots for the Department of Mental Health for the Home and Community Based waiver program for Independent Living and the IDD Waiver program. These funds shall be used for these additional slots.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds appropriated in this act to the Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid for the Mississippi Coordinated Access Network (MS-CAN) program be used in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the division. The division and the coordinated care organizations with which the division has contracted to conduct the MS-CAN program shall establish baselines for the health-related outcome measurement for each of the following health focus areas for presentation at the Joint Legislative Budget Committee hearings for Fiscal Year 2024, which will be used as the baseline levels for establishing targets for improvements in quality of care performance measures for the MS-CAN program in Fiscal Year 2024 and later fiscal years:

- a. Comprehensive Diabetes Care (CDC) or successive measure.
- b. Medication Management for People with Asthma (MMA) or successive measure.
- c. Annual Monitoring for Patients on Persistent Medications (MPM) or successive measure.

d. Adult BMI Assessment (ABA) and Weight Assessment and Counseling for Nutrition and Physical Activity for Children/Adolescents (WCC) or successive measure.

In addition, for comparison purposes, these same baselines for the health-related outcome measurements shall be established for similar Medicaid recipients who are not enrolled in the MS-CAN program.

SECTION 15. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid and the Department of Human Services shall continue to work together to implement Section 43-12-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, known as the "Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act".

SECTION 16. The Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid is authorized to expend funds appropriated herein as necessary to provide currently existing home and community based services through any CMS approved state plan or home and community based services waiver to individuals who qualify for those services to avoid institutionalization or to transition an individual from an institution to any home and community based setting. Provision of such services shall not count against any limit imposed under this act. It is the intention of the Legislature that the cost of providing home and community based services shall not exceed the cost of nursing facility services, as determined by the Division.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated herein, no more than Sixty-seven Thousand Two hundred Dollars (\$67,200.00) may be used to pay invoices from Fiscal Year 2022 for expenses to Bulletproof Solutions, Inc. for a Medicaid information technology security assessment.

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

SECTION 19. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE-DIVISION OF MEDICAID FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI MEDICAID LAW AND DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THAT LAW FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Joey Hood, Sam C. Mims, V

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Kevin Blackwell, Brice Wiggins
On motion of Rep. Hood the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--106.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Horne, Huddleston, McCarty, Mims, Pigott, Robinson, Walker, Young. Total-9.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1605: Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1605: Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Department of Insurance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 16,169,614.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Department of Insurance which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department, for the support of the various offices of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 335,000.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 129
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions

shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Insurance shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 5. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2024 Target
Lic & Reg MS Ins Co's & Agents	
Number of (Producer, Etc) Licenses Issued	165,000
Average Cost per License Issued	100.00
Number of Agent's C/A's Issued	290,000
Average Cost per Agent C/A Issued	25.00
Number of Requests for Assistance	24,500
Average Cost per Customer I/C Addressed	53.00
Number of Fire Marshal Investigations	475
Cost per Fire Marshal Investigation	550.00
Number of Fire Marshal Inspections	5,720
Average Cost per Fire Marshal Inspection	60.00
Liquefied Compressed Gas	
Number of Accidents/Injuries/Deaths Due to Incidents Involving LCG	0
Number of Inspections	7,500
Average Cost per Inspection	60.00
Number of Safety Training Schools/Seminars	170
Average Cost per Safety Training School	145.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, Fifteen Thousand Seventy-nine Dollars (\$15,079.00) is provided for the Mississippi Fire Personnel Minimum Standards and Certification Board.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, funds in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) are provided and shall be expended to pay the annual dues for the National Conference of Insurance Legislators.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds appropriated above shall be expended unless members of the Mississippi House of

Representatives and Mississippi Senate are notified at least five (5) days prior to a public ceremony announcing the award of any grant in their district or any public announcement or ceremony regarding any project for which the Legislature has made funds available. Any signage regarding any public event or project shall include the following language: "Funds were made available for this project by the Mississippi State Legislature."

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 10. Within the limits of the funds available to the Mississippi Insurance Department for such purpose, the Commissioner of Insurance for the Mississippi Insurance Department may grant a paid internship to students pursuing junior or senior undergraduate level year coursework toward a bachelor's degree in risk management insurance or graduate level coursework towards a master's degree in business administration. Those applicants deemed qualified by the Mississippi Department of Insurance shall receive funds that may be used to pay for tuition, books and related fees to pursue their degree. It is the intent of the Legislature that the paid internship program shall be used as incentive for risk management insurance careers at the Mississippi Insurance Department.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) is provided for the State Fire Marshal's Office for fire safety prevention and services, including, but not limited to, fire protection supplies and materials, smoke alarms, and public service announcements providing fire prevention information.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Propane Education and Research Program Fund, for the purpose of research and development of more cost effective uses of propane and on educational programs, safety programs, and market development of propane for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 130,000.00.

SECTION 13. In addition to all other sums heretofore appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Annual Fire Fund to the Mississippi Department of Insurance for the purposes allowed in Section 17-23-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 9,000,000.00.

SECTION 14. In addition to all other funds appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Rural Fire Truck Matching Assistance Fund which was created in Section 17-23-1 (4), Mississippi Code of 1972 to the Mississippi Department of Insurance for the Rural Fire Truck Matching Assistance Program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 2,000,000.00.

SECTION 15. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Mississippi Department of Insurance for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds for the purpose of purchasing vehicles for inspectors, as authorized in House Bill No. 1593, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 14,455.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023 from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 16. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Mississippi Department of Insurance for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds for the purpose of purchasing smoke alarms, as

authorized in House Bill No. 1593, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 50,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023 from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Two Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$205,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for the Department of Insurance to purchase vehicles.

SECTION 18. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) is provided to the department for the purpose of funding the Mississippi Length of Service Award Program, which was created in House Bill 521, 2023 Regular Session.

SECTION 19. With the funds appropriated herein, the Mississippi Insurance Department is authorized to make payment for expenses incurred during Fiscal Year 2021 to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners in an amount not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Dollars (\$15,770.00).

SECTION 20. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 21. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jeff Hale

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, J. Walter Michel, Brice Wiggins

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Bell, C, Brown, C, Ford, K, Hobgood-Wilkes, Huddleston, McCarty, Newman, Pigott, Robinson, Walker. Total-10.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Bennett called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1611: Appropriation; Arts Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1611: Appropriation; Arts Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Arts Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 1,528,431.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Arts Commission which is comprised of special source funds and donations collected by or otherwise available to the commission, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 8,606,470.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 10
Time-Limited: 2

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Arts Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, funds in the amount of One Million Four Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$1,490,000.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the following:

Training of educators and promotion of arts programs in public schools	\$ 100,000.00
Miscellaneous grants and programs	\$ 350,000.00
Whole Schools Initiative	\$ 1,040,000.00

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Arts Commission shall have the authority to transfer dollars appropriated herein designated for the "Challenge Program," specific amounts to a special fund in the State Treasury called the Arts Commission Challenge Initiative Fund. The unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund and may be expended by the commission in subsequent fiscal years upon appropriation of the Legislature. Any interest earned on the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund and may be disbursed by the commission upon appropriations of the Legislature. It is the intention of the Legislature that the commission may award grants to arts organizations from monies in the fund and the grantees will be required to provide matching funds for the grants in an amount of not less than two (2) times the amount of the grant.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing the funds necessary to authorize the expenditure of funds for the Building Fund for the Arts.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in

the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing the funds necessary to authorize the expenditure of funds to the Mississippi Museum of Art.

SECTION 11. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Arts Commission for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in HB 1598, 2022 Regular Session to provide for the funding of the Building Fund for the Arts Initiative for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 1,700,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 12. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI ARTS COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Richard Bennett, Greg Haney

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Philip Moran, Bart Williams

On motion of Rep. Bennett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Home, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, McCarty, Robinson, Walker. Total-5.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bennett called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3016: Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3016: Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency in accordance with the provisions of Section 33-15-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 5,283,806.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the agency, for the support and maintenance of the agency for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 29,310,917.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	114
Time-Limited:	68

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth

within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency for the purpose of defraying certain administrative expenses and the state share of the cost of disaster assistance programs, including, but not being limited to, public assistance programs, individual and family grant programs, and mitigation programs, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 585,056.00.

SECTION 5. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency Fund Nos. 3725, 3728, 372U, 3729, 37AH, 6820174300, and 58202 for the purpose of defraying certain administrative expenses and the state and federal share of the cost of disaster assistance programs, including, but not being limited to, public assistance programs, individual and family grant programs, and mitigation programs, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 474,894,015.00.

SECTION 6. The funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 4 and 5 of this act are provided to defray certain administrative expenses and the state and federal share of the cost of disaster assistance programs, including public assistance programs, individual and family grant programs, and mitigation programs resulting from, but not being limited to, the following:

1604	Hurricane Katrina
4175	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Flooding - Cities of Louisville & Tupelo
-	Hazard Mitigation
-	Other Needs Assistance
-	Mississippi Temporary Housing Program
-	Pre-Disaster Response
-	Emergency Preparedness Programs
4429	Feb 22-March 29, 2019 Flooding
4450	Severe Weather April 13, 2019
4470	Severe Weather October 26, 2019
4478	Severe Weather January 10-11, 2020
4528	Coronavirus Pandemic
4536	Severe Weather April 12, 2020 Easter Tornadoes
4538	Flooding Feb 10-18, 2020 (Pearl River Flood)
4248	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Flooding - North Mississippi/Holly Springs
4268	Delta Flooding
4295	Pine Belt Tornado/Flooding
4314	Severe Storms, Flooding in Adams, Calhoun, Carroll, Claiborne, Holmes, Jefferson, Webster & Yazoo Counties
Montgomery,	
4350	Hurricane Nate
4415	Severe Storms, Flooding & Tornado in Clarke, Covington, Forrest, Greene, Jasper, Jones, Marion, Newton, Perry & Wayne Counties
4551	Severe Weather April 22-23, 2020

- 3544 Hurricane Sally
- 3548 Hurricane Delta
- 4576 Hurricane Zeta
- 4598 2021 Winter Storm
- 3582 Water Crisis EM Dec.
- 4697 Severe Weather March 24-25, 2023

SECTION 7. None of the funds appropriated in Section 4 of this act shall be used to establish a special reserve fund in the State Treasury for disaster relief except as provided for in Section 33-15-307, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Director of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency may, upon the request of a local public emergency management organization in an area which has suffered a natural disaster, supply equipment to rural water associations to enable their continued operation when the local emergency management organization determines that such private entities provide services essential to the welfare of the community.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Director of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency shall provide enhanced training to local governments, supervisors, mayors, civil defense groups and municipal associations in disaster management.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 11. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

	FY2024
Performance Measures	Target
Emergency Mgmt Preparedness	
Percent of the Affected Population Informed	100.00
Average Time to Deliver Goods & Services	48
Recovery	
Number of Ongoing Projects	20
Number of Meetings Conducted	3,700
Average Cost per Project	20,000,000.00
Percent of Recovery Objectives Complete	100.00
Mitigation	
Number of Workshops Conducted	20
Number of Ongoing Projects	16
Average Cost per Project	50,000.00
Percent Reduction in Damage Due to Natural and Man-Made Incidents	5.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Executive Director of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency shall have authority to transfer not more than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) from any general or special fund treasury fund and major object budget category to another special or general fund treasury fund and major object budget category accordingly under the control of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency. The purpose of this authority is to more efficiently use available cash reserves. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the Executive Director of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency shall submit written justification for the transfer to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration on or before the fifteenth of the month prior to the effective date of the transfer.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency shall submit a notification and summary of all state support funding on all disasters that require general funds or state support special funds to the Legislative Budget Office.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that from any funds appropriated in this act, the agency shall maintain a minimum of nine (9) Area Coordinators to provide daily assistance to local jurisdictions with emergency management activities as well as to provide quicker response to incidents and/or disasters. In addition, it is the intent of the Legislature that these Area Coordinators shall reside in or within fifty (50) miles of their assigned districts.

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

SECTION 16. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds for the purpose of defraying the expenses for vehicle purchases, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3018, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024. \$ 75,500.00. Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Fifty-One Thousand Dollars (\$51,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for the purchase of vehicles.

SECTION 18. The expenditure of the funds appropriated by this act shall be under the direction of the Governor and shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 19. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A DISASTER RELIEF RESERVE FUND AND DEFRAYING THE COSTS RELATED TO CERTAIN DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Scott DeLano, John A. Polk
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Richard Bennett, Casey Eure

On motion of Rep. Bennett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold,

Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, McCarty, Robinson, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1616: Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1616: Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the Department of Environmental Quality for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 15,500,411.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Environmental Quality which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department, for the support of the various offices of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 249,092,723.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 240

Time-Limited: 193

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure

that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Environmental Quality shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 5. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2024 Target
Pollution Control	
Percent of Days with Air Advisories	5.00
Percent of Air Permits Modified/Issued in a Timely Manner	50.00
Percent of Counties That Meet NAAQ Standards	75.00
Percent of Air Facilities Inspected	35.00
Percent of Air Facilities in Compliance with Regulatory Requirements	85.00
Percent of Waste Permits Issued/Modified in a Timely Manner	60.00
Percent of Waste Facilities Inspected	60.00
Percent of Inspected Waste Facilities in Compliance with Regulatory Requirements	65.00
Percent of Citizens who Have Access to Recycling Programs	55.00
Percent of Underground Storage Tanks in Compliance with Regulatory Requirements	60.00
Percent of Contaminated Sites That Have Completed Assessment	50.00

Percent of Contaminated Sites That Have Completed Remediation	5.00
Percent of Waters That Have Acceptable Quality for Their Designed Use	56.00
Percent of NPDES Permits Issued/Modified in a Timely Manner	70.00
Percent of NPDES Majors Inspected per Year	50.00
Percent of NPDES Majors in Compliance	66.00
Percent of Staff with Expertise in the National Incident Management System	70.00
Construction Grants	
Percent of SRF Loan Recipients in Compliance with Loan Agreements	90.00
Land & Water	
Percent of Annual Prioritized Water Resource Areas Adequately Characterized	80.00
Percent of Groundwater Use Permits Issued/Modified	90.00
Percent of Surface Water Use Permits Issued/Modified	90.00
Percent of Water Use Reported	80.00
Percent of High Hazard Dams with Emergency Action Plans	95.00
Geology	
Percent of Mining Facilities Inspected	95.00
Percent of Inspected Mining Facilities in Compliance with Regulatory Requirements	85.00
Administrative Services	
Administration as a Percent of Total Budget	5.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 6. It shall be unlawful for any officer, employee or other person whatsoever to use or permit or authorize the use of any automobile or any other motor vehicle owned by the State of Mississippi or any department, agency or institution thereof for any purpose other than upon the official business of the State of Mississippi or any agency, department or institution thereof.

It is the intent of the Legislature that motor vehicles authorized to be owned and operated by this agency shall comply with Sections 25-1-77 through 25-1-93, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, an amount no greater than Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be derived from the Pollution Emergency Fund within the Pollution Operating Fund for transfer to the Department of Environmental Quality - Office of Administrative Services for support of Legal Division environmental protection activities.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, an amount no greater than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) shall be derived from the Pollution Emergency Fund within the Pollution Operating Fund for transfer to the Department of Environmental Quality - Office of Pollution Control for support of the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Grants Program.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Two Million Six Hundred Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$2,635,000.00), or so much thereof, is provided for the Clean Water Grant match.

SECTION 10. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) may request that the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) staff shall provide an economic viability assessment for any complete application or group of related complete applications submitted to DEQ after July 1, 1999, for which DEQ estimates that DEQ will be required to devote extraordinary effort to process the application or group of related applications

within the one hundred eighty (180) days required by Section 49-17-29(3)(c). For purposes of this paragraph, "extraordinary effort" means the constant dedication of more than three (3) full-time equivalent positions for a period of at least one hundred eighty (180) days. The economic viability assessment shall include, but not be limited to: (i) an analysis of the current and future market viability of the project concerning which application(s) has been made to DEQ; and (ii) an analysis of the applicant's economic ability to construct, develop, maintain and operate the project as described in the application(s) submitted to DEQ. If the economic viability assessment concludes that the project is not economically viable for any reason, DEQ shall suspend processing the permit application(s), notwithstanding the provisions of Section 49-17-29(3)(c). Within thirty (30) days of the decision of MDA staff, the permit applicant may present any additional information on its behalf to the Executive Director of MDA, and the Executive Director shall review the MDA staff assessment. If additional information is received in writing from the applicant, the Executive Director of MDA shall make a decision in review of the MDA staff decision within sixty (60) days of the staff decision, and the decision of the Executive Director of MDA shall be the final administrative action of MDA in the matter.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Executive Director of the Department of Environmental Quality shall have authority to transfer cash from one special fund treasury fund to another special fund treasury fund under the control of the Department of Environmental Quality. The purpose of this authority is to more efficiently use available cash reserves. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the Executive Director of the Department of Environmental Quality shall submit written justification for the transfer to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration on or before the fifteenth of the month prior to the effective date of the transfer.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated herein, it is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Environmental Quality shall pay debt service on bonds issued to provide state matching funds for the State Revolving Loan Fund with interest earnings derived from the fund.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, an amount not greater than Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) shall be derived from the Pollution Emergency Fund within the Pollution Operating Fund for transfer to the Department of Environmental Quality to be used for dam and reservoir inspections, inventory, and reporting.

SECTION 15. It is the intention of the Legislature for the Department of Environmental Quality to continue with any agreements with Mississippi state agencies, including grant agreements, that provide environmental projects to restore Mississippi's natural resources in the wake of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

SECTION 16 . Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) is provided for the purpose of assessment, remediation, operation and maintenance, cost-sharing, oversight, and administration of water, land, and air contamination projects within the State of Mississippi pursuant to the 2020 settlement in The State of Mississippi ex rel. Lynn Fitch, Attorney General vs. EnPro, Inc., et.al.; Cause No. CV-2017-19-JMY2.

SECTION 17. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 18 . Notwithstanding any other provision, the Department of Environmental Quality shall have the authority to escalate its headcount for any additional operational needs related to Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds, upon approval of the Department of Finance and Administration and the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 19. With the funds appropriated herein, the Department of Environmental Quality is authorized to make payment to certain vendors for expenses incurred during 2020 to certain vendors as follows:

Lowndes County Board of Supervisors	\$ 9,000.00
City of Natchez	\$ 8,000.00
Clarke County	\$ 2,625.38
Sunflower County	\$ 1,108.20
Sunflower County	\$ 5,540.98

SECTION 20. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 21. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, C. Scott Bounds, Vince Mangold
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Philip Moran, John A. Polk

On motion of Rep. Bounds the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, McCarty, Robinson, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1617: Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1617: Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 9,882,374.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department for the support and maintenance of the department, including the Museum of Natural Science and the Bureau of Parks and Recreation, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 91,192,538.00.

The following sum, which is included in the sum appropriated above in this section, is appropriated out of the state excise taxes upon gasoline, oil and other petroleum products to the Fisheries and Wildlife Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 5,750,000.00.

The Department of Revenue is directed to set aside the amount of this appropriation or any part thereof at any time it sees fit, out of any collections of taxes upon gasoline, oil and other petroleum products, and to deduct the amounts so set aside from such funds before making distribution thereof. However, provisions shall first be made for the Highway Bonds Sinking Fund, as required under the provisions of Chapter 130, Laws of 1938, and any amendments thereto, and Section 27-5-101, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Any funds available in the Wildlife Heritage Fund may be expended by the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks as authorized by law. The department shall make a detailed report to the Legislature regarding the spending of the Wildlife Heritage funds by September 1 for the preceding fiscal year.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2 to the Bureau of Wildlife and Fisheries, funds in the amount of One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-five Dollars (\$125,335.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of Project WILD for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 533
Time-Limited: 49

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 5. Each conservation officer and supervisor shall be furnished an allowance for uniforms not to exceed Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$550.00) per annum.

Provided further, when any personnel of the Bureau of Wildlife and Fisheries are transferred from one (1) county to another on a permanent assignment, the expense monies now paid on out-of-county duty shall not be applicable.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 7. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2024 Target
Support Services	
Number of Hunting and Fishing Licenses Sold	480,000
Number of Registrations of Boats	50,000
Percent Change in License Sales	1.00
Percent Change in Boat Registration	1.00
Fisheries	
Number of Fish Stocked for Public Waters	2,000,000
Number of Customers of DWFP Lakes	70,000
Number of Participants in Aquatic Education	6,500
Number of Access Facilities Built or Maintained (Boat Ramps)	35
Wildlife	
MDWFP Management for Hunters and Non-Consumptive Users (Man-Days)	125,000
Research Projects Conducted to Sustain Healthy and Abundant Wildlife Populations	6
Acres of Forest Inventory	1,000
Acres of Prescribed Burning, Waterfowl	

	Management, and Timber Management on WMA's to Sustain Healthy & Abundant Wildlife	33,000
	Percent Change in Number of Research Projects Conducted to Sustain Healthy and Abundant Wildlife Populations	0.00
	Percent Change in Number of Private Land Acres Influenced	0.00
	Percent Change in the Number of Forest Inventories Conducted	0.00
Law Enforcement		
	Number of Hunter Education Participants	10,000
	Number of Hours Patrolled on Land	175,000
	Number of Hours Patrolled on Water	75,000
	Number of Criminal Investigations Conducted	8,000
	Number of Shooting Sport Programs	1,500
	Number of Boating Accidents	50
	Number of Boating Fatalities	7
	Cost per Student for Hunter Education	48.00
	Percent Increase in Shooting Sports Program	10.00
	Percent Change in Number of Boating Accidents	50.00
	Percent Change in Boating Related Fatalities	0.00
	Percent Change in Public Contacts per Officer/per Day	50.00
Special Projects		
	Percent increase in Improved Use of Special Funds (%)	0.20
Motor Vehicle Fund		
	Number of Vehicles Purchased	35
	Number of Used Vehicles Sold	35
	Percent Change in Number of Vehicles in the Fleet in Order to Maintain Efficient and Reliable Fleet of Vehicles	1.00
Parks		
	Overnight Accommodation (Cabins/Motels)	250,000
	Overnight Accommodations (Camping)	795,000
	Day Use Services	400,000
	Percent Change in Day Use Services	10.00
	Percent Change in the Prior Year of Occupancy Rate of Cabins	25.00
Museum		
	Statewide Education Programming	250,000
	Total Public Programming	125,000
	Number of Visitors to Exhibits	95,000
	Number of Natural Heritage Records Entered	60,000
	Percent Change of Students that Understand the Importance of Natural Resource Conservation	5.00
	Percent Change of Visitors to Exhibits	10.00
	Percent Change in the Number of Natural Heritage Records	10.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the following amount shall come from the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Special Pearl River Timber Fund No. 3465, for the purpose of making improvements to the Pearl River Wildlife Management Area \$ 50,000.00.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated within this act, the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks may enter into cooperative agreements with the board of supervisors of any county or any group or combination of counties for the purpose of creating, improving or restoring parks, public game and fish habitat lying or to be situated wholly or partially within such county or in an adjoining county; and each county is empowered and authorized, in its discretion, to expend funds from the general county fund for such purposes from which fund they shall reimburse to the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks the actual cost of all surveying and engineering projects incurred by the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks incidental thereto. Such boards of supervisors are further authorized and empowered, in their discretion, to enter into agreements necessary to carry out the purposes of this act with any other county, the United States Forest Service or any other agency if same should be necessary for the acquisition of land by lease or otherwise for such purposes.

SECTION 10. It shall be unlawful for any officer, employee or other person whatsoever to use or permit or authorize the use of any automobile or any other motor vehicle owned by the State of Mississippi or any department, agency or institution thereof for any purpose other than upon the official business of the State of Mississippi or any agency, department or institution thereof.

It is the intent of the Legislature that motor vehicles authorized to be owned and operated by this agency shall comply with Sections 25-1-77 through 25-1-93, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 11. In order to be in compliance with Section 63-1-201 et seq., funds are herein provided and may be expended by the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to pay the costs of commercial driver's licenses for specific employees and/or to reimburse such costs for specific employees who, in the course of their duties and responsibilities, are required to hold a valid Mississippi Commercial Driver's License.

SECTION 12. The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks is authorized to provide financial support of One Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) and to enter into an agreement with the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service for a project specialist and related supportive cost.

SECTION 13. The department is authorized to spend up to sixty percent (60%) of revenue in the State Park Timber Endowment Fund, as needed, to operate and maintain the state parks.

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

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) is allocated for the detection and prevention of Chronic Wasting Disease in deer populations across the state.

SECTION 16. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) is allocated for LeFleur's Bluff State Park for playground security expenses.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated herein, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) may be provided to fund the Youth Participation Initiative for the purpose of educating children in the areas of hunting, fishing, conservation, and safety.

SECTION 18. The fund created pursuant to Section 49-5-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, and known as the "Fisheries and Wildlife Fund" shall be treated as a special trust fund. All funds derived from the sale of licenses, fees, fines and other revenues received by the department as provided by law, shall be deposited in the Fisheries and Wildlife Fund. In addition, revenue derived from the sale of timber on wildlife management areas, refuges and preserves shall be deposited into an account established for such revenues under the Fisheries and Wildlife Fund. The interest and any investment income earned on the fund shall be credited by the State Treasurer to the Fisheries and Wildlife Fund and shall not be paid into the General Fund. Any unexpended funds remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse and shall remain in the fund. Nothing in this

section shall prevent the use of said funds from maintenance and upgrade of wildlife management areas.

SECTION 19. It is the intention of the Legislature that no more than One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,300,000.00) be expended from the Motor Vehicle Fund for the purchase of any type of motor vehicle.

SECTION 20. The executive director of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks is authorized to enter into an agreement with any public or private entities to manage any park or parks within the state park system.

SECTION 21. It is the intent of the Legislature that no state-owned wildlife management area be closed and that to the greatest practicable extent, department land management decisions and actions may not result in any net loss of any acreage available for hunting opportunities that existed on July 1, 2006, as provided in Section 49-5-99(4). It is the intention of the Legislature that no state park be closed without legislative approval.

SECTION 22. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall have the authority to enter into multi-year contracts for the purpose of placing a sign on such state park property under the department's domain, in accordance with any applicable rules and regulations. All proceeds generated from these activities shall remain with the department and shall be deposited into the proper special fund.

SECTION 23. It is the intent of the Legislature that from the funds available to the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, the department may purchase and pay premium(s) on property damage insurance on its motor vehicles, boats, trailers, real property improvements, buildings, furnishings, and such other assets as may be appropriate or practical, and/or as required by a granting entity.

SECTION 24. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,750,000.00) shall be designated for the purpose of defraying the operational expenses of Special Projects. None of these funds shall be used for "Personal Services."

SECTION 25. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall have the authority to receive, budget and expend funds from the Gulf and Wildlife Protection Fund, not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for the purpose of preservation, protection, conservation, and acquisition of waters, land and wildlife of this state.

SECTION 26. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 27. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that Fifty-eight Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-three Dollars (\$58,593.00) may be allocated for the Hunter Education program supported from the General Fund court assessments.

SECTION 28. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in HB 1605, 2022 Regular Session to provide for repairs and renovations to state parks and museums for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 6,000,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 29. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Thirteen Million Dollars (\$13,000,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. The purpose of these funds are to assist the Department with

improving and developing the area in the LeFleur's Bluff Education and Tourism Complex and in coordination with the Mississippi Children's Museum, and the Department of Finance and Administration in order to promote tourism, education, and recreational activity that contributes to community well-being.

SECTION 30. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing the funds necessary to authorize the expenditure of funds for Repairs and Renovations at State Parks

SECTION 31. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, One Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,100,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing the funds necessary to authorize the expenditure of funds for equipment for the agency.

SECTION 32. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 33. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, C. Scott Bounds, Vince Mangold

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Scott DeLano, Neil S. Whaley

On motion of Rep. Bounds the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Currie, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Ladner, McCarty, Robinson, Walker. Total-6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1618: Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1618: Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission in the operation and maintenance of the Grand Gulf Military Monument for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 322,777.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission in the operation and maintenance of the Grand Gulf Military Monument for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 508,810.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 7
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance

and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 5. It shall be unlawful for any officer, employee or other person whatsoever to use or permit or authorize the use of any automobile or any other motor vehicle owned by the State of Mississippi or any department, agency or institution thereof for any purpose other than upon the official business of the State of Mississippi or any agency, department or institution thereof.

It is the intent of the Legislature that motor vehicles authorized to be owned and operated by this agency shall comply with Sections 25-1-77 through 25-1-93, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Three Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$390,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided for repairs, renovations to park facilities, road improvements, and the purchase of equipment.

SECTION 7. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund, not otherwise appropriated for Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in HB 1606, 2022 Regular Session, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 184,033.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 10. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE GRAND GULF MILITARY MONUMENT COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, C. Scott Bounds, Vince Mangold

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Philip Moran, Benjamin Suber

On motion of Rep. Bounds the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, McCarty, Pigott, Robinson, Walker. Total-6.

Present--Bell, C, Karriem. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1620: Appropriation; Public Service Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1620: Appropriation; Public Service Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.

2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose

of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Public Service Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 4,872,897.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Public Service Commission which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the commission, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 746,994.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 and Section 2, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 52
Time-Limited: 5

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

	FY2024 Target
Performance Measures	
Utility Regulatory Services	
Number of Utility Docket Cases	240
Number of Utility Complaints	4,560
Electric Complaints as a Percent of Total	48.00
Telecommunication Complaints as a	

Percent of Total	32.00
Water Complaints as a Percent of Total	10.00
Gas Complaints as a Percent of Total	8.00
Sewer Complaints as a Percent of Total	1.00
Average Cost per Utility Complaint	638.00
Time To Resolve Utility Complaints (Days)	3
Average Price of Electricity per Kilowatt Hour in MS for Residential Customers, by Utility Type: Investor-Owned Utilities (Cents/kWh)	0.11
Average Price of Electricity per Kilowatt Hour in MS for Residential Customers, by Utility Type: Electric Cooperatives (Cents/kWh)	0.11
Average Price of Electricity for Residential Customers in MS as a Percent of the April 2016 National Average, 12.43 Cents/kWh - Investor Owned Utilities	86.89
Average Price of Electricity for Residential Customers in MS as a Percent of the April 2016 National Average, 12.43 Cents/kWh - Electric Cooperative	95.14
Average Monthly Residential Electric Usage in MS (kWh)	1,200
Average Monthly Residential Electric Usage in MS as a Percent of the 2015 National Average, 909 kWh	135.00
Number of Pipeline Inspections	630
Average Cost per Pipeline Inspection	883.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 5. None of the funds herein appropriated by this act to the Public Service Commission shall be expended for any purpose that is not actually required or necessary for performing any of the powers or duties of the Mississippi Public Service Commission that are authorized by the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, state or federal law, or rules or regulations that implement state or federal law.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Public Service Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2 of this act, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided for purchase of a new case tracking system for the Public Service Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 282,500.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Public Service Commission shall compile the amount of time that is expended on each regulated entity during Fiscal Year 2023. On or before August 1, 2023, the Public Service Commission shall report these findings to the House of Representatives' Public Utilities Committee.

SECTION 10. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, C. Scott Bounds, Casey Eure

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Scott DeLano, Tyler McCaughn

On motion of Rep. Bounds the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Kinkade, Robinson, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1622: Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1622: Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.

2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Human Services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 75,784,205.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Human Services which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department for the support of the various divisions of the department, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 1,739,012,851.00.

SECTION 3. None of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for any purpose that is not actually required or necessary for performing any of the powers or duties of the Department of Human Services that are authorized by the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, state or federal law, or rules or regulations that implement state or federal law.

SECTION 4. With the funds appropriated in this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	Full Time	1,296
Time-Limited:	Full Time	474

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Human Services shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 herein to the Department of Human Services, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be transferred to the Department of Health, Child Care Licensure Program from the Child Care Development Fund or other appropriate special fund. These funds are to be transferred to the Board of Health no later than July 31, 2023. The Department of Health shall make a complete accounting to the Department of Human Services detailing the uses of these funds in accordance with federal and state regulations.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 8. The Department of Human Services is authorized to expend available funds on technology or equipment upgrades or replacements when it will generate savings through efficiency or when the savings generated from such upgrades or replacements exceed expenditures thereof.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds provided herein shall be used to pay certain utilities for state furnished housing for any employees. Such utilities shall include electricity, natural gas, butane, propane, cable and phone services. Where actual cost cannot be determined, the agency shall be required to provide meters to be in compliance with legislative intent. Such state furnished housing shall include single-family and multi-family residences but shall not include any dormitory residences. Allowances for such utilities shall be prohibited.

SECTION 10. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2024 Target
Support Services	
Percent of Referred/Directed Investigative Audits Conducted	100.00
Percent of Special Investigations Conducted	95.00
Percent of Referred/Obtained Fraud Investigations Conducted Timely	100.00
Percent of Referred Administrative Disqualification Hearings and Fair Hearings Conducted Timely	99.00
Percent of Monitoring Reviews Conducted within Acceptable Timeframes	98.00
Total Amount of Funds Recovered	3,500,000.00
Aging & Adult Services	
In-Home Services - Age 60 + (Persons Served)	32,680
Community Services - Age 60 + (Persons Served)	193,617
Number of Congregate Meals	468,272
Number of Home Delivered Meals	2,700,000
Substantiated Incidences of Abuse of Vulnerable Adults per 1,000 Population	0.17

Home Delivered Meals, Percent Reduction of Persons on Waiting list	1.00
Child Support Enforcement	
Number of Paternities Established	15,500
Percent Change in Paternities Established	3.30
Number of Obligations Established	16,000
Percent Change in Obligations Established	12.50
Total Collections	378,000,000.00
Percent Change in Total Collections	-2.50
Number of Absent Parents Located	68,000
Percent of Child Support Cases Current on Payments	-2.53
Community Services	
Number of Elderly Served by CSBG and LIHEAP	20,352
Number of Disabled Served CSBG/LIHEAP	26,762
Number of Households Achieving Self-Sufficiency CSBG/LIHEAP	0
Percent Increase in Rate of Households Attaining Self-Sufficiency	0.00
Number of Households Stabilized CSBG/LIHEAP	0
Percent Increase in the Number of Households Stabilized	0.00
Number of Households Weatherized	516
Early Childhood Care & Dev	
Number of Children Served	30,138
Assistance Payments	
Dollar Amount of Assistance	6,240,877.00
Food Assistance	
Number of Average Monthly Households Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program - SNAP	716,413,100.00
Percent of Mississippi Households Receiving SNAP Benefits	22.51
Tanf Work Program	
Number of Average Monthly TANF Households	4,600
Number of Average Monthly Persons Served in TANF Work Program	1,107
TANF Work Program Participation Rate	60.00
Number of Persons Employed Through the TANF Work Program for the Year	832
Number of Households Receiving TANF Benefits During the Year	9,969
Percent of Households Receiving TANF During the Year	49.00
Percent of TANF Participants in Job Trng Who Enter Employment	30.00
Percent of TANF Participants in Job Training Who Enter Employment at A Salary Sufficient to Be Ineligible for TANF	19.00
Percent of TANF Participants in Job Training Who Remain Employed for One Year After Leaving the Program	75.00
Percent of TANF Participants in Job Training Who Remain Employed for Five Years After Leaving the Program	65.00
Social Services Block Grant	
Number of Clients Served - Division of Family and Children's Services	75,611

Number of Clients Served - Aging and Adult Services	21,178
Number of Clients Served - Youth Services	12,880
Number of Children Served - Community Services	15,000
Number of Children Served - Institutional Component	300.00
Number of Volunteers - Community Services/Institution	0
Number of Children Placed in Alternative Placement	0
Percent of Children Diverted from Institutional Care	95.00
Recidivism Rate	20.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 11. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Human Services, Division of Child Support Enforcement, make a concentrated effort to increase collections of past due child support payments. On or before January 1, 2024, the Executive Director of the Department of Human Services shall submit a report to the Legislative Budget Office detailing year-to-date performance measures in the Child Support Enforcement Program compared with the prior year.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Human Services shall have the authority to spend such additional funds as it shall receive from the federal government in incentives or the federal match on those incentives for the purpose of child support enforcement.

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be transferred to the Juvenile Facility Monitoring Unit at the Department of Public Safety no later than July 31, 2023.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated herein, to the Department of Human Services One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), is provided for the support of the Home Delivered Meals Program and any additional funds that may be appropriated to this program.

SECTION 15. Of the funds provided in Section 1, herein to the Department of Human Services, an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) is provided to fund the Senior Olympics Program.

SECTION 16. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Governor's Office, Division of Medicaid and the Department of Human Services shall continue to work together to implement Section 43-12-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, known as the "Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act".

SECTION 17. As a condition of receiving and expending any funds appropriated under this act, the Department of Human Services:

(a) Shall use a competitive procurement process for entering into all TANF subgrant agreements with non-state entities when the federal government does not direct to whom the funds must be subgranted;

(b) Upon awarding of a grant to any subgrantee of the department, shall require the subgrantee to submit a monthly report to the department that contains, but is not limited to, all of the following:

(i) A listing of all costs incurred by the subgrantee during the previous month;

(ii) A listing of all clients served by the subgrantee, with an explanation of which services were provided to the clients;

(iii) A listing of all lower-tier subgrantees, who must be approved by the department before the execution of any such agreement by the prime subgrantee; and

(iv) Any other data required by the department to provide sufficient evidence of budgetary compliance;

(c) Shall not advance funds to a subgrantee for more than sixty (60) days; and

(d) Shall reimburse a subgrantee for expenses only after the required documentation is provided and is approved by the department.

SECTION 18. It is the intent of the Legislature, that within the funds available, the Department of Human Services may provide any qualifying grants of CARES Act or American Rescue Act funding in an amount not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) to the three (3) regional food banks that serve Mississippi, including Feed the Gulf Coast, Mid-South Food Bank, and Mississippi Food Network.

SECTION 19. With the funds appropriated herein, the Department of Human Services is authorized to make payment to certain vendors for expenses incurred during FY2019 and FY2021 as follows:

DNA Diagnostics Center \$ 34,474.42
Pearson VUE \$ 551.25
Shred IT \$ 961.56
Southwestern Communication \$ 3,030.76
Warner, Inc. d/b/a/ ServiceMaster \$ 11,448.00
Hinds County Chancery Clerk \$ 18,192.00

SECTION 20. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Department of Human Services for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in HB 1611, 2022 Regular Session to defray expenses of the Department of Human Services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending

June 30, 2024 \$ 58,885,920.00.

This appropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of funds as allocated herein:

(a) To defray the Department's computer expenses \$ 4,885,920.00.

(b) To secure federal funding for a new computer system \$ 54,000,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 21. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided for the Department of Human Services for IT infrastructure and other equipment.

SECTION 22. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 23. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023, except for Section 19 which shall take effect and be in force from and after the passage of this act and through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Sam C. Mims, V, C. Scott Bounds

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Kevin Blackwell, Brice Wiggins

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Owen. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson, Taylor, Walker. Total-5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1623: Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1623: Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Rehabilitation Services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 31,615,704.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Rehabilitation Services which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department for the support of the various offices of the department, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 220,498,980.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Three Million Six Hundred Eighty-one Thousand Eight Hundred Two Dollars (\$3,681,802.00) shall be derived from the Health Care Expendable Fund created in Section 43-13-407, Mississippi Code of 1972. The above funds shall be allocated as follows:

Fully match all available federal

funds \$ 2,782,590.00.
Independent Living Program which
includes the State Attendant
Care Program \$ 854,903.00.
Deaf and hard of hearing \$ 44,309.00.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 831
Time-Limited: 207

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Rehabilitation Services shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 6. The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind shall remain accredited by using not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) of the funds appropriated along with matching funds for payment of fees to an accreditation agency recommended by the Rehabilitation Services Administration.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated herein, the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services through the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind is authorized to expend an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for the National Federation for the Blind (NFB) News line service to allow

blind and visually impaired persons to access newspapers through toll-free telephone calls.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 9. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2024 Target
Disability Determination Services	
Number of Dispositions	60,000
Number of Days For Processing Time	130
Voc Rehabilitation For The Blind	
Number of Blind and Visually Impaired Persons Served	2,025
Number of Persons Rehabilitated	285
Number of Independent Living Persons Served	720
Percent Change in Persons Employed Compared to Persons Served	13.00
Vocational Rehabilitation	
Number of Clients Served	15,025
Number of Clients Rehabilitated	2,535
Percent Change of Persons Employed Compared to Persons Served	16.00
Persons Employed with Pay Rate Greater than Federal or State Minimum Wage	2,535
Persons with Significant Disabilities Leaving VR With Competitive, Self, or BEP Employment, Wage = or > Than Minimum	1,138
Spinal Cord & Head Injury Program	
Number of Clients Served	1,050
Percent Change in Number of Spinal Cord and Brain Injuries per Year	3.00
Special Disability Programs	
Number of Clients Served	3,100
Percent Change in Persons Receiving HCBW Services Compared to Waiting List	25.00
Ratio of Cost to HCBW Services per Person Compared to an Institutional Setting	38.00
Support Services	
Percent of Total Budget	1.96

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that One Million Five Hundred Sixty-three Thousand Thirty-nine Dollars (\$1,563,039.00) shall be allocated to the Spinal Cord & Head Injury Trust supported from General Fund court assessments.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and Section 2, One Million Four Hundred Eighty-three Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-three Dollars (\$1,483,573.00) in General Funds and One Million Seven Hundred Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-seven Dollars (\$1,700,587.00) in Special Funds is provided for the

support of the Independent Living Home and Community Based Waiver programs along with any additional funds that may be appropriated to these programs.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2 of this act, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided for the purchase of equipment for the Mississippi Industries for the Blind. The Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation is authorized to transfer the appropriated funds to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind for this purpose for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 1,100,000.00.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 14. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 15. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION
SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Sam C. Mims, V, C. Scott Bounds (No
Signature)

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Kevin Blackwell, Michael
McLendon

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the
following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain,
Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R,
Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford,
Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans,
M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney,
Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson,
Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty,
McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr.
Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell,
Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott,
Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb,
Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young,
Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that
it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1625: Appropriation: Child Protection Services, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1625: Appropriation: Child Protection Services, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Child Protection Services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 131,237,561.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Child Protection Services which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department for the support of the various divisions of the department, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 152,079,359.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	1,517
Time-Limited:	417

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance

and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Child Protection Services shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

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

SECTION 6. The Department of Child Protection Services is authorized to expend available funds on technology or equipment upgrades or replacements when it will generate savings through efficiency or when the savings generated from such upgrades or replacements exceed expenditures thereof.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, herein to the Department of Child Protection Services, it is the intention of the Legislature that Ninety-three Thousand Six Hundred One Dollars (\$93,601.00) shall be allocated to the Mississippi Children's Trust Fund supported from General Fund court assessments.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated by this act, pursuant to Section 97-3-54.9, Mississippi Code of 1972, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) is provided for maintaining a 24-hour hotline that is to be manned at all times, and for a coordinator to work with the Department of Public Safety, and to contract with outside agencies or service providers to organize for the provision of specialized services, including counseling services and other appropriate care to children who have been victims of commercial and sexual exploitation or human trafficking.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and Section 2, an amount not to exceed Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,500,000.00) may be expended for the Department of Child Protection Services for Kinship Care Payments as authorized by Section 43-15-17, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 10. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Department of Child Protection Services for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Fund, as reappropriated in HB 1611, 2022 Regular Session, for information technology system developments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 10,721,859.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Eleven Million Eighty-six Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-nine Dollars (\$11,086,239.00) are appropriated to fund the Adoption Assistance and Congregate Care Homes Maintenance Payments and One Million Two Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-nine Dollars (\$1,254,999.00) are provided for the Foster Home Maintenance Payments. It is the intent of the Legislature that these funds be expended for said purpose.

SECTION 12. Notwithstanding any other provision, the Department of Child Protection Services shall have the authority to escalate its headcount for any additional operational needs related to Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds, upon approval of the Department of Finance and Administration and the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated herein, the Department of Child Protection Services is authorized to make payments for expenses incurred during Fiscal Years 2020, 2021, and 2022 for an amount not to exceed Sixty-five Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-three Dollars and Seventy-nine Cents (\$65,473.79).

SECTION 14. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 15. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Sam C. Mims, V, C. Scott Bounds

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Kevin Blackwell, Brice Wiggins

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Pigott called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1628: Appropriation; Forestry Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1628: Appropriation; Forestry Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the State Forestry Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 15,732,212.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Forestry Commission which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the commission, for the support and maintenance of the commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 13,600,367.00.

Of the funds specified in this section, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be deposited in a fund created in the State Treasury called the "Forest Improvement Revolving Fund." Money in this fund shall be used by the State Forestry Commission to assist in the reforestation and growth improvement of the forests, woodlands, and publicly owned lands of the state, including sixteenth section lands, Camp Shelby, Columbia Training School and colleges and universities. Landowners who contract with the commission for such work shall pay to the commission its actual cost for conducting such work. Money received for this work by the commission shall be paid into the State Treasury, and the State Treasurer shall deposit such money in the "Forest Improvement Revolving Fund."

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 343

Time-Limited: 7

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance

and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Forestry Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 5. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

	FY2024 Target
Performance Measures	
Forest Protection & Information	
Average Suppression Time (Hrs from Detection to Control)	1
Number of Acres Burned Under a Prescribed Burn Program	17,750
Percent of Fires Suppressed at 100 Acres or Less	95.00
Forest Management	
Forest Resource Development Program	
Acres Regenerated or Improved	35,000
Acres Monitored for Insect, Storm or Disease Re-Inventory 20% of State's Forest Lands (% of Regions)	19,800,000 20.00
Percent Increase of Re-Inventory of State Forest Land	20.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 6. There is created in the State Treasury a fund designated as the Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Conversion Revolving Fund to be used by the State Forestry Commission to assist in the conversion of vehicles acquired by the State Forestry Commission through the Federal Excess Personal Property Program or by volunteer fire departments through other means to adapt them for use in the suppression of wildland fires. This assistance shall be in the form of fabrication of water tanks or other accessories necessary for the operation of fire suppression units, installation of piping and valves, painting or other similar or associated component work necessary to place fire suppression equipment into service. It is not for general vehicle maintenance or repair.

The Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Conversion Revolving Fund shall be funded by monies received from charges for work and services performed for volunteer fire departments by the State Forestry Commission. Monies collected from such charges shall be deposited into the Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Conversion Revolving Fund. The State Treasurer shall make disbursements therefrom for payment of materials, supplies and labor upon requisition of the Forestry Commission and upon the issuance of warrants therefor by the Department of Finance and Administration.

The amount of monies deposited into the Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Conversion Fund through this work shall not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00). Funds in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) shall be placed in the State Forestry Commission's regular appropriated special funds. Monies in this revolving fund are to be considered special funds and shall be carried forward from one fiscal year to the next.

SECTION 7. There is created in the State Treasury a fund designated as the Camden State Forest Revolving Fund to be used by the State Forestry Commission to direct forest management activities on the Camden State Forest in Madison County, Mississippi. The forest management activities will include, but not be limited to, maintenance of property, timber sale activities and regeneration work.

The Camden State Forest Revolving Fund shall be funded by monies received from timber sales, leases, and any other source. Monies collected from these income sources shall be deposited into the Camden State Forest Revolving Fund. The State Treasurer shall make disbursements therefrom for payments of materials, supplies and labor upon requisition of the State Forestry Commission and upon the issuance of warrants therefor by the Department of Finance and Administration.

It is the intention of the Legislature that any revolving funds in excess of the budgeted amount needed for the necessary operation and maintenance of all properties under the direct supervision and management of the State Forestry Commission shall remain in the Camden State Forest Revolving Fund for use in future years.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, it is the intention of the Legislature that Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) shall be transferred to the Department of Agriculture and Commerce for the Beaver Control or Eradication Program during the Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 9. Any funds in the Salary, Wages and Fringe Benefits major object of expenditure may be used to purchase accumulated compensatory time within the funds available.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 12. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE STATE FORESTRY COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Bill Pigott, Vince Mangold

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Angela Turner-Ford, Tyler McCaughn

On motion of Rep. Pigott the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Currie, Huddleston, Robinson, Turner, Walker. Total-6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1637: Appropriation; District attorneys and staff.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1637: Appropriation; District attorneys and staff.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying salaries and travel expenses of district attorneys, assistant district attorneys, criminal investigators, tort claims assessments, and paying office expenses of district attorneys for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 30,168,704.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Prosecutor Compensation Fund, referred to in Section 99-19-73, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of paying salaries of assistant district attorneys of the state as authorized in Section 25-31-5(1) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 486,932.00.

SECTION 3. None of the funds authorized in this section shall be used to reimburse district attorneys or their staff for taxable meals incurred within their geographical district.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated herein, office expenses of district attorneys as authorized by Section 25-31-8, Mississippi Code of 1972, in the amount of One Million Six Hundred Sixty-six Thousand Dollars (\$1,666,000.00).

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the district attorneys and assistant district attorneys of the state shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated in this act and that those records shall be in the same format and level of details as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the budget requests for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process for each agency and institution appropriated funds within the provisions of this act.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that with the funds provided herein, the district attorneys shall submit their Five-Year Strategic Plan(s) as required in Section 27-103-129(1), Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING SALARIES AND TRAVEL EXPENSES OF DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS OF THE STATE AND PAYING OFFICE EXPENSES OF DISTRICT ATTORNEYS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Angela Cockerham, John W. Hines, Sr.
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Sollie B. Norwood, Tyler McCaughn

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, McLeod. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson, Sanders, Walker. Total-5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1640: Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1640: Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi State Supreme Court for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 7,400,165.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Supreme Court which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the Mississippi State Supreme Court, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi State Supreme Court for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 961,751.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi State Supreme Court, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 70

Time-Limited: 0

SECTION 4. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated to the Mississippi State Supreme Court for the purpose of defraying the expenses of special judges, chancellors and circuit judges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 31,034,839.00.

SECTION 5. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the trial judges, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of special judges, chancellors and circuit judges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 4,192,368.00.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated under Sections 4 and 5 of this act for the purpose of defraying the expenses of special judges, chancellors and circuit judges, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 109

Time-Limited: 0

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated Under Sections 4 and 5 of this act, Ten Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$10,900,000.00) is provided for the purpose of employing support staff in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) per fiscal year per judge.

SECTION 8. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund, not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of funding the Administrative Office of Courts for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 16,072,101.00.

SECTION 9. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Administrative Office of Courts for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Administrative Office of Courts and the Board of Certified Court Reporters for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 28,304,212.00.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 9, Three Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$310,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided for IT equipment and Youth Court computers for the Supreme Court – Administrative Office of the Courts.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 9, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided for temporary In-take Officers for the Supreme Court – Administrative Office of the Courts.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act for the purpose of funding the Administrative Office of Courts, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 40
Time-Limited: 0

SECTION 13. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Continuing Legal Education Fund, a special fund hereby created in the State Treasury, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of providing continuing legal education programs to lawyers in Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 158,857.00.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that interest earned from any investment or deposit to the Continuing Legal Education Fund made pursuant to Section 27-105-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be credited by the State Treasurer to the Continuing Legal Education Fund and shall not be paid into the General Fund of Mississippi.

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act for the purpose of providing continuing legal education programs, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 2
Time-Limited: 0

SECTION 16. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated to the Mississippi State Supreme Court for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Court of Appeals for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 5,225,711.00.

SECTION 17. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Supreme Court, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Court of Appeals for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 1,611,293.00.

SECTION 18. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Court of Appeals, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 58
Time-Limited: 0

SECTION 19. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Board of Bar Admissions, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 358,884.00.

SECTION 20. It is the intention of the Legislature that interest earned from any investment or deposit to the Board of Bar Admissions Fund made pursuant to Section 27-105-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be credited by the State Treasurer to the Board of Bar Admissions Fund and shall not be paid into the General Fund of Mississippi.

SECTION 21. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act for the purpose of funding the Board of Bar Admissions, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 3
Time-Limited: 0

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

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

SECTION 22. No part of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in the payment of attorney's fees, nor shall any of such funds be used, either directly or indirectly, for the purpose of paying any clerk, stenographer, assistant, deputy or other person who may be related by blood or marriage within the third degree, computed by the rules of civil law, to the official employing or having the right of employment or selection thereof; and in the event of any such payment, then the official or person approving and making or receiving such payment shall be jointly and severally liable to return to the State of Mississippi and to pay into the State Treasury three (3) times any such amount so paid or received, to be recovered at suit of the Attorney General; however, when the relationship is by affinity and the person through whom the relationship was established is dead, this provision shall not apply.

SECTION 23. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Mississippi State Supreme Court shall charge the maximum amount allowable by law for services rendered where charges for such services are provided for by statute, and for any other services rendered, shall charge an amount consistent with the cost of providing such services. The funds derived from these charges shall be deposited into a special fund account in the State Treasury to the credit of the Office of the Mississippi State Supreme Court.

SECTION 24. It is the intent of the Legislature that no part of the funds herein appropriated shall be required to be used for the payment of rent for the public space in the Law Library.

SECTION 25. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 26. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, an amount not to exceed Two Million Four Hundred Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,460,500.00) may be provided for the Comprehensive Electronic Court Systems Fund administered by the Administrative Office of Courts.

SECTION 27. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi State Supreme Court shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 28. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) shall be provided for the Youth Court Support Fund administered by the Administrative Office of Courts.

SECTION 29. Of the funds appropriated in Section 8, Nine Million Dollars (\$9,000,000.00) is provided to defray the costs of the Drug Court Program.

SECTION 30. It is the intention of the Legislature that in the event there are not sufficient funds in the Judicial System Operation Fund created under Section 9-21-45,

Mississippi Code of 1972, in any given year with which to pay the annual salary supplements set forth in Section 25-3-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, then the county treasury shall not be obligated to fund such salary supplements and the salary of county court judges shall be that in place prior to the passage of Section 9-9-11, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 31. Of the funds appropriated in Section 8, it is the intention of the Legislature that an amount of Six Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,700,000.00) may be allocated for the programs supported from General Fund court assessments as follows:

Drug Courts \$ 6,500,000.00
Civil Legal Assistance \$ 200,000.00

SECTION 32. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Supreme Court – Administrative Office of the Courts for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in HB 1628, 2022 Regular Session to provide for IT equipment and Youth Court computers for the Supreme Court – Administrative Office of the Courts for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 90,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 33. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Supreme Court – Administrative Office of the Courts for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in HB 1628, 2022 Regular Session to provide for programmers, trainers and operations for the Mississippi Electronic Courts (MEC) System to meet the mandate to bring all the courts into the MEC System for the Supreme Courts – Administrative Office of the Courts for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 435,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 34. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 35. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE SUPREME COURT WHICH IS COMPRISED OF THE SUPREME COURT, THE OFFICE OF THE SUPREME COURT CLERK AND THE STATE LAW LIBRARY AND TO PAY EXPENSES OF SPECIAL JUDGES, CHANCELLORS AND CIRCUIT JUDGES, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF COURTS AND CERTIFIED COURT REPORTERS, CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION, COURT OF APPEALS AND THE BOARD OF BAR ADMISSIONS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Angela Cockerham, Jason White
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Sollie B. Norwood, Daniel H. Sparks

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Crawford, Ford, K, Huddleston, Robinson, Scoggin, Walker. Total-6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1641: Appropriation; Attorney General.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1641: Appropriation; Attorney General.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Office of the Attorney General for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 30,596,135.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Office of the Attorney General which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the office, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the office for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 9,625,920.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: Full Time 88
 Time-Limited: Full Time 210

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Office of the Attorney General shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 5. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2024 Target
Supportive Services	
Cost of Support Services as Percent of Budget, 2011-2012 Baseline: 5.10%	5.00
Training	
Ratings of Continuing Legal Education Training Presentation by Participants	95.00
Ratings of CRIMES System Training Presentation by Participants	0.00

Litigation

Minimum Affirmations of Criminal Convictions 2011-2012 Baseline: 90.00%	90.00
Minimum Affirmations of Death Penalty Appeals 2011-2012 Baseline: 83.33%	80.00
Minimum Denial of Relief in Federal Habeas Corpus 2011-2012 Baseline: 86.96%	99.00
Minimum Pos Results of Civil Cases 2011-2012 Baseline: 96.00%	96.00
Percent Change of Affirmations of Criminal Convictions Attained	7.00
Percent Change of Death Penalty Review Cases Affirmed	5.00
Percent of Change of Appeals for Relief in Federal Habeas Corpus Cases Denied	0.00
Percent Change of Positive Results from Civil Cases	0.00

Opinions

Percent Assigned to Attorneys in 3 Days or Less, 2011-2012 Baseline: 100.00%	100.00
Percent of Opinions Completed in 30 Days or Less, 2011-2012 Baseline: 76.00%	75.00
Percent Change of Opinion Requests Assigned to Attorneys within 3 Days or Less	0.00
Percent Change of Opinion Requests Completed within 30 Days or Less	5.00

State Agency Contracts

Percent of Good and Excellent Ratings for Legal Services, 2011-2012 Baseline: 94.00%	100.00
Percent Change of Good/Excellent Ratings for Legal Services	0.00

Insurance Integrity Enforcement

Minimum Positive Results of Workers' Compensation Cases 2011-2012 Baseline: 90.00%	99.00
Minimum Positive Results of Insurance Cases 2011-2012 Baseline: 90.00%	99.00
Percent Change of Positive Results of Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud	5.00
Percent Change of Positive Results of Other Insurance Cases	0.00

Other Mandated Programs

Medicaid Fraud Convictions vs Dispositions 2011-2012 Baseline: 100.00%	90.00
Medicaid Abuse Convictions vs Dispositions 2011-2012 Baseline: 95.00%	95.00
Minimum Defendants Convicted after Indictments (PID) 2011-2012 Baseline: 96.00%	90.00
Response to Consumer Complaints (Days) 2011-2012 Baseline: 3.14%	5
Average Number of Days to Respond to Consumer Complaints	5
Percent Change of Medicaid Fraud Convictions vs Dispositions	0.00
Percent Change of Medicaid Abuse	

Convictions vs Dispositions	0.00
Percent Change of Defendants Convicted After Indictment	0.00
Crime Victims Compensation	
Percent of Claims Processed in 12 Weeks or Less, 2011-2012 Baseline: 67.97%	75.00
Percent Change of Claims Processed Timely	0.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, funds included therein which are derived from penalties and/or other funds collected by the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit shall be available for the purpose of providing the state match for federal funds available for the support of the unit, or for other lawful purposes as deemed appropriate by the Attorney General. Further, it is the intent of the Legislature that any penalties and/or other funds collected and/or expended shall be accounted for separately as to source and/or application of such funds.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be made available for expenditure by the Prosecutors Training Division.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the sum of Six Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$680,000.00) is provided from the Department of Health for the Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement Unit.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that Five Million Six Hundred Ninety Thousand Three Hundred Forty-six Dollars (\$5,690,346.00) may be allocated for the programs supported from General Fund court assessments as follows:

State Prosecutor Education	\$ 662,582.00
Crime Victims Compensation	\$ 1,901,332.00
Vulnerable Persons Training, Invest and Prosecution Trust	\$ 565,165.00
Child Support Prosecution Trust	\$ 128,475.00
Law Enforcement & Firefighters Disability Benefits Trust	\$ 133,666.00
Cyber Crime Unit	\$ 944,722.00
Domestic Violence Training	\$ 376,580.00
Children's Advocacy Centers	\$ 554,489.00
Crime Victims Compensation Admin	\$ 347,547.00
Motorcycle Officer Training	\$ 62,763.00
District Attorney Operations	\$ 13,025.00

It is the intention of the Legislature that the Attorney General's Office shall prepare and submit a quarterly report to the Chairmen of the Appropriation Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives that details the expenditures made for programs supported from General Fund court assessments allocated in this section.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00), or so much thereof, is provide for the purpose of providing funds to the Victims of Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation Fund.

SECTION 11. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Attorney General's Office to administer the Mississippi Telephone Solicitation Act, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 240,627.00.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 10 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:		
Permanent:	Full Time	3
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 13. No part of the money herein appropriated shall be used, either directly or indirectly, for the purpose of paying any clerk, stenographer, assistant, deputy or other person who may be related by blood or marriage within the third degree, computed by the rules of civil law, to the official employing or having the right of employment or selection thereof; and in the event of any such payment, then the official or person approving and making or receiving such payment shall be jointly and severally liable to return to the State of Mississippi and to pay into the State Treasury three (3) times any such amount so paid or received; however, when the relationship is by affinity and the person through whom the relationship was established is dead, this provision shall not apply.

SECTION 14. None of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for any purpose that is not actually required or necessary for performing any of the powers or duties of the Office of the Attorney General that are authorized by the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, state or federal law, or rules or regulations that implement state or federal law.

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

SECTION 16. Of the funds appropriated in this act, funds are provided to defray the expenses of litigation defending the constitutionality of Mississippi statutes.

SECTION 17. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State

Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 18. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Angela Cockerham, Jason White

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Sollie B. Norwood, Dennis DeBar, Jr.

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bongar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Crawford, Ford, K, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Busby called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1642: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1642: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Transportation Funds, for the purpose of defraying the administrative expenses of the Mississippi Department of Transportation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 1,433,696,755.00.

SECTION 2. The following offices are supported by the funds appropriated in Section 1: The Office of Administrative Services, the Office of Highways and the Office of Aeronautics and Rails. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 2,803

Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated to the Mississippi Department of Transportation under the provisions of Section 1, the following amounts shall be available for expenditure in the program budgets as required by Section 27-103-127, Mississippi Code of 1972:

Administration and Other Expenses	\$ 63,002,506.00
Construction	\$ 989,253,147.00
Maintenance	\$ 265,889,538.00
Debt Service	\$ 79,203,885.00
Aeronautics, Rails and other	\$ 36,347,679.00

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Transportation shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is

further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$650,000.00) shall be transferred to the Department of Agriculture and Commerce for the Beaver Control or Eradication Program during the Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and authorized for expenditure in Section 3, Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) shall be transferred by the Mississippi Department of Transportation to the Department of Public Safety Office of Commercial Transportation Enforcement Division for the operations of the Division as authorized to be relocated in Senate Bill 2825, 2021 Regular Session.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the Mississippi Department of Transportation shall expend such funds as necessary to conduct project planning. Such project planning shall apply to all preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction projects of the department and, at a minimum, shall consist of policies for the oversight and management of project cost which:

(a) Establish a reasonable cost estimate for each project. For purposes of this provision, projects include preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction;

(b) Capture and retain the initial project cost estimates for comparison with final actual expenditures;

(c) Require that any changes to a cost estimate for a project will be reviewed and approved by district or central office personnel. Such personnel shall be responsible for signing any revision, and providing a narrative description of the reasons for approving a revision;

(d) Capture the cost of consultants, engineers, attorneys, contract appraisers and other technical and professional contractors used in preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction projects.

SECTION 8. None of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act may be expended by the Department of Transportation for construction of new highways if such highway segment is less than ten (10) miles in length unless:

(a) The explanation and justification for letting such a contract for a length of less than ten (10) miles is entered upon the official minutes of the Transportation Commission;

(b) The commission, within ten (10) working days after entry of its explanation and justification upon its minutes, gives notice, by United States First Class Mail, and provides a copy of such entry upon its minutes, to the Chairman of the Transportation Committee of the Mississippi House of Representatives and the Chairman of the Mississippi Senate Highways and Transportation Committee.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that of the sum appropriated in Section 1, the Department is authorized to provide a protective footwear allowance of not more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per person annually for Engineers, Maintenance, and Construction Workers as part of their safety equipment.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated to the Mississippi Department of Transportation, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) shall be used for the Statewide Litter Prevention Program.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, not less than Eighty Million Dollars (\$80,000,000.00) shall be expended for contracted maintenance overlay and pavement rehabilitation.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Transportation is authorized to expend with funds which were obligated in Fiscal Year 2023 for maintenance overlay projects and maintenance repair projects but not completed by the end of Fiscal Year 2023, in an amount not to exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00).

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Transportation is authorized to transfer between the various programs in an amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the amount allocated in Section 3, except

that no transfers shall be authorized which increase the "Administrative and Other Expenses" Program or which decrease the "Maintenance" Program.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Transportation is authorized to expend an amount not to exceed Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) received from other public or private entities as reimbursements for payments made on federal projects.

SECTION 15. With the funds appropriated in this act, the Mississippi Department of Transportation shall notify members of the Mississippi Senate and House of Representatives upon the award of projects within their respective districts and at least five (5) days prior to a public ceremony announcing the award of any grant in their district or any public announcement of ceremony regarding the groundbreaking or opening of a facility, roadway or bridge for which the Legislature has made funds available. Any signage regarding any public event or any new facility, roadway or bridge shall include the following language: "Funds were made available for this project by the Mississippi State Legislature." Further, the signage shall state the four-year legislative term in which the project was funded.

SECTION 16. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 17. The Mississippi Department of Transportation is authorized to dispose of or transfer used cell phones that are obsolete or inoperable to cell phone recycling programs dedicated to providing free phone access to United States military personnel.

SECTION 18. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2024 Target
Maintenance	
Number of Acres Mowed (First and Subsequent)	290,000
Percent Increase of Acreage Mowed	66.00
Slow the Expected Increases of Total	
Fatalities According to a 5 Year Rolling	
Average (697 or Less)	707
Percent Decrease in State-Maintained	
Lane Miles Needing Repair or	
Rehabilitation	1.50
Percent of Pavement Needs Met Annually	10.00
Percent of Interstate Lane-Miles with an	
Acceptable Pavement Condition Rating	52.50
Percent of 4 Lane Highway Lane-Miles	
with an Acceptable Pavement Condition	
Rating	72.00
Percent of 2 Lane Highway Lane-Miles	
with an Acceptable Pavement Condition	
Rating	57.50
Cost per Mile to Maintain State Highways	27,938.00
Number of Bridges in Poor Condition	170
Number of Bridges with Timber Components	115
Construction	
Percent of Miles of State Maintained	
Highways that Meet MDOT Thresholds for	
Congestion	2.16
Number of Lane Miles of State Maintained	

Highways Requiring Additional Capacity	604.99
Cost per Mile to Construct State Highways	18,460,000.00
Administration & Other	
Administration as a Percent of Total Budget	4.40
GO-MDOT-Total Number of Page Views	1,077,228
Percent Increase in Utilization of MDOTTRAFFIC.com Website	0.05
Bonded Debt Service	
MDOT's Share of Annual Debt Service will Not Exceed 3.75% of Annual Budget	0.76
Aeronautics & Rails	
Number of Airports Inspected	69
Number of Grade Crossings Inspected	2,100

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 19. The Mississippi Department of Transportation is authorized to accept and expend any grant, donation, or contribution from any individual, public, or private organization, or government entity for purposes of defraying the operational costs of the department. Such grants, donations or contributions shall be received and expended under the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds not to exceed One Hundred Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$125,000,000.00).

SECTION 20. With the funds appropriated herein, the Department of Transportation is authorized to make payment for expenses incurred during Fiscal Years 2018 through 2021 as follows:

Vendor	Amount Invoice Fiscal Year	Date
City of Greenville	\$1,410.56 02/26/2021 FY2021	
City of Greenville	\$1,038.64 05/27/2021 FY2021	
MS Department of Health	\$ 12/29/2017 FY2018	120.00
MS Department of Health	\$ 12/21/2018 FY2019	180.00
MS Department of Health	\$ 10/16/2020 FY2021	390.00
MS Department of Health	\$ 10/30/2020 FY2021	210.00
Mississippi Power	\$ 07/27/2020 FY2021	498.44
Pearl Valley Electric Power Association	\$ 09/27/2019 FY2020	73.27
Pearl Valley Electric Power Association	\$ 09/27/2019 FY2020	129.77

RJ Young Company	\$	605.51
	06/15/2021	
	FY2021	
Singing River Electric	\$	27.86
	07/13/2020	
	FY2020	
Singing River Electric	\$	121.84
	07/13/2021	
	FY2021	
Singing River Electric	\$	29.25
	07/15/2021	
	FY2021	

SECTION 21. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 22. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Charles Busby, Vince Mangold

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Jenifer B. Branning, John A. Polk

On motion of Rep. Busby the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Crawford, Ford, K, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Scoggin called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3002: Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural programs.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3002: Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural programs.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the Alcorn State University Agricultural Research, Extension, and Land-Grant Programs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 6,936,895.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available, for the support and maintenance of the Alcorn State University Agricultural Research, Extension, and Land-Grant Programs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 335,000.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Three Hundred Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$335,000.00) shall be derived from funds in the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a matter as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for the following:

- (a) Agency Operations \$ 170,000.00.
- (b) Poultry Sciences Academic Research Center \$ 165,000.00.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) is provided for the Poultry Sciences Academic Research Center.

SECTION 5. No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 9. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds

as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, EXTENSION AND LAND-GRANT PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Rita Potts Parks, Albert Butler
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Jason White, Donnie Scoggin

On motion of Rep. Scoggin the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Ladner, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Scoggin called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3003: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3003: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 23,502,439.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 10,419,372.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, One Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,350,000.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund from funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 4. No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that if the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act are used directly or indirectly to match or otherwise secure any federal grants, research grants or donations, such special source funds not classified as current restricted funds shall be added and accounted for under Section 2 of this act. Further, it is the intention of the Legislature that all such aforementioned special source funds be included in all reports and requests for the 2024 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 7. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2024 Target
Plant Systems	
Number of Scientist FTE (Scientist Years)	38.33
Number of Research Publications	206
Percentage of Appropriated Funds and Extramural Funds	0.99
Animal Systems	
Number of Scientist FTE (Scientist Years)	22.60
Number of Research Publications	210
Percentage of Appropriated Funds and Extramural Funds	0.30
Health & Sustainable Communities	
Number of Scientist FTE (Scientist Years)	41.10
Number of Research Publications	245
Percentage of Appropriated Funds & Extramural Funds	0.27

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and

whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 10. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE MISSISSIPPI AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY EXPERIMENT STATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Rita Potts Parks, Tyler McCaughn

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Jason White, Donnie Scoggin

On motion of Rep. Scoggin the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Ladner, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett, Brown, C, Eure, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker, Zuber. Total-7.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Scoggin called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3004: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3004: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 32,306,867.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 14,302,211.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, One Million One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,150,000.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund from funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 4. No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service provide programs in the emphasis areas of Agriculture, Family and Consumer Education, Natural Resources and Environment, 4-H, and Business and Community Development in each county.

SECTION 6. No part of the funds appropriated or authorized to be expended hereby shall be spent directly or indirectly for payment of attorneys' fees for the services of any attorney who was not employed by the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service pursuant to the express authorization of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning prior to performance of such legal services.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that if the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act are used directly or indirectly to match or otherwise secure any federal grants, research grants or donations, such special source funds not classified as current restricted funds shall be added and accounted for under Section 2 of this act. Further, it is the intention of the Legislature that all such aforementioned special source funds be included in all reports and requests for the 2024 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

SECTION 9. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

FY2024

Performance Measures	Target
Agriculture	
Number of Published Information Items	300
Number of Mass Media Items	4,500
Number of Direct Educational Contacts	270,000
Average Cost per Educational Contact	13.46
Family & Consumer Education	
Number of Published Information Items	150
Number of Direct Educational Contacts	205,000
Average Cost per Educational Contact	9.34
Business & Community Dev	
Number of Direct Educational Contacts	88,000
Average Cost per Educational Contact	20.28
4-H Youth Development	
Number of Direct Educational Contacts	178,000
Average Cost per Educational Contact	11.66
Natural Resources & Environment	
Number of Published Information Items	150
Number of Mass Media Items	6,000
Number of Total Contacts (Persons Across all Delivery Methods/Events)	370,000
Average Cost per Educational Contact	27.75

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 12. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE MISSISSIPPI COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Rita Potts Parks, Benjamin Suber

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Jason White, Donnie Scoggin

On motion of Rep. Scoggin the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans,

M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Ladner, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Scoggin called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3005: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3005: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of paying the expenses incurred in the operation and maintenance of the Forest and Wildlife Research Center, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024
\$ 6,028,863.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Forest and Wildlife Research Center, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024
\$ 1,361,059.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund from funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 4. No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries

authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that if the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act are used directly or indirectly to match or otherwise secure any federal grants, research grants or donations, such special source funds not classified as restricted funds shall be added and accounted for under Section 2 of this act. Further, it is the intention of the Legislature that all such aforementioned special source funds be included in all reports and requests for the 2024 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 9. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE FOREST AND WILDLIFE RESEARCH CENTER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Rita Potts Parks, Tyler McCaughn

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Jason White, Donnie Scoggin

On motion of Rep. Scoggin the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Ladner, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson, Summers, Walker. Total-5.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.
Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Scoggin called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3006: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3006: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning to be used for the operation of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi State University, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 19,238,518.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi State University, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024
\$ 32,764,049.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund from funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 4. No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 6. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures		
	Target	
Instruction		
Percent of Year 4 DVM Students Passing NAVLE at Graduation		95.00
Percent of DVM Graduates Reporting Employment in the Field within 12 Months of Graduation		95.00
Research		
Number of Grants/Contracts Awarded		50
Percent of Graduate Students Reporting Employment in the Field within 12 months of Graduation		95.00
Pub-service - Animal Health Ctr		
Number of Patient Visits to AHC (AHC Caseload Managed)		36,586
Percent of Client Satisfaction Based on Surveys		95.00
Percent of Referring Veterinarian Satisfaction Based on Surveys		95.00
Pub-service - Diagnostic Lab		
Number of Lab Accessions (Test Requests)		33,342
Vet Research & Diagnostic Lab		
Number of Diagnostic Tests Performed		321,000
Academic Support		
Percent of Vet Campers and Parents Indicating "Willing to Recommend" on Satisfaction Surveys		100.00
Percent of Alumni who Report a Satisfactory Level of Engagement with the College on Surveys		98.00
Operation & Maintenance		
Number of Square Feet O&M/Custodial Services		497,475
Cost per Square Foot Maintenance and Custodial Services		7.25

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the amount of One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) shall be used for the purpose of testing, programming, and personnel-related expenses for Chronic Waste Disease.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 10. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR THE COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AT MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Rita Potts Parks, Bart Williams
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Jason White, Donnie Scoggin

On motion of Rep. Scoggin the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Ladner, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Scoggin called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3007: Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3007: Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the support and

maintenance of financial aid scholarship, loan and grant programs authorized by law and administered by the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid and for support of the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 50,649,256.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized out of the proceeds derived from any federal funds, grants, donations, fees, or other special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available for the support and maintenance of financial aid scholarship, loan and grant programs authorized by law including funds used as federal matching funds for the GEAR UP Mississippi Scholarship Program and administered by the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid and for support of the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 4,740,000.00.

SECTION 3. None of the funds appropriated in this act shall be paid to or for the benefit of any student who applies for the first time, subsequent to July 1, 2023, for assistance through the Southeast Asia POW/MIA Grant established under the provisions of Section 37-106-41, the Public Management Graduate Internship established under the provisions of Section 37-106-43, the State Medical Education Loan established under the provisions of Section 37-106-61, the State Dental Education Loan established under the provisions of Section 37-106-63, the Graduate and Professional Degree Forgivable Loan established under the provisions of Section 37-106-65, the Health Care Professions Forgivable Loan established under the provisions of Section 37-106-67, or the Family Protection Specialist Social Worker Forgivable Loan established under the provisions of Section 37-106-69.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall expend from the support of the out-of-state graduate and professional studies program an amount not exceeding the funding necessary, contingent upon the availability of qualified applicants, for nine (9) new entering optometry students and the number of returning optometry students who received funding under the program during the preceding school year.

SECTION 5. In the allocation of funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this act, among the student financial aid programs included herein, it is the intention of the Legislature that priority shall be given and funds shall be first allocated to all students eligible for financial aid under the provisions of Section 37-106-39, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 6. All funds provided for in this act shall be accounted for in an annual report, which shall be submitted at the next regular session of the Legislature within ten (10) days after the convening thereof. The report should detail for each grant, scholarship, or loan program the number of recipients, the total amount of awards made, and the average award amount. The report shall include the number of students at each institution receiving financial assistance and the amount of such assistance. For loan programs, the report shall also include a summary of the repayment status and method of repayment for student cohorts as well as an accounting of the receipt of funds in repayment. Furthermore, all funds received and expended shall be reported and otherwise accounted for in accordance with the provisions of Section 37-106-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, except where individual identifying information must be withheld pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 USC Section 1232g 34 CFR Part 99.

No public or private institution of higher learning receiving funds under the respective provisions of this act, for the purpose of issuing scholarship grants or loans, shall issue any official transcripts for any persons who have any amount of repayment in arrears on the date such official transcript is requested.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 8. Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Section 25-4-105, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, an amount not to exceed Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) is provided for the Speech-Language Pathologists Loan Forgiveness Program established under the provisions of Section 37-106-73, Mississippi Code of 1972, and administered by the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid.

SECTION 11. Awards for the Higher Education Legislative Plan Grant Program, authorized by Section 37-106-75, shall be made to applicants meeting all program requirements and found to be in financial need according to the following definition:

(a) The family has one (1) child under the age of twenty-one (21), and the annual adjusted gross income of the family is less than Thirty-nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$39,500.00); or

(b) The family has annual adjusted gross income of less than Thirty-nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$39,500.00) plus Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for each additional child under the age of twenty-one (21).

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) shall be derived from funds in the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31 Mississippi Code of 1972. This amount shall be used for the William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr. Teacher Loan Repayment Program established in HB 1179, 2021 Regular Session.

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be derived from funds in the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31 Mississippi Code of 1972. This amount shall be used for the Fostering Access and Inspiring True Hope (FAITH) Scholarship Program Act established in HB 1313, 2022 Regular Session.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that no student should receive undergraduate grant aid through more than one state-supported undergraduate grant program in the same term of enrollment. If a student is eligible for aid through multiple grant programs, the student shall be awarded from the program that awards the larger sum.

SECTION 15. It is the intention of the Legislature that all students must demonstrate eligibility at the conclusion of each term during the regular academic year in order to continue to receive state-supported aid.

SECTION 16. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Education Enhancement Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Education Enhancement Funds to defray the expenses of the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid, as authorized in Senate Bill 3009, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 2,100,000.00.

This appropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of funds for the following:

(a) William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program \$ 1,100,000.00

(b) Fostering Access and Inspiring True Hope (FAITH) Scholarship Program Act \$ 1,000,000.00

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 17. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer, and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 18. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF FINANCIAL AID SCHOLARSHIP, LOAN AND GRANT PROGRAMS AND THE MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Rita Potts Parks, David Parker
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Jason White, Donnie Scoggin

On motion of Rep. Scoggin the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Ladner, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Paden, Robinson, Tullos, Walker. Total-6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Scoggin called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3008: Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3008: Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the University of Mississippi Medical Center for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 184,414,405.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized and approved for expenditure out of the proceeds derived from patient fees, student fees or any other special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available, for the support and maintenance of the University of Mississippi Medical Center for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 1,701,585,668.00.

SECTION 3. With the funds appropriated and authorized for expenditure under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this act, the University of Mississippi Medical Center shall maintain the School of Medicine, the School of Dentistry, the School of Nursing, the School of Health Related Professions, the School of Population Health, the Teaching Hospital and the Medical Center Service Area. The University of Mississippi Medical Center shall prepare and make available to the Legislature an accounting of expenditures for each of the divisions listed in this section at the beginning of the legislative session.

SECTION 4. Due to critical nurse shortages and staffing, it is the intention of the Legislature to enhance recognition of excellence and expand the experience factor in attracting qualified registered nurses.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, and the funds authorized to be expended in Section 2 of this act, none may be used to provide medical services on behalf of any state agency, institution or political subdivision, except to the extent that such agency, institution or political subdivision reimburses the hospital for the cost of the services provided. Upon the rendering of medical services to any such agency, institution or political subdivision, the hospital shall issue an invoice for the charges which shall be paid within ninety (90) days. In the event that payment is not made within ninety (90) days, the hospital shall discontinue providing services to that agency, institution or political subdivision until all outstanding charges have been paid.

SECTION 6. Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Section 25-4-105, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the University of Mississippi Medical Center's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, the following sums, or so much of those sums as may be necessary, are derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Education Enhancement Fund pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, as follows:

(a)	Education activities or scholarships	\$ 6,888,029.00.
(b)	Rural Physicians Scholarship Program	\$ 340,000.00.
(c)	Rural Dentists Scholarship Program	\$ 105,000.00.

TOTAL \$ 7,333,029.00.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2 of this act, Two Million Three Hundred Eighty Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-one Dollars (\$2,380,431.00) shall be derived from the Health Care Expendable Fund created in Section 43-13-407, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the support and maintenance of the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this act, the sum of Four Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$420,000.00) is hereby provided

for scholarships for the Rural Dentists Scholarship Program as described in Section 37-146-1, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2 of this act, Two Million One Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$2,170,000.00) is hereby provided for scholarships for the Rural Physicians Scholarship Program as described in Section 37-141-1, Mississippi Code of 1972. Of this amount, Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) is provided for a Psychiatrist Scholarship as described in Section 37-144-3, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2 of this act, Two Hundred Eighty Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-eight Dollars (\$280,848.00) is provided for the administration of the Rural Physicians Scholarship Program and the Rural Dentists Scholarship Program.

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2 of this act, One Million Three Hundred Eighty-two Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,382,250.00) is provided for the Office of Mississippi Physician Workforce as described in Section 41-123-5, Mississippi Code of 1972.

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

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this act, Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) shall be derived from the State General Fund and Four Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$4,250,000.00) shall be derived from any special source funds collected by or otherwise become available for the support and maintenance of the University of Mississippi Medical Center for the University of Mississippi Medical Center Cancer Institute.

SECTION 16. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Five Hundred Ninety-five Thousand Dollars (\$595,000.00) is hereby appropriated for A Comprehensive Tobacco (ACT) Center at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

SECTION 17. None of the funds appropriated and/or authorized for expenditure under this act shall be used for research that kills or destroys an existing human embryo.

SECTION 18. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act, One Million Three Hundred Forty-nine Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-eight Dollars (\$1,349,998.00) shall be provided from General Funds and shall be provided to the Center of Excellence at the Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children for the care of abused and neglected children, and expended to improve, enlarge and/or construct the physical facilities of the Children's Safe Center and for support and maintenance of the center.

SECTION 19. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 20. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act, Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) shall be provided to the MIND Center at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

SECTION 21. It is the intention of the Legislature that any cash balances at the Office of Physician Workforce, the Children's Safe Center, and the MIND Center shall only be spent in support of those divisions.

SECTION 22. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000.00) shall be provided for the Child Health and Developmental Promotion (CHDP) Fellowship Program.

SECTION 23. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the University of Mississippi Medical Center for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds for the Asylum Hill Project, as authorized in SB

3010, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 2,956,902.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 24. Of the funds appropriated under the provision of Section 2, the following sum, or so much necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the University Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC), acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 3,000,000.00.

This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing the funds necessary to authorize the expenditure of funds for replacement, repair, renovation, and modernization of the UMMC grounds and infrastructure.

SECTION 25. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 26. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Rita Potts Parks, John A. Polk
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Jason White, Donnie Scoggin

On motion of Rep. Scoggin the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Ladner, Williamson.
Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Paden, Robinson, Walker.
Total-5.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Barton called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3010: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges.

On motion of Rep. Barton the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Calvert, Crawford, Ford, K, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-7.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Horan called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3011: Appropriation; Corrections, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3011: Appropriation; Corrections, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the Mississippi Department of Corrections for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 405,228,240.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Department of Corrections which is collected by or otherwise becomes available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 28,516,738.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be expended:

CENTRAL OFFICE

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds	\$ 28,445,672.00
Special Funds	7,096,511.00
Total	\$ 35,542,183.00

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	186
Time-Limited:	8

FARMING OPERATIONS

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds	\$ 0.00
Special Funds	2,580,828.00
Total	\$ 2,580,828.00

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	8
Time-Limited:	0

PAROLE BOARD

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds	\$ 771,015.00
Special Funds	0.00
Total	\$ 771,015.00

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	8
Time-Limited:	0

PRIVATE PRISONS

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds	\$ 67,384,297.00
Special Funds	0.00
Total	\$ 67,384,297.00

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	0
Time-Limited:	0

MEDICAL SERVICES

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds	\$ 97,509,979.00
Special Funds	375,447.00
Total	\$ 97,885,426.00

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	1
Time-Limited:	2

REGIONAL FACILITIES

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds	\$ 48,234,109.00
Special Funds	0.00
Total	\$ 48,234,109.00

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	0
Time-Limited:	0

LOCAL CONFINEMENT

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds	\$ 10,064,537.00
Special Funds	0.00
Total	\$ 10,064,537.00

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	0
Time-Limited:	0

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds	\$ 25,276,957.00
Special Funds	12,931,359.00
Total	\$ 38,208,316.00

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	524
Time-Limited:	83

CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI CORRECTIONAL

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds	\$ 34,362,342.00
Special Funds	1,571,321.00
Total	\$ 35,933,663.00

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	635
Time-Limited:	5

PARCHMAN

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds	\$ 38,441,885.00
Special Funds	2,469,660.00
Total	\$ 40,911,545.00

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	635
Time-Limited:	9

SOUTH MISSISSIPPI CORRECTIONAL

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds	\$ 26,089,379.00
Special Funds	1,491,612.00
Total	\$ 27,580,991.00

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	497
Time-Limited:	4

Marshall County Correctional

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds \$ 11,536,415.00
Special Funds 0.00
Total \$ 11,536,415.00

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 153
Time-Limited: 0

Walnut Grove Correctional

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds \$ 11,296,316.00
Special Funds 0.00
Total \$ 11,296,316.00

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 170
Time-Limited: 0

Delta Correctional

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds \$ 5,815,337.00
Special Funds 0.00
Total \$ 5,815,337.00

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 122
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. The Commissioner of the Mississippi Department of Corrections is hereby authorized to transfer spending authority between and within budgets, both positions and funds, in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the authorized budgets in the aggregate. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Corrections shall submit written justification for the transfer to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration on or before the fifteenth of the month prior to the effective date of the transfer.

SECTION 5. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

	FY2024 Target
Performance Measures	
General Administration	
Support as a Percent of Total Budget	10.00
Number of State Prisoners per 100,000 Population (Includes Only Inmates Sentenced to More Than a Year)	594
Average Annual Incarceration Cost per Inmate	49.00
Percent of Offenders Returning to Incarceration with 3 Years of Release	34.20
Farming Operations	
Annual Income from Farm Sales	1,679,875.25
Parole Board	
Number of Inmates Paroled	4,500
Private Prisons	
Number of ABE Program Slots Available	385
Number of VOC-ED Program Slots Available	260
Number of A&D Program Slots Available	330
Medical Services	
Number of Inmate Days in a Hospital	6,572
Regional Facilities	
Number of ABE Program Slots Available	585
Number of VOC-ED Program Slots Available	700
Number of A&D Program Slots Available	445
Probation/parole	
Recidivism Rate within 12 Months of Release to Field Supervision	7.50
Recidivism Rate within 36 Months of Release to Field Supervision	19.10
Community Work Centers	
Recidivism Rate within 12 Months of Release	6.80
Recidivism Rate within 36 Months of Release	19.90
Restitution Centers	
Recidivism Rate within 12 Months	20.60
Recidivism Rate within 36 Months	28.60
Local Confinement	
Number of Inmates Housed in County Jails (Inmate Days)	511,000
Institutional Security	
Number of Assaults on Inmates per 100 Inmates	1.60

Number of Assaults on Officers per 100 Officers	1.00
Youthful Offender School	
Recidivism Rate within 12 Months of Release	20.90
Recidivism Rate within 36 Months of Release	45.60
Evidenced Based Intervention	
Recidivism Rate for Inmates who Complete the ABE Program	20.00
Recidivism Rate for Inmates who Complete a Vocational Program	16.00
Recidivism Rate for Inmates who Complete the A&D Program	33.90
Percent of Offenders Possessing GED Certificate or High School Diploma at Time of Release	34.60
Percent of Offenders Obtaining Marketable Job Skills During Incarceration	4.20

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2, none shall be expended for personnel housing under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections unless the department shall collect a reasonable rent, after a finding of fact as to what is a reasonable rent, and/or the cost of utilities furnished to said housing. The Department of Corrections shall not pay for the installation or monthly service of any telephone installed in a staff residence under its jurisdiction.

It is further the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds provided herein shall be used to pay certain utilities for state-furnished housing for any employees. Such utilities shall include electricity, natural gas, butane, propane and cable services. Where actual cost cannot be determined, the agency shall be required to provide meters to be in compliance with legislative intent. Such state-furnished housing shall include single-family and multifamily residences but shall not include any dormitory residences. Allowances for such utilities shall be prohibited.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2, and authorized for expenditure in Section 3, payment may be authorized for court-ordered attorney fees and any accrued interest subject to the approval of the Office of the Attorney General.

SECTION 8. None of the money herein appropriated shall be paid to any person who by the provision of Section 47-5-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, is prohibited from being an employee of the Mississippi Department of Corrections. The State Department of Finance and Administration shall at least annually make a report to the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review and to the Attorney General stating the name of any person prohibited under the provisions of Section 47-5-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, from being an employee of the Mississippi Department of Corrections who has during the preceding year received any money herein appropriated. In the event that any such person prohibited as hereinabove provided from receiving funds herein appropriated should receive any of said funds, the Attorney General shall immediately commence action to recover the monies so paid to said person and to enjoin the further employment of said person at the Mississippi Department of Corrections.

SECTION 9. It is the intent of the Legislature that all prisoners at Parchman shall work a minimum of eight (8) hours per day, excluding prisoners with a physical disability or those incarcerated in maximum security.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that the per diem rates paid to regional facilities shall not exceed Thirty-two Dollars and Seventy-one Cents (\$32.71) per inmate. All regional facilities shall continue to receive the annual three percent (3%) increase in the per diem rate as authorized in Section 47-5-933, Mississippi Code of 1972; however, in no event shall any regional facility's per diem rate exceed Thirty-two Dollars and Seventy-one Cents (\$32.71) per inmate.

SECTION 11. The department or its contracted medical provider will pay to a provider of a medical service for any and all incarcerated persons from a correctional or detention facility an amount based upon negotiated fees as agreed to by the medical care service providers and the department and/or its contracted medical provider. In the absence of a negotiated discounted fee schedule, medical care service providers will be paid by the department or its contracted medical service provider an amount no greater than the reimbursement rate applicable based on the Mississippi Medicaid reimbursement rate. This limitation applies to all medical care services, durable and nondurable goods, prescription drugs and medications provided to any and all incarcerated persons outside of the correctional or detention facility. None of the monies appropriated herein may be used to pay for cosmetic medical procedures for any prisoner. Cosmetic medical procedure means any medical procedure performed in order to change an individual's appearance without significantly serving to prevent or treat illness or disease or to promote proper functioning of the body.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Commissioner of the Mississippi Department of Corrections shall have the authority to transfer cash from one special fund treasury fund to another special fund treasury fund under the control of the Department of Corrections. The purpose of this authority is to more efficiently use available cash reserves. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Corrections shall submit written justification for the transfer to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration on or before the fifteenth of the month prior to the effective date of the transfer.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that all funds held by the Inmate Welfare Fund, as created in Section 47-5-158, Mississippi Code of 1972, be placed in a treasury fund effective July 1, 2023. Of the amounts appropriated in Section 2, an amount not exceeding Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000.00) shall be available for expenditure in the Inmate Welfare Fund. Of these funds, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) shall be used to provide for transitional housing and post release reentry programs.

SECTION 15. It is the intention of the Legislature that all funds held by the Inmate Incentive to Work Program Fund, as created in Section 47-5-371, Mississippi Code of 1972, be placed in a treasury fund effective July 1, 2023. Of the amounts appropriated in Section 2, an amount not exceeding One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be available for expenditure in the Inmate Incentive to Work Program Fund. The following funds shall be utilized to pay inmates who are participants in the Inmate Incentive to Work Program.

SECTION 16. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Corrections shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 17. It is the intention of the Legislature for the Mississippi Department of Corrections to manage funds budgeted and allocated. In so doing, the commissioner of the department shall have the authority to amend, extend and/or renew the term of any lease agreement or any inmate housing agreement in connection with a correctional facility. Notwithstanding any statutory limits to the contrary, such amendment, extension and/or renewal may be for a length of time up to and including ten (10) years as is necessary for the continued operations of such facilities and implementation of the department's duties and responsibilities in accordance with Title 47 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

SECTION 18. With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intent of the Legislature that upon vouchers submitted by the board of supervisors of any county housing offenders in county jails pending a probation or parole revocation hearing, the department shall pay the reimbursement costs as provided for in Section 47-5-901, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 585, 2014 Regular Session.

SECTION 19. With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intent of the Legislature, that for Fiscal Year 2024, the Department of Corrections shall reimburse municipalities, up to Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) a day, for the cost incurred of housing inmates in any jail facility based on time served for the conviction of larceny, shoplifting, or related convictions where the value of the property taken is Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or more but is equal to or less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). A copy of the court abstract of record and the jail docket shall be provided to show the total number of days an individual was incarcerated in said jail facility. The reimbursement shall be payable back to the municipality upon receipt of required documentation and an invoice. Total reimbursements resulting from this section shall not exceed One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00).

SECTION 20. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, funds may be expended to defray the costs of clothing for sworn nonuniform law enforcement officers in an amount not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) annually per officer.

SECTION 21. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that Five Hundred Ten Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-one Dollars (\$510,261.00) shall be allocated to Victim's Notification Programs supported by General Fund court assessments.

SECTION 22. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated to the Department of Corrections for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in SB 3013, 2022 Regular Session to provide to the Mississippi Department of Corrections for technology, equipment, and training in order to integrate, analyze, and visualize data ranging from law enforcement intelligence to administrative filings for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 1,468,042.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 23. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided to the Department of Corrections for the purpose of providing funds for vehicles for agency operations.

SECTION 24. With the funds appropriated in House Bill 1644, 2023 Regular Session, the Department of Corrections is authorized to make payments for medical expenses incurred during Fiscal Year 2021 for an amount not to exceed Seven Hundred Fifty-five Thousand One Hundred Seventy-two Dollars and Ninety-one Cents (\$755,172.91) or an amount no greater than the reimbursement rate applicable based on the Mississippi Medicaid reimbursement rate for these services

SECTION 25. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 26. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023, with the exception of Section 24 that shall take effect from and after passage.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Brice Wiggins, Rod Hickman

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Kevin Horan, Angela Cockerham

On motion of Rep. Horan the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bomgar, Criswell, Currie, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Ladner. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson, Summers, Walker. Total-5.

Present--Brown, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Representative Read called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby conference report # 2 was adopted on **H. B. No. 1623**: (Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.), and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Read moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Pigott called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3013: Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3013: Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce, including the Divisions of Support, Plant Industry, Farmers Central Market, Fair Commission, Livestock Coliseum, Industrial Showcase, and Trade Mart Building, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 9,136,416.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds, which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce, including the Divisions of Support and Plant Industry, Farmers Central Market, Fair Commission, Livestock Coliseum, Industrial Showcase, and Trade Mart Building for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 15,955,367.00.

The funds authorized for expenditure under the provisions of this section include subscription fees produced from the Market Bulletin and admission fees produced from the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 217
Time-Limited: 13

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Beaver Control Program or from any other special source funds made available to the Beaver Control Program, to the Department of Agriculture and Commerce for the support of the Beaver Control Program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 1,100,000.00.

Of the special funds authorized in this section, Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$650,000.00) shall be derived from funds received from the Mississippi Department of Transportation and from fees charged private persons/organizations, and Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) shall be derived from funds received from the State Forestry Commission. A county in order to participate must pay up to Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00), and if any county wishes to pay any additional funds than provided, those funds may be used only in said county.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived from the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce - Fruit and Vegetable Revolving Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department \$ 600,000.00.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Seventy-four Thousand Eight Hundred Five Dollars (\$74,805.00) shall be provided for the support of the Mississippi Egg Marketing Board.

SECTION 7. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2024 Target
Plant Industry	
Number of Pesticide Related Inspections	2,000
Number of Marketplace Inspections in Full Compliance	205
Number of Dealer Inspections in Full Compliance	110
Number of Agricultural and Non-Agricultural Pesticide Application Inspections in Full Compliance	1,200
Number of Agricultural and Non-Agricultural Record Inspections in Full Compliance	350
Percent of Marketplace Inspections in Full Compliance	85.00
Percent of Dealer Inspections in Full Compliance	96.00
Percent of Agricultural and Non-Agricultural Pesticide Application Inspections in Full Compliance	93.00
Percent of Agricultural and Non-Agricultural Record Inspections in Full Compliance	95.00
Museum	
Total Attendance	125,000
Number of Students in School Groups	18,000
Number of Private Revenue Generating Functions	500
Percent Change in Number of Private Revenue Generating Functions	1.00
Percent Change in Revenue from Private Functions	1.00

Percent Increase in Attendance from Prior Year	2.00
Percent Increase of School Students in Attendance from Prior Year	2.00
Revenue Generated from Functions	312,000.00
Regulatory	
Number of Retail Motor Fuel Devices Inspected	64,500
Number of Food Sanitation Inspections	4,500
Percent of Total Retail Motor Fuel Devices Inspected	100.00
Percent of Total Retail Food Sanitation Inspections	95.00
Percent of Consumer Complaints Answered within 48 Hours	99.00
Marketing	
Number of Persons Reached by Marketing Means	1,138,150
Percent Increase of Persons Reached by Marketing Means	3.00
Administration	
Maintain Administrative Cost at 18% of Total Budget	25.00
Livestock Theft	
Number of Cases Investigated	200
Number of Cases Cleared	30
Percent of Cases Prosecuted	20.00
Farmer's Market	
Number of Retail Spaces Rented (Average Per Week)	35
Amount of Revenue Generated through Rental Space Rented	45,000.00
Seed Testing Lab	
Number of Days to Run Cool Test	7
Number of Official Samples Collected	2,350
Number of Days for Germination Test (Average Depending on Type of Seed)	20
Number of Hours to Evaluate TZ Test	1
Mississippi State Fairgrounds	
Number of Event Days	520
Estimated Total Attendance	1,250,000
Egg Marketing Promotion	
Percent Increase in the Number of Eggs Purchased	2.00
Cost of Outreach in Relation to Consumers Reached. (This Number is the Percent of the Budget Dedicated to Advertising)	80.00
Percent Increase of Consumption of Eggs	2.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 8. The funds appropriated and authorized to be expended under the provisions of this act shall be expended for the purpose of defraying all expenses incurred by the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce in the operation of all programs and activities (except operation of the State Lime Plants, Veterinary Laboratory, Pink Bollworm-Plant Quarantine Inspection Stations and Fire Ant Program) authorized to be conducted and carried on by said department; including, but not limited to: the administration of the Feed, Fertilizer and Dairy Act; the Weights and Measures Act; the Meat Inspection Act of 1968; the Mississippi Pure Seed Law; and the following additional

programs and activities: enforcement of the egg law; publication and distribution of the Mississippi Market Bulletin, agricultural statistics, market news service at Stoneville, Mississippi; and inspection, grading and certifying of fruits, vegetables, hay, grain, meat and meat products, milk and dairy products, pecans, seed and syrup.

SECTION 9. The Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, with the assistance of the State Department of Audit and the Department of Finance and Administration, shall establish nonbudgeted enterprise funds for all "for-profit" activities related to the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum. The funds shall be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and regulations prescribed by the Department of Finance and Administration.

SECTION 10. Of the funds provided by the provisions of this act, it is the intent of the Legislature that not more than Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) shall be expended for the Mississippi Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Pilot Program, which shall be established by the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce to serve senior citizens above sixty (60) years of age who fall within one hundred thirty percent (130%) of the poverty level. The Commissioner of Agriculture may promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the Mississippi Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Pilot Program.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, Four Hundred Thousand (\$400,000.00), is provided for matching funds required for the Mississippi Healthy Food and Families Program as established in Senate Bill No. 2077, 2022 Regular Session.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Agriculture and Commerce shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Agriculture and Commerce from the proceeds collected from surety bonds posted under the "Mississippi Grain Warehouse Law" as provided by Section 75-44-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972 and the "Mississippi Grain Dealers Law of 1978" as provided by Section 75-45-301 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972 for the purpose of paying claimants under such laws from the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending
June 30, 2024 \$ 1,100,000.00.

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided to the Department of Agriculture and Commerce for the purpose of providing funds for wireless capabilities at the Fairgrounds.

SECTION 16. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 17. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Scott DeLano, Benjamin Suber
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Bill Pigott, Vince Mangold

On motion of Rep. Pigott the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Pigott called up the conference report #2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3015: Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3015: Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Board of Animal Health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024\$ 1,641,833.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or

otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Board of Animal Health, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 1,253,690.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 23
Time-Limited: 5

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. The Mississippi Board of Animal Health is authorized to accept and expend any grant, donation, or contribution from any individual, public or private organization, or government entity for purposes of defraying the operational costs of the department. Such grants, donations, contributions, and any carryover funds shall be received and expended under the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00).

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 7. Of the funds in Section 2, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) is provided from the Animal Health Disaster Response Fund as created in H.B. 603, 2023 Regular Session. These funds are provided for expenses incurred by the Board of Animal Health in responding to animal disease outbreaks as outlined in H.B. 603, 2023 Regular Session.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, One Hundred Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$112,500.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided to the Board of Animal Health for the purpose of purchasing new vehicles.

SECTION 9. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Scott DeLano, Kelvin Butler

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Bill Pigott, Vince Mangold

On motion of Rep. Pigott the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Busby, Horne, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Barton called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3017: Appropriation; Military Department.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3017: Appropriation; Military Department.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the general expenses of the operation of the Mississippi National Guard for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 8,733,452.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Mississippi National Guard, out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Camp Shelby Timber Fund No. 3700, as created by Chapter 187, Laws of 1954, as amended; the Army National Guard Programs Fund No. 3701; the Camp Shelby Base Operations Fund No. 3705; and the Air National Guard Programs Fund No. 3709, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of applicable statutes and federal/state agreements for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 181,328,744.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:
Permanent: 886
Time-Limited: 27

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

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

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2 of this act, funds in the amount of Two Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,350,000.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Education Assistance Program.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 6. All funds authorized to be expended herein shall be expended and otherwise accounted for in accordance with the provisions of Section 27-104-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972. If not needed for other purposes, the Adjutant General is hereby expressly authorized to invest any part of or all monies herein appropriated out of the Camp Shelby Timber Fund at the highest rate of interest obtainable and credit interest accruing on such investments to the respective fund. Such monies may be invested in any short-term bonds, notes or other direct obligations of the United States of America or the State of Mississippi or any county or municipality of this state, which said county or municipal bonds have been approved by a reputable bonds attorney or have been validated by a decree of the court, and in any event the said bonds, notes or obligations in which such funds are invested shall mature or be redeemable prior to the time the funds so invested will be needed for the refund or refunds herein provided for.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, One Million Nine Hundred Twenty-eight Thousand Seventy-five Dollars (\$1,928,075.00) shall be provided for the support of the Youth Challenge Program at Camp Shelby.

SECTION 8. Of the funds provided under the provisions of this act, Six Hundred Forty-two Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-two Dollars (\$642,692.00) is provided for the Armed Forces Military Museum located at Camp Shelby.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated to be expended in this act, no General Funds shall be used to reimburse members and personnel of the Mississippi National Guard for the costs associated with attending authorized training. Any expenditure of funds for the purpose of compensation of such personnel and members for per diems and travel expenses shall be expended from any federal funds which are made available to the Mississippi National Guard for ancillary purposes.

SECTION 10. Of the funds provided under the provisions of this act, an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) is provided for the Sonny Montgomery Center for America's Veterans at Mississippi State University.

SECTION 11. Of the funds provided in Sections 1 and 2 of this act, Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) is provided for the purchase of uniforms for the Youth Challenge Program staff.

SECTION 12. The Adjutant General of Mississippi is hereby authorized to transfer any part of appropriated funds, including general funds or capital expense funds, to special funds within the Mississippi Military Department, to facilitate federal grant matching requirements. Prior written notification of transfer shall be provided to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2 of this act, Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing the funds to construct a new Fire, Crash, Rescue Station (FCRS) and renovate the existing fire department building to a Small Air Terminal (SAT) and Alert Crew Facility (ACF).

SECTION 16. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2 of this act, Four Million Seven Hundred Thirty-one Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,731,500.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. This appropriation is made for the fiber demarcation point (DEMARC) at Camp Shelby for needed relocation, construction, and rehabilitation to the building and equipment including servers, network, hardware, and security upgrades.

SECTION 17. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 18. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Scott DeLano, Jeff Tate

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Manly Barton, Karl Oliver

On motion of Rep. Barton the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Huddleston, Owen, Robinson, Smith, Walker. Total-6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3021: Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3021: Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Department of Employment Security for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 1,400,000.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, or its successor, for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred by said department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 148,576,206.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 479
Time-Limited: 135

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2 of this act, the following sum shall be derived from money in the Unemployment Trust Fund, made available to this state under Section 903 of the Social Security Act, as amended (42 USCA Section 1103), to the Mississippi Department of Employment Security to be deposited in the Employment Security Administration Fund and used by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security for the following purposes:

(a) Payment of various One-Stop Administration expenses that support the service delivery of employment and workforce information services. This includes, but is not limited to, the following activities:

(i) Staff for delivery of reemployment services to UI claimants, including group job search assistance and staff-assisted referrals to jobs.

(ii) Equipment and resources for resource rooms.

(iii) Payment for rent, utilities and maintenance of facilities, including common spaces such as resource rooms, reception areas, conference areas, etc.

(iv) Payment of shared costs for operation of local One-Stop Career Centers, including payment for One-Stop operators.

(v) Purchase of computer equipment, network equipment, telecommunications equipment, application development and other technology resources.

(vi) Training, technical assistance, and professional development of staff who deliver employment and workforce information services.

(vii) Access Improvement costs for individuals with disabilities, including remodeling or retrofitting One-Stop Career Centers and purchasing appropriate software, hardware, furniture and supplies.

(b) Administration of the Unemployment Compensation (UC) law and its public employment service (ES) offices. This includes, but is not limited to, the following uses:

(i) ES and UI automation. This includes purchases, modifications, or automation of computer-related systems and related costs.

(ii) UI and ES Performance Improvement costs.

(iii) Fraud and Abuse Reduction costs.

(iv) UI Claims Filing and Payment Methods Improvement costs.

(v) Under the direction of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management to acquire lands and construct buildings thereon or improve existing buildings to be used as offices. The funds in this section are authorized for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 33,047,000.00.

The funds authorized in this section shall be requisitioned by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security from the Unemployment Trust Fund maintained by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States as needed for the payment of obligations incurred under this appropriation, and such monies shall be deposited in the Employment Security Administration Fund in accordance with the provisions of Section 71-5-457, Mississippi Code of 1972.

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

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in this act, a sum not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) is made available for Pathways2Possibilities from the Mississippi Works Fund collected pursuant to Section 71-5-353, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 7. In addition to all other funds appropriated herein, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund, not otherwise appropriated, for Office of Workforce Development for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 15,800,000.00.

SECTION 8. In addition to all other funds appropriated herein, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available to the Office of Workforce Development for support of workforce programs, grants, and other similar activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 18,400,000.00.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated in Section 7, Three Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,200,000.00) is authorized for defraying the operating expenses of the Office of Workforce Development.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 7, Twelve Million Dollars (\$12,000,000.00) is authorized for operating the Career Coaching Program at the Office of Workforce Development.

SECTION 11. Unless otherwise specifically appropriated for that purpose by the Legislature, none of the funds authorized in Section 8 shall be used for operational

expenditures of the Office of Workforce Development except for reasonable administrative fees for grant oversight as provided by law.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated in Section 8 of this act, the Office of Workforce Development is authorized to expend up to Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) from the State Workforce Investment Funds from the State Workforce Investment Board, collected pursuant to Section 71-5-353, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 8 of this act, the Office of Workforce Development is authorized to expend up to Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00) from the Mississippi Works Fund collected pursuant to Section 71-5-353, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, an amount not to exceed One Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,400,000.00) is authorized for the Mississippi Integrated Education and Workforce State Longitudinal Data System (SLDS).

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2 of this act, Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. This appropriation is authorized for the Mississippi Integrated Education and Workforce State Longitudinal Data System (SLDS).

SECTION 16. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 7 of this act, Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) is authorized for Jobs for Mississippi Graduates.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 8 of this act, Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided to the Skills Foundation of Mississippi.

SECTION 18. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 19. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 20. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF SPECIAL FUNDS TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, J. Walter Michel, David Parker
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Donnie Bell

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr.

Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Representative Bain called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on **H. B. No. 1315**: (Pornographic online and digital/resources for K-12 students; prohibit.), and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Bain moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3025: Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3025: Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the Department of Mental Health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 234,206,164.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available for the support and maintenance of the Department of Mental Health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 426,752,723.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2 of this act, Twenty Million Nine Hundred Fifty-one Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-six Dollars (\$20,951,886.00) shall be derived from the Health Care Expendable Fund created in Section 43-13-407, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the support and maintenance of the

Department of Mental Health. The funds provided for in this section shall be allocated as follows:

\$ 16,797,843.00	Expenses of the Department of Mental Health, payment of Medicaid state share,
	or prepayment of Medicaid state share.
\$ 379,417.00	Alzheimer's disease services development and implementation of Senate Bill No. 2100, 1997 Regular Session.
\$ 636,374.00	Crisis Centers
\$ 2,000,000.00	Fentanyl and drug abuse education program established in House Bill No. 231, 2023 Regular Session, and the Mississippi Collaborative Response to Mental Act established in House Bill No. 2023 Regular Session
Health 1222,	Physician services at community mental health centers.
\$ 1,138,252.00	
\$ 20,951,886.00	TOTAL

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 6,299
Time-Limited: 457

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 5. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

	FY2024 Target
Performance Measures	
Services Management	
Number of On-Site Reviews Conducted by the Division of Audit	60
Number of On-Site Reviews Conducted for DMH Certified Provider Agencies	155
Mental Health Services	
Percent of Population Lacking Access to Community-Based Mental Health Care	30.00
Percent of DMH Clients Served in the Community vs. in an Institutional Setting	98.00
Increase by at Least 25% the Utilization of Alternative Placement/Treatment Options for Individuals who have had Multiple Hospitalizations and Do Not Respond to Traditional Treatment	25.00
Number served by PACT Teams and intensive case management teams	2,600
Number of Individuals Employed Through Supported Employment	300
Increase Access to Crisis Services by Tracking the Number of Calls to Mobile Crisis Response Teams	33,703
Number Referred from Mobile Crisis Response Teams to a Community Mental Health Center and Scheduled an Appointment	10,289
Number Diverted from a More Restrictive Environment Due to Mobile Crisis Response Teams	23,427
Increase the Number of Certified Peer Supt Specialists in the State	315
Idd Services	
Number of Individuals on Planning List for Home and Community-Based Services	2,800
Percent of DMH Institutionalized Clients who Could be Served in the Community	100.00
Percent of DMH Clients Served in the Community vs. in an Institutional Setting	88.00
Number of People Added from Planning List to ID/DD Waiver Services	250
Children & Youth Services	
Percent of Children with Serious Mental Illness Served by Local Multidisciplinary Assessment & Planning (MAP) Teams	2.50
Number Served by MAP Teams	860
Number of Children and Youth that are Served by Wraparound Facilitation	2,080
3% Alcohol Tax-alcohol/drug Prg	
Number of Residential Beds Made	

Available Statewide due to the Three Percent Tax Supplements	218
Number Receiving Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment	800
Crisis Stabilization Units	
Average Length of Time from Mental Health Crisis to Receipt of Community Mental Health Crisis Service (Minutes)	1.50
Percent of People Receiving Mental Health Crisis Services who were Treated at Community Mental Health Centers vs. Institutions	98.00
Diversion Rate of Admissions to State Hospitals (% of People)	90.00
Number of Involuntary Admissions	1,900
Number of Voluntary Admissions	1,700
Mi - Institutional Care	
Number Served Adult Acute Psychiatric Maintain Readmission Rates within National Trends	4.00
Mi - Support Services	
Support as an Overall Percent of Total Budget	5.50
Idd - Institutional Care	
Number of People Served in Residential IID Programs	697
Number of People Transitioned from Facility to ICF/IID Community Home	18
Idd - Group Homes	
Number of People Served in the 10-bed ICF/IID Community Homes	556
Percent of People Served in the Community vs. in an Institutional Setting	43.60
Idd - Community Programs	
Number of People Added from Planning List to ID/DD Waiver Services	97
Number of People Enrolled in the 1915i	1,054
Idd - Support Services	
Support as a Percent of Total Budget	4.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 6. The Department of Mental Health and its facilities shall have the authority, within funding and spending authority appropriated under the provisions of this act to transfer funds to the Division of Medicaid in payment of Medicaid match and designate that the funds thus transferred shall be applied to Medicaid match obligations arising in the subsequent fiscal year.

SECTION 7. Any person within the Department of Mental Health who must work on a statutory holiday or any holiday proclaimed by the Governor may, at the discretion of the Director of the Institution and the Executive Director of the Department of Mental Health and within available personnel funds, be paid "call-back pay" in lieu of "compensatory time credit."

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated to the "Service Budget," funds are included for the support of community mental health services for Fiscal Year 2024.

Provided, however, that none of the funds appropriated for the support of community mental health services shall be made available to any Regional Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Center which does not receive from each of its participating counties a dollar amount equivalent to what the proceeds of a three-fourths (3/4) mill tax

on all taxable property in the county in Fiscal Year 1982 would have been or the amount of funds contributed to the center by the county in Fiscal Year 1984, whichever shall be greater. By means of performance contracts, the Department of Mental Health shall disburse the funds appropriated in this section for services for the mentally ill, intellectually disabled and alcohol/drug abusers. The State Board of Mental Health and the Department of Mental Health shall be responsible for selecting the types of services which shall be provided with the funds appropriated in this section, for developing and monitoring performance contracts and for holding contractors accountable for utilization of funds.

SECTION 9. Ellisville State School is authorized to draw up to Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00) from interest earned on funds invested in Ellisville State School Client's Trust Fund for the purpose of supplementing the cost related to supplies, property, and equipment in direct care.

SECTION 10. The Department of Mental Health and its facilities shall have the express legal authority, within funding and spending authority appropriated under the provisions of this act to purchase land for use by residential facilities operated by the department, either directly or by means of transferring funds to the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, and to transfer such funds to the Bureau of Building, Grounds, and Real Property Management for the purposes of constructing and equipping group homes for persons with mental illness, intellectual disability, and/or substance abuse; constructing and equipping such other buildings as may be required for treatment of persons with mental illness, intellectual disability, and/or substance abuse; repair and renovate existing buildings; and to construct, repair and/or renovate employee housing. Any intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IID) constructed with funds authorized in this section shall be authorized to participate in Medicaid funding available for such services.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Mental Health shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds provided herein shall be used to pay certain utilities for state-furnished housing for any employees. Such utilities shall include electricity, natural gas, butane, propane, cable and phone services. Where actual cost cannot be determined, the agency shall be required to provide meters to be in compliance with legislative intent. Such state-furnished housing shall include single-family and multifamily residences but shall not include any dormitory residences. Allowances for such utilities shall be prohibited.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Executive Director of the Department of Mental Health shall have authority to transfer cash from one special fund treasury fund to another special fund treasury fund under the control of the Department of Mental Health. The purpose of this authority is to more efficiently use available cash reserves. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the Executive Director of the Department of Mental Health shall submit written justification for the transfer to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration. None of the funds transferred with this section may be transferred to the Central Office for Personal Services.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, Twenty-three Million Three Hundred Twenty-nine Thousand Dollars (\$23,329,000.00) is provided to the Department of Mental Health to expand those community-based services that will improve the State of Mississippi's compliance with the Olmstead decision of the United States Supreme Court. Further, it is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Mental Health shall have the authority to transfer such sums from this source as are necessary to implement or improve those community services that are more appropriately addressed by the Mississippi Department of Education and/or the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services to those agencies for that purpose. Further, it is the intention of the Legislature that any sums received from this source that

are not expended during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, by the Mississippi Department of Mental Health shall be reappropriated for the same purpose during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. Further, it is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Mental Health shall account for the expenditure of these funds in sufficient detail to clearly show the purposes for which such funds were expended. The Executive Director of the Department of Mental Health shall report any such reappropriation to the Legislative Budget Office no later than fifteen (15) days after the effective date of the reappropriation.

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated in this act, the Department of Mental Health, with approval by the board, may contract with a Community Mental Health Center, or suitable entities, for the purpose of operating the Crisis Intervention Center at Grenada.

Of the funds appropriated in this act, the Department of Mental Health, with approval by the board, may contract with a community health center to allow Region 14 to be served at the Crisis Stabilization Unit at Gulfport.

The Department of Mental Health, with approval by the board, may also contract with suitable entities for the purpose of operating the crisis intervention centers in Batesville, Brookhaven, Cleveland, Corinth, Laurel and Newton. The department shall provide quarterly progress reports on the operation of the crisis intervention centers to the Chairmen of the Senate and House Public Health and Appropriations Committees.

SECTION 16. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 17. The Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) shall transfer funds back to the Department of Mental Health, upon the request of the Department of Mental Health, where the funds received by DFA from the Department of Mental Health were special funds (neither general funds or bond funds) and where those funds are not required for the payment of costs already incurred on a building or repair project. For the purposes of this section, the term "special funds" includes any state source special funds, including, but not limited to, funds from the Health Care Expendable Fund. The duty of DFA to transfer funds back to the Department of Mental Health under this section applies to any funds described in this section that were transferred to DFA, regardless of the year that the transfer was made by the Department of Mental Health.

SECTION 18. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Mental Health may provide, upon the availability of funds, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) to the Hope Village for Children Program.

SECTION 19. None of the funds provided in Section 1, 2, or 3 of this act shall be used to pay Medicaid match for the thirteen (13) Community Mental Health Centers.

SECTION 20. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) is provided for community-based mental health services for juveniles in detention.

SECTION 21. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that Three Million Nine Hundred Ten Thousand Seven Hundred Two Dollars (\$3,910,702.00) shall be allocated to the Crisis Intervention Mental Health Fund supported by General Fund court assessments.

SECTION 22. Of the funds appropriated in this act, the Department of Mental Health shall fund ten (10) Programs of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) Teams and provide supportive employment for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

SECTION 23. Notwithstanding any other provision, the Department of Mental Health shall have the authority to escalate its headcount for any additional operational needs related to Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds upon approval of the Department of Finance and Administration and the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 24. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that Two Million Five Hundred Sixty-eight Thousand One Hundred Sixty-nine Dollars (\$2,568,169.00) is provided as an increase over and above the Fiscal Year 2023

appropriation level of funding for Two Hundred (200) ID/DD Home and Community Based Waiver slots.

SECTION 25. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Mental Health shall provide a report on the pilot program created to provide mental health services to former inmates of the Department of Corrections who are no longer incarcerated within a correctional institution of the Department of Corrections. This report shall be provided on December 15th of the current fiscal year to the Chairmen of the Senate and House Public Health and Appropriations Committees.

SECTION 26. With the funds appropriated herein, the Department of Mental Health is authorized to make payment for expenses incurred during Fiscal Year 2021 as follows:

Vendor	Fiscal Year	Amount
Kronos Incorporated	2021	\$ 8,452.88

SECTION 27. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 28. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Angela Burks Hill, J. Walter Michel

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Sam C. Mims, V, C. Scott Bounds

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Busby called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3026: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road Construction, Office of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3026: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road Construction, Office of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Office of State Aid Road Construction Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Office of State Aid Road Construction of the Mississippi Department of Transportation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 210,120,434.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	54
Time-Limited:	0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) is authorized to be expended from funds received from the Mississippi Development Authority as reimbursements for actual expenses incurred by the Office of State Aid Road Construction for administering and providing engineering services to political subdivisions as authorized under Section 65-4-15, Mississippi Code of 1972. Any such funds shall be deposited into the Office of State Aid Roads Administrative Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that an amount not to exceed Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) is authorized to be expended for the purpose of replacement of structurally deficient bridges on the Local System Bridge Program (LSBP).

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Office of State Aid Road Construction shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 6. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2024 Target
Administrative	
Percent of Administrative Costs as Compared to Construction Costs	4.00
Percent of State Aid Construction Funds Allocated to Counties	95.00
Number of Projects Let to Contract	175
Percent of Personnel Devoted to Construction Programs	81.00
Federal Percent of Total Project Fund Obligations	35.00
Construction	
Percent Increase in Total Miles Paved	1.00
Percent of Total State Aid Funds Available Programmed or Obligated to Projects	75.00
Number of State Aid Projects Let to Contract	75
Number of Federal Projects Let to Contract	5
Number of State Aid Projects Completed	30
Number of Federal Projects Completed	20
Average Number of Days from Initiation to Completion of a Fed Project	450
Number of Bridges Replaced or Repaired	85
Number of Structurally Deficient Bridges on the State Aid System	5,000
Average Cost of a State Aid/Federal Bridge Project	1,550,000.00
Local System Bridge	
Percent Change in Deficient LSBP Bridges	3.00
Average Number of Active LSBP Projects	

Per County	1.00
Percent of LSBP Funds Available	
Programmed or Obligated to Projects	85.00
Number of LSBP Projects Let to Contract	55
Number of LSBP Projects Completed	70
Number of LSBP Bridges Replaced or Repaired	70
Number of Eligible Deficient LSBP Bridges	5,000
Average Number of Days From Initiation	
to Completion of a LSBP Project	450
Percent of Counties Utilizing All of	
Their Available LSBP Funds	30.00
Percent of Bridges Eligible for LSBP Funds	10.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 7. With the funds appropriated in this act, the Office of State Aid Road Construction shall notify members of the Mississippi Senate and House of Representatives upon the award of projects within their respective districts and at least five (5) days prior to a public ceremony announcing the award of any grant in their district or any public announcement or ceremony regarding the groundbreaking or opening of a facility, roadway or bridge for which the Legislature has made funds available. Any signage regarding any public event or any new facility, roadway or bridge shall include the following language: "Funds were made available for this project by the Mississippi State Legislature." The signage shall further state the four-year legislative term in which the project was funded.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature to authorize the State Aid Engineer to utilize funds available to the Office of State Aid Road Construction, from any source herein appropriated or made available by the counties or any other source, to pay for costs necessary to comply with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and the Federal Highway Administration's requirements for bridge inspections and/or special studies necessary to comply with federal laws. The State Aid Engineer shall follow the same procedures as have heretofore been established by Sections 65-9-9, 65-9-15 and 65-9-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, for payment of such costs. The Office of State Aid Road Construction may accept, budget and expend these funds subject to and in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal or state funds.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that in the letting of contracts for which the Office of State Aid Road Construction administers and provides engineering services to political subdivisions under the Economic Development Highway Act, bids may be made from the lowest and best bidder after advertising for competitive sealed bids once in a newspaper published or having a circulation in the county or municipality where the contract will be performed, and the date published for the bid opening may be not less than seven (7) working days after the advertisement is published.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 12. With the funds appropriated herein, the Office of State Aid Road Construction is authorized to make payment for expenses incurred during Fiscal Years 2020 as follows:

	Amount Service Fiscal Year	Date
Joyce V. Presley	\$ 05/11/2020 FY2020	826.00
Beverly P. Shelton	\$ 05/11/2020 FY2020	825.98
Danny R. Presley	\$ 05/11/2020 FY2020	825.98
Darryl W. Presley	\$ 05/11/2020 FY2020	825.98
RLI Insurance Company	\$8,855.85 05/11/2020 FY2020	

SECTION 13. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE OFFICE OF STATE AID ROAD CONSTRUCTION OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Jenifer B. Branning, John A. Polk

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Charles Busby, Vince Mangold

On motion of Rep. Busby the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bennett called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3046: Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3046: Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of the Mississippi Development Authority for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 21,639,332.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Development Authority or the appropriate special fund for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred in the operation of the various divisions of the authority for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 164,341,510.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 183
Time-Limited: 44

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth

within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2024 Target
Global Business	
Number of National Recruitment Contacts	1,000
Number of International Investment Contracts	1,800
Number of International Trade Contacts	1,000
Number of Qualified National Prospects	225
Return on Investment	10.00
Number of New Businesses - Global Contacts	15
Number of New Jobs from Global Contacts	3,000
Minority & Small Business Dev	
Number of Minority & Small Business Contacts	8,000
Number of Minority Business	
Certification Applications Processed	170
Technical Assistance to Disadvantaged	
Contacts	2,300
State Contracting with Minority Business	55,000,000.00
Financial Resources	
Number of Requests for Financing or	
Incentives	225
Existing Industry & Business	
Number of Interactions with Interested	
Businesses	3,000
Number of Qualified Contacts	750
Number of Expansions	30
Number of Jobs Created from Expansions	3,000
Energy	
Number of Energy Efficiency & Renewable	
Energy Direct Contacts	10,000
Community Services	
Awarded Grants and Loans for Community	
and Economic Development	50,000,000.00
Number of Grants and Loans Awarded	100
Support Services	
Administration as a Percent of Total Budget	9.50
Tourism	
Number of Tourist Inquiries Generated	35,000
Number of Visitors per Year	26,000,000
Travel Revenue (\$ in Billions)	6.80
Welcome Centers	
Number of Tourists Registered	2,693,460

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, the amount of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00) shall be provided from the Mississippi Department of Transportation to defray the expenses of the Mississippi Development Authority in operating the state welcome centers.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Development Authority shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2 of this act, the amount of Four Million Eight Hundred Seventy-six Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-eight Dollars (\$4,876,298.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is provided for the purpose of supporting Mississippi Tourism Advertising and Promotion for Fiscal Year 2024, and shall not be expended for any type of cultural exchange program. Of the funds appropriated herein and allocated within this section, Two Hundred Ninety-nine Thousand Dollars (\$299,000.00) is provided for Tourism Grant Development Awards.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds appropriated above shall be expended unless members of the Mississippi House of Representatives and Mississippi Senate are notified at least five (5) days prior to a public ceremony announcing the award of any grant in their district or any public announcement or ceremony regarding the groundbreaking or opening of a facility, roadway or bridge for which the Legislature has made funds available. Any signage regarding any public event or any new facility, roadway or bridge shall include the following language: "Funds were made available for this project by the Mississippi State Legislature."

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) is provided for the Mississippi Delta National Heritage Areas.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) is provided for the Mississippi Hills National Heritage Area.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Development Authority is hereby authorized to escalate, budget, and expend funds from any source not to exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Development Authority shall submit a notification of any General Fund Transfers out of the major category Subsidies into any other major categories to the Legislative Budget Office.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, Twenty Thousand Twenty-five Dollars (\$20,025.00) shall be provided for the support of the Mississippi River Parkway Commission.

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be transferred to Innovate Mississippi.

SECTION 16. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, One Hundred Fifty-six Thousand Dollars (\$156,000.00) is provided for the Energy High School Academy, established in Section 37-69-7, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) shall be allocated to the Mississippi Book Festival.

SECTION 18. Of the funds appropriated herein, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) shall be provided to the Mississippi Main Street Association for statewide support and operations.

SECTION 19. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Development Authority shall provide quarterly reports on the status of Gulf Coast Restoration Fund projects to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Development Authority shall provide the Joint Legislative Budget Committee a detailed report and other such related information on each project's expenditures with the subsequent fiscal year's budget submission.

SECTION 20. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund not otherwise appropriated to the Mississippi Development Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Gulf Coast Restoration Fund, as provided in Senate Bill No. 3048, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024
\$ 776,633.00.

These funds are provided for administrative expenses at the Mississippi Development Authority as outlined in Section 57-119-7, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023 from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 21. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Mississippi Development Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds for the Air Service Development Act, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3048, 2022

Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024
\$ 246,431.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023 from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 22. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Development Authority may provide operational support to any park operated by the United States National Park Service in Mississippi during the event of a government shutdown that materially affects the operations of such park.

SECTION 23. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, the amount of Eighty-one Million One Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$81,105,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is allocated from the Triple Crown Project Fund to fund eligible projects as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxxi) as provided in House Bill No. 1, 2022 First Extraordinary Session.

SECTION 24. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 25. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, David Parker

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Richard Bennett, Casey Eure

On motion of Rep. Bennett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bennett called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3047: Appropriation; Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to the Mississippi Development Authority.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3047: Appropriation; Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to the Mississippi Development Authority.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund, as created in Section 57-119-1 Mississippi Code of 1972, not otherwise appropriated to the Mississippi Development Authority. These funds are provided for projects as outlined in Section 57-119-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, for assistance to local units of government, nongovernmental organizations, institutions of higher learning, community colleges, ports, airports, public-private partnerships, private for-profit entities, private nonprofit entities and local economic development entities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 50,960,148.00.

Of the funds appropriated in this section the following sums are provided for projects:

- (a) To assist the City of Diamondhead with a Commercial District Transformation Project \$ 2,000,000.00
- (b) To assist the City of Moss Point with the Moss Point-Point of Connection Road \$ 200,000.00
- (c) To assist the City of Long Beach with the Long Beach Harbor Complex Restoration \$ 3,500,000.00
- (d) To assist Heritage Spring Water, LLC., with the Heritage Spring Water Project in Stone, County, Mississippi \$ 260,000.00
- (e) To assist the Pascagoula Redevelopment Authority with the Live, Work, Play Pascagoula Riverfront Redevelopment \$ 1,500,000.00
- (f) To assist the Pearl River County Board of Supervisors with the Pearl River County Industrial Park Infrastructure and Site Development \$ 1,922,800.00
- (g) To assist the City of Bay St. Louis with a City Government Safety Complex \$ 1,000,000.00
- (h) To assist the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission with the Technology Park and Site Development at Stennis Airport Phase I \$ 2,000,000.00
- (i) To assist Mississippi State University Research and Technology Corporation with Continued Development of the Mississippi Cyber Center Project \$ 2,000,000.00
- (j) To assist the City of Gulfport with the Daniel Boulevard Extension and Connector Road between Highway 49 and Canal Road \$ 4,600,000.00
- (k) To assist the City of Lucedale with the Lucedale Municipal Park Stage \$ 498,000.00
- (l) To assist the City of Moss Point with the Highway 63/Escatawpa Natural Gas Pipeline Installation \$ 1,750,000.00
- (m) To assist the Moss Point Redevelopment Authority with the Moss Point Downtown Revitalization \$ 1,000,000.00
- (n) To assist the George County Board of Supervisors with a Grain Elevator/River Road Rehabilitation \$ 1,599,906.00
- (o) To assist the George County Board of Supervisors with the Old Highway 63 North Regional Agriculture and Agri-Tourism Accelerator Project \$ 1,599,372.00
- (p) To assist the Jackson County Economic Development Foundation with the Sunplex Light Industrial Park Site Improvements and Trent Lott Airport \$ 2,000,000.00
- (q) To assist the Pearl River County Board of Supervisors with the Pearl River County Technology Park Phase I and Site Development \$ 1,800,000.00
- (r) To assist the Jackson County Board of Supervisors with the Vancleave Medical Center \$ 3,193,750.00
- (s) To assist the City of Bay St. Louis with a Downtown ADA Boardwalk \$ 1,400,000.00
- (t) To assist the City of Ocean Springs with Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Arts Center Renovations and Signage \$ 700,000.00
- (u) To assist the Gulf Hills Resort with the Development of 2,000 feet of Blueway Waterfront with Public Marina Access \$ 900,000.00
- (v) To assist the Mississippi Coast Model

Railroad Museum with the All Aboard: Mississippi
Coast Model Railroad Museum Project \$ 1,000,000.00
(w) To assist the Ohr-O'Keef Museum of Arts
with Completion of the Ohr-O'Keef Museum Campus \$ 1,000,000.00
(x) To assist the University of Southern
Mississippi with the USM Visualization and
Digital Multimedia Center of Excellence \$ 2,501,320.00
(y) To assist Pinchers Seafood with a
Working Waterfront \$ 3,600,000.00
(z) To assist the Jackson County Economic
Development Foundation and the Biloxi Bay RV Resort \$ 1,585,000.00
(aa) To assist Plaid Properties, LLC with
the Redevelopment of Blighted Property into a
WAMA Connected District \$ 250,000.00
(bb) To assist the Ocean Springs Redevelopment
Foundation with Public Works Redevelopment and
Relocation \$ 2,000,000.00
(cc) To assist the Harrison County Development
Commission with the I-10 and Canal Road Site
Development \$ 3,600,000.00

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is
reappropriated out of any money in the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund not otherwise
appropriated for the Mississippi Development Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing
the expenditure of Gulf Coast Restoration Fund, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3049,
2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30,
2024

\$35,461,356.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be
expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of
the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous
fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the
funds were originally authorized.

Of the funds reappropriated in this section the following sums are provided for projects:

- (a) To assist the Gulfport Redevelopment
Commission for the completion of the second and
final phase of a mixed-use, downtown redevelopment
project, including public use components, so as
to leverage public and private investment \$ 8,000,000.00
(b) To assist the City of Pass Christian
with the Water Front Redevelopment Plan \$ 3,000,000.00
(c) To assist the Pascagoula Redevelopment
Authority with the City of Pascagoula Rail Line
Development Plan \$ 3,061,356.00
(d) To assist the City of Biloxi with the
Popp's Ferry Extension Project \$ 3,000,000.00
(e) To assist the City of Waveland with
the Waveland Marina Phase I \$ 2,000,000.00
(f) To assist the Ocean Springs Redevelopment
Authority with City of Ocean Springs Projects \$ 2,000,000.00
(g) To assist the City of Moss Point with
Moss Point's Magnificent Mile 2.0 \$ 2,000,000.00
(h) To assist the Hancock County Port and
Harbor Commission with the Technology Park at
Stennis Airport Phase I \$ 2,000,000.00
(i) To assist the City of Long Beach with
the Long Beach Harbor Complex Restoration \$ 1,000,000.00
(j) To assist the City of Bay St. Louis
with the City Public Safety Complex \$ 1,000,000.00
(k) To assist the Mississippi State

University Research and Technology Corporation
with continued development of the Mississippi
Cyber Center Project \$ 1,000,000.00
(l) To assist the City of Diamondhead with
the Commerce District Transportation \$ 900,000.00
(m) To assist Heritage Spring Water, LLC.,
with the Heritage Spring Water Project in Stone
County, Mississippi \$ 600,000.00
(n) To assist the Ocean Springs Collective
with Ocean Springs Collective Projects \$ 400,000.00
(o) To assist the Mississippi Export Railroad
with Mississippi Export Projects \$ 3,500,000.00
(p) To assist the Greater Biloxi Economic
Development Foundation and JDLE, LLC with the
Downtown Redevelopment of Barq's and Kress
Buildings on Howard Avenue \$ 2,000,000.00

SECTION 3. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is
reappropriated out of any money in the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund not otherwise
appropriated for the Mississippi Development Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing
the expenditure of Gulf Coast Restoration Fund, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3049,
2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30,
2024

\$49,465,318.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that
may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended
balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the
previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for
which the funds were originally authorized.

Of the funds reappropriated in this section the following sums are provided for
projects:

- (a) To assist the Mississippi State
University Research and Technology Corporation
with the design and construction of the
Mississippi Cyber Center \$ 13,500,000.00
- (b) To assist the University of Southern
Mississippi Ocean Enterprise \$ 4,500,000.00
- (c) To assist the Stone County Board of
Supervisors with the Piney Wood Pellet Mill
road, rail and bypass \$ 2,500,000.00
- (d) To assist the Gulfport Redevelopment
Commission for Phase I of a planned 3-phase
project of downtown redevelopment to be used on
a public use project so as to leverage public
and private investment. \$ 2,500,000.00
- (e) To assist the City of Ocean Springs
and the OHOS Development LLC with a
Public/Private Development..... \$ 5,536,481.00
- (f) To assist the Pascagoula Redevelopment
with downtown revitalization project..... \$ 3,000,000.00
- (g) To assist Long Beach High School with
the Long Beach High School Career and Technical
Education Center..... \$ 2,500,000.00
- (h) To assist the City of Diamondhead with
the Town Center District – Commercial District
Project \$ 2,000,000.00
- (i) To assist Stone County School District
with the Stone County High School Career and
Technical Education Center..... \$ 3,195,782.00
- (j) To assist the City of Gulfport with

flood control and/or drainage for the
Forest Heights Project..... \$ 2,100,000.00
(k) To assist the City of Moss Point with
the Interstate 10 Frontage Roads, North and
South \$ 2,000,000.00
(l) To assist the City of Picayune with the
Friendship Park Revitalization Project \$ 1,900,000.00
(m) To assist Pearl River Community College
PRCC Aviation Aerospace Academy \$ 1,900,000.00
(n) To assist the City of Bay St. Louis with
the Court Street Parking facility, expansion and
improvements..... \$ 1,000,000.00
(o) To assist the Walter Anderson Museum with
Phase 3 and Phase 4 \$ 636,000.00
(p) To assist the City of Lucedale with
Ventura Drive Improvements \$ 577,000.00
(q) To assist George County with the Scott
Road Project, widening and infrastructure \$ 120,055.00

SECTION 4. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is
reappropriated out of any money in the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund not otherwise
appropriated for the Mississippi Development Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing
the expenditure of Gulf Coast Restoration Fund, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3049,
2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending
June 30, 2024

\$31,888,371.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be
expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of
the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous
fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the
funds were originally authorized.

Of the funds reappropriated in this section, the following sums are provided for
projects recommended by the department and projects that meet the criteria outlined in
Section 57-119-9, Mississippi Code of 1972:

(a) To assist Power Dynamics Innovations,
LLC with Equipment and Facility Upgrades \$ 519,164.00
(b) To assist the City of Bay St. Louis
with the Old Town Police Department \$ 379,176.00
(c) To assist the City of Bay St. Louis
with the Old Town Depot Revitalization
District \$ 376,138.00
(d) To assist the City of Diamondhead with
the Commercial District Transformation Project \$ 1,500,000.00
(e) To assist the Stone County School
District with the Stone County High School
Career and Technical Education Center \$ 1,131,502.00
(f) To assist the University of Southern
Mississippi with the Ocean Enterprise Phase I \$ 5,447,488.00
(g) To assist the Walter Anderson Museum
Creative Complex Phase I and begin Phase II \$ 366,298.00
(h) To assist the City of Ocean Springs
and the OHOS Development LLC with a
Public/Private Development \$ 1,149,999.00
(i) To assist the Gulfport School with
a STEM Exploration Lab \$ 59,679.00
(j) To assist the City of Biloxi with
downtown revitalization at the Saenger Theater \$ 290,180.00

Of the funds reappropriated in this section, the following sums are provided for
projects that meet the criteria outlined in Section 57-119-9, Mississippi Code of 1972:

(a) To assist Harrison County with the

- Harrison County Law Enforcement Training Academy \$ 134,166.00
- (b) To assist George Regional Health System with a multispecialty medical office complex \$ 1,901,193.00
- (c) To assist Mississippi State University Research and Technology Corporation with the design and construction of the Mississippi Cyber Center \$ 2,875,729.00
- (d) To assist the Port of Pascagoula with the North Rail Connector \$ 6,600,000.00
- (e) To assist Jackson County Economic Development Foundation with site development and related support of a defense supplier \$ 377,561.00
- (f) To assist the Pascagoula Redevelopment Authority with the Innovation Center \$ 1,000,000.00
- (g) To assist the Pascagoula Redevelopment Authority with the City Center \$ 165,479.00
- (h) To assist the Institute for Marine Mammal Studies with Educational Classrooms and Dorms \$ 3,000,000.00
- (i) To assist the City of Pass Christian with redevelopment and revitalization \$ 513,680.00
- (j) To assist the City of Long Beach with development and revitalization \$ 2,000,000.00
- (k) To assist the City of Long Beach with the Quarles House \$ 2,000,000.00
- (l) To assist George County with the Mississippi Export Railroad for the Enviva project \$ 100,941.00

SECTION 5. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Mississippi Development Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Gulf Coast Restoration Fund, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3049, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 5,500,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

Of the funds reappropriated in this section the following sums are provided for the following programs:

- (a) For the Mississippi Development Authority and the Air Service Development Incentive Program..... \$ 2,500,000.00
- (b) For the Mississippi Development Authority and the Quality of Place Incentives Program \$ 3,000,000.00

Of these funds, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) is provided for the development of a South Mississippi defense and space industry strategy for small companies to compete for defense related contracts to include government, industry and academia.

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

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION AND A REAPPROPRIATION TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO AUTHORIZE AND REAUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF GULF COAST RESTORATION FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED FOR PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Brice Wiggins

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Richard Bennett, Casey Eure

On motion of Rep. Bennett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bennett called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3049: Appropriation; Secretary of State.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3049: Appropriation; Secretary of State.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the Secretary of State for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 13,253,565.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Secretary of State for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 17,420,640.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	96
Time-Limited:	12

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. None of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for any purpose that is not actually required or necessary for performing any of the powers or duties of the Office of the Secretary of State that are authorized by the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, state or federal law, or rules or regulations that implement state or federal law.

SECTION 5. No part of the funds appropriated herein shall be used, either directly or indirectly, for the purpose of paying any clerk, stenographer, assistant, deputy, or other person who may be related by blood or marriage within the third degree, computed by the rules of the civil law, to the official employing or having the right of employment or selection thereof; and in the event of any such payment, then the official or person approving and making or receiving such payment shall be jointly and severally liable to return to the State of Mississippi and to pay into the State Treasury three (3) times any such amount so paid or received, to be recovered at suit of the Attorney General; provided that when the relationship is by affinity and the person through whom the relationship was established is dead, this provision shall not apply.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the Secretary of State may use funds appropriated for the purposes of defraying litigation expenses associated with the enforcement of the Mississippi Securities Act, the Regulation of Charitable Solicitations Act, and the administration of the Public Trust.

SECTION 7. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

	FY2024 Target
Performance Measures	
Business Services	
Percent of Business Services Customer Phone Calls Answered	95.00
Elections	
Number of Poll Workers to Successfully Complete the Online Training Program	82
Number of Voter Registrations Updated on Secure Online Website	6,400
Percent of Poll Workers who Successfully Complete the Online Poll Manager Training on Their First Attempt	60.00
Publications	
Number of Visits to the Secretary of State's Website	9,000,000
Public Lands	
Number of Tax-Forfeited Properties Sold	2,000
Support Services	
Support Services as a Percent of Total Agency Expenditures	27.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, no more than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) is provided for paying principal and interest on bond issues for county voting systems.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,750,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Land Records Maintenance Fund, for the purpose of making distributions to local governments for taxes owed during the fiscal year.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Four Million Two Hundred Fifteen Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-three Dollars (\$4,215,393.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Elections Support Fund, for the purpose of acquiring, upgrading, maintaining, or repairing voting equipment, systems, and supplies, hiring temporary technical support, conducting elections using such voting equipment or systems and training election officials during the fiscal year.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Eleven Million Four Hundred Fifty-five Thousand Two Hundred Forty-seven Dollars (\$11,455,247.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Public Trust Tidelands Fund, and is authorized to be transferred by the Secretary of State to the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) is for the purpose of expenses related to cybersecurity and election integrity.

SECTION 14. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated to the Secretary of State for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in SB 3052, 2022 Regular Session to at the Secretary of State for the purpose of the Mississippi Voting Modernization Act, Senate Bill 2879, 2022 Regular Session for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 6,536,207.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

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

SECTION 16. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Kevin Blackwell
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Richard Bennett, Timmy Ladner

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, R, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bennett called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1615: Appropriation; Library Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1615: Appropriation; Library Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the Mississippi Library Commission and for carrying out the provisions of Section 39-3-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 10,774,908.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Library Commission which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the commission, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 3,149,377.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	46
Time-Limited:	0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. Funds to be distributed to eligible public library systems under the Personnel Incentive Grants Program shall be paid quarterly in advance on or before September 30, December 31, March 31 and June 30.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Library Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Four Hundred Ninety-three Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-seven Dollars (\$493,847.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 7. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2024 Target
Administrative Services	
Number of Help Desk Tickets Resolved	1,350
Library Services	
Number of Continuing Education Workshops Held per Year	40
Percent Increase of Citizens Informed by Acquiring Needed Information Through Mississippi Libraries	1.00
Number of Library Visits by Commission Staff	175
Number of Patrons Utilizing Braille, Audio, Etc	4,000
Number of Children Participating in Statewide Summer Library Prg	120,000
Number of Items Borrowed and Loaned on the Interlibrary Loan System	10,000
Number of Items Available for Use Statewide on the Interlibrary Loan System	5,000,000
Number of Searches on MAGNOLIA	35,000,000
Number of Items Available for Use at MLC (Primary Resource Library)	100,000

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that no less than One Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,350,000.00) shall be expended for the Magnolia Database.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are derived from the Education Enhancement Fund pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for MAGNOLIA

\$ 350,000.00.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated herein, Four Million Three Hundred Seventy-five Thousand One Hundred Thirty-nine Dollars (\$4,375,139.00) is provided for the cost of health insurance for all full-time library staff members in each public library in Mississippi.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 13. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Richard Bennett, Timmy Ladner
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Dennis DeBar, Jr., J. Walter Michel

On motion of Rep. Bennett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Banks, Brown, C, Hood, Huddleston, Read, Robinson, Walker. Total-8.

Present--Eubanks, Owen. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Bennett called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill:

H. B. No. 1612: Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.

Rep. Bennett moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. R. No. 172: Tougaloo College "Bulldogs" Men's Basketball Team; commend on winning back-to-back GCAC Regular Season and Tournament Championships.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. R. No. 172: Tougaloo College "Bulldogs" Men's Basketball Team; commend on winning back-to-back GCAC Regular Season and Tournament Championships.

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. R. No. 164: Representative Lynn Wright; commend life and legacy of service and express sympathy upon his passing.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. R. No. 164: Representative Lynn Wright; commend life and legacy of service and express sympathy upon his passing.

Representative Read called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report # 2 was adopted on **S. B. No. 3017:** (Appropriation; Military Department.), and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Read moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

S. B. No. 3065: Bolivar County; authorize contributions to Fannie Lou Hamer Breast Cancer Foundation and Community Action Agency.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. C. R. No. 566: Designate last weekend in October 2023 as "Honor Your Hometown Weekend in Mississippi".

S. B. No. 2004: Town of Duck Hill; authorize governing authorities to levy tourism tax.

S. B. No. 2152: City of Byram; authorize governing authorities to levy parks and recreation tax on restaurants.

S. B. No. 2519: Town of Monticello; authorize tourism tax on restaurants, hotels and motels.

S. B. No. 3109: Warren County; authorize board of supervisors to contribute funds to certain nonprofit corporations.

S. B. No. 3140: City of Gautier; authorize to enter into public/private partnership for construction of an inclusion playground.

S. B. No. 3141: Kemper County; authorize board of supervisors to expand scope of authority of Gas District to become county utility district.

S. B. No. 3142: Lauderdale County; extend date of repeal on authority to fund LCDF Chaplaincy program with certain revenue.

S. B. No. 3143: City of Lucedale; authorize to levy tax upon sales of restaurants for the purposes of funding parks and recreation.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 3145: George County; authorize to levy 3% sales tax on the sales of hotels and motels within the county and 1% tax on the sales of restaurants.

S. B. No. 3146: Lowndes County; authorize to contribute Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to certain nonprofits.

S. B. No. 3148: Lowndes County; authorize Board of Supervisors to contribute available funds to public utilities and water/sewer associations.

S. B. No. 3151: Rankin County; authorize to contribute county funds to Trustmark Park for economic development and tourism purposes.

S. B. No. 3152: City of Pearl; authorize to contribute municipal funds to minor league baseball stadium for economic development and tourism purposes.

S. B. No. 3153: City of Pearl; extend repealer on hotel/motel & restaurant tourism tax.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

S. B. No. 2892: City of Vicksburg; authorize to contribute to the creation, development and promotion of the Dr. Jane Ellen McAllister Museum.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. C. R. No. 51: Baptist Memorial Hospital-Golden Triangle; commend upon receiving "A" rating for 10 consecutive years.

H. C. R. No. 52: Honorable Senator Angela Turner-Ford; commend and recognize intrepid leadership as chairperson of the MLBC.

H. C. R. No. 54: Caledonia High School Volleyball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 4A State Volleyball Championship.

H. C. R. No. 55: Chief Gary Ponthieux, Jr.; commend for many years of public service in law enforcement and congratulate upon retirement.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Zuber moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Robert Barrett Fishman, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Creekmore IV, Massengill and Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Patsy Livingston, which motion prevailed.

Representative McGee moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Monsignor Joseph Clement Mercier, which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Doug Courtney, Brittany Johnson, Maudis Minor, and David Weeks, which motion prevailed.

Representative Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Wallace Lane Bell, which motion prevailed.

Representative Carpenter moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Elton Russell Nunley, Sr., which motion prevailed.

Representatives Robinson, Scoggin and Tubb moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James Wray Bush, which motion prevailed.

Representative Haney moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Joseph Michael Casey, III, William H. Sanford, Jr., Billy R. Tolar, Margie McFarland, Salvador John "S.J." Marengo, Andrew Gene Brucks, Daniel Joseph Verzyvelt, Osgood Bascom "O.B." Kinsey, Charles Howard Rutland, and Annie Miller, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Felsher and Haney moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sandra Cotonio White, which motion prevailed.

Representative Barton moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Brooks Anderson Bradley, which motion prevailed.

At 5:16 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Tuesday, March 28, 2023, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTY-THIRD DAY, TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023

(EIGHTY-FIFTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Mr. Will Lott, State Youth Disciple Director of the Mississippi Church of God.

Rep. Carpenter led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Rep. Byrd sang A Child of the King.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-3.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Huddleston, Robinson and Walker.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Tuesday, March 28, 2023

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 606: The Mobile/Online Betting Task Force; authorize. Tuesday, March 28, 2023, 11:50 AM

H. B. No. 1003: Mississippi Fully Autonomous Vehicle Enabling (MS FAVE) Act of 2023; establish to regulate operation of autonomous vehicle on public roads. Tuesday, March 28, 2023, 11:30 AM

H. B. No. 1264: School districts; authorize to provide feminine hygiene products for female students in Grades 6-12. Tuesday, March 28, 2023, 11:53 AM

H. B. No. 1306: Elections; revise certain provisions about names of candidates appearing on the ballot, judicial candidate's annual report and fraudulent absentee voter applications. Tuesday, March 28, 2023, 11:32 AM

H. B. No. 1528: Benton County; authorize to contract with and/or contribute to the Institute of Community Services, Inc. Tuesday, March 28, 2023, 11:56 AM

H. B. No. 1703: Coahoma County; authorize reserve and trust fund trustees to use certain amount of fund to supplement county general fund. Tuesday, March 28, 2023, 11:57 AM

H. B. No. 1725: Lowndes County; authorize contribution to Prairie Land Water Association using ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Tuesday, March 28, 2023, 1:00 PM

H. B. No. 1787: Scenic Rivers Development Alliance; authorize to create special purpose entities. Tuesday, March 28, 2023, 1:01 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

H. B. No. 261: Income tax; extend credit for qualified contributions to an endowed fund at qualified community foundations.

H. B. No. 271: Appropriation; Health Department for distributing funds to hospitals under the Health Care Impact Grant Program.

H. B. No. 588: MS Workforce Training and Education Act; extend repealer on the act and in 2004 chapter law for conforming code sections.

H. B. No. 677: County veteran service officers; revise certain qualifications for.

H. B. No. 770: Mississippi Office of Space and Technology; create to be administered by MDA, which shall staff.

H. B. No. 1029: United States Space Force; provide that reference to "Armed Forces" and "Uniformed Services" in Mississippi law shall include members of.

H. B. No. 1084: Insurance agents; revise the continuing education requirements of those who are 65 and have been licensed for 20 years.

H. B. No. 1110: Second Amendment Financial Privacy Act; create.

H. B. No. 1605: Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.

H. B. No. 1608: Appropriation; Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board.

H. B. No. 1609: Appropriation; Real Estate Commission.

H. B. No. 1611: Appropriation; Arts Commission.

H. B. No. 1615: Appropriation; Library Commission.

H. B. No. 1616: Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.

H. B. No. 1617: Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.

H. B. No. 1618: Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.

H. B. No. 1620: Appropriation; Public Service Commission.

H. B. No. 1622: Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.

H. B. No. 1624: Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.

H. B. No. 1625: Appropriation; Child Protection Services, Department of.

H. B. No. 1628: Appropriation; Forestry Commission.

H. B. No. 1637: Appropriation; District attorneys and staff.

H. B. No. 1639: Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of.

H. B. No. 1640: Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.

H. B. No. 1641: Appropriation; Attorney General.

H. B. No. 1642: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.

H. B. No. 1671: Tax credits; revise certain existing and authorize additional.

H. B. No. 1734: Bonds; authorize for various purposes.

Adopted: 03/27/23

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

H. B. No. 1593: Appropriation; Athletic Commission.

H. B. No. 1594: Appropriation; Auctioneers Commission.

H. B. No. 1595: Appropriation; Barber Examiners, Board of.

H. B. No. 1596: Appropriation; Cosmetology, Board of.

H. B. No. 1597: Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, Board of Examiners for.

H. B. No. 1598: Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of.

H. B. No. 1599: Appropriation; Nursing, Board of.

H. B. No. 1600: Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of.

H. B. No. 1601: Appropriation; Optometry, Board of.

H. B. No. 1602: Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board.

H. B. No. 1603: Appropriation; Psychology, Board of.

H. B. No. 1604: Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional.

H. B. No. 1606: Appropriation; Fire Academy.

H. B. No. 1607: Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System.

H. B. No. 1610: Appropriation; Legislative expenses.

H. B. No. 1614: Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for.

H. B. No. 1619: Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board.

H. B. No. 1621: Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff.

H. B. No. 1627: Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for.

H. B. No. 1629: Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

H. B. No. 1630: Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District.

H. B. No. 1631: Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District.

H. B. No. 1632: Appropriation; Port Authority, State.

H. B. No. 1633: Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District.

H. B. No. 1634: Appropriation; Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority.

H. B. No. 1635: Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board.

H. B. No. 1638: Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of.

H. B. No. 1643: Appropriation, Reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building - FY2024.

H. B. No. 1644: Appropriations; additional for various state agencies for FY 2023 and FY 2024.

Adopted: 03/26/23

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

S. B. No. 3014: Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock shows.

S. B. No. 3018: Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board.

S. B. No. 3019: Appropriation; Ethics Commission.

S. B. No. 3020: Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission.

S. B. No. 3022: Appropriation; Revenue, Department of.

S. B. No. 3023: Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board.

S. B. No. 3024: Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission.

S. B. No. 3027: Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority.

S. B. No. 3028: Appropriation; Chiropractic Examiners, Board of.

S. B. No. 3029: Appropriation; Dental Examiners, Board of.

S. B. No. 3030: Appropriation; Funeral Services Board.

S. B. No. 3031: Appropriation; Massage Therapy, Board of.

S. B. No. 3032: Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of.

S. B. No. 3033: Appropriation; Counselors, Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional.

S. B. No. 3034: Appropriation; Veterinary Examiners, Board of.

S. B. No. 3035: Appropriation; Architecture, Board of.

S. B. No. 3036: Appropriation; Gaming Commission.

S. B. No. 3038: Appropriation; Motor Vehicle Commission.

S. B. No. 3039: Appropriation; Accountancy, Board of Public.

S. B. No. 3040: Appropriation; Contractors, Board of.

S. B. No. 3041: Appropriation; Audit, Department of.

S. B. No. 3042: Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of.

S. B. No. 3044: Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion.

S. B. No. 3045: Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department of.

S. B. No. 3048: Appropriation; Personnel Board.

S. B. No. 3050: Appropriation; Treasurer's Office.

Adopted: 03/26/23

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

H. B. No. 917: Mississippi Worker's Comp commission office building; place under the supervision and care of DFA.

Adopted: 03/26/23

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

S. B. No. 2339: Provision of law establishing energy efficiency standards for building construction; extend repealer on.

S. B. No. 2595: ARPA Workforce Development and Retention Act; provide expiration date of grant funds.

S. B. No. 2810: Office of Workforce Development; amend certain provisions relating to.

Adopted: 03/26/23

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

S. B. No. 2343: Capitol police; revise jurisdiction of.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

H. C. R. No. 60: Legislature; extend 2023 Regular Session, suspend deadlines for certain bills, and set date of sine die adjournment. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

H. C. R. No. 61: Legislature; extend 2023 Regular Session, suspend deadlines for certain bills, and set date of sine die adjournment. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

Head Page, Hunter Lofton, introduced the following Pages for the week:

Jakobe Calvin	Bolton, MS
Mason Payne	Madison, MS
Madison Wilson	Richland, MS
Jaylen Chatman	Richland, MS

Representative Tullos introduced special guests, the Mize Attendance Center Cheerleaders, H. R. No. 66.

On request of Rep. Read, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in conference reports **S. B. No. 3047** and **S. B. No. 3018**:

S. B. No. 3047: AMEND line 244 by deleting the number "376,138.00" and inserting in lieu thereof the number "376,136.00".

S. B. No. 3018: AMEND line 24 by deleting the number "25" and inserting in lieu thereof the number "26".

Rep. Read called up the conference reports on the following bills:

H. B. No. 603: Budget; provide for various transfers of funds, and create various special funds.

H. B. No. 604: New programs funded with ARPA funds; revise certain provisions and bring forward sections of.

H. B. No. 834: Assistant District Attorneys and criminal investigators; increase authorized number of.

S. B. No. 2444: ARPA programs; revise provisions related to certain programs.

S. B. No. 2446: Appropriations; revise certain transfers, fund authority, and FY2023 appropriations.

S. B. No. 2454: Budget; revise provisions related to and provide for transfers.

Rep. Read moved that the foregoing conference reports be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1089: State budget; revise provisions of several FY 23 funds and authorize reimbursement of certain costs of MDA.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1089: State budget; revise provisions of several FY 23 bills and create special funds.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

- 1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
- 2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 27-104-371, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-104-371. (1) A special fund, to be designated as the "2022 Local Improvements Projects Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(2) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration as follows:

- (a) To the Department of Archives and History for the purpose of providing a grant to the Scott Ford House, Inc., to develop the property located at 136 East Cohea Street in the City of Jackson, the home of the former slave Mary Scott Green, to tell her story and that of other Mississippi midwives, and to develop the property located at 138 East Cohea Street in the City of Jackson as a house museum to tell the family story of the midwife Virginia Scott Ford..... \$ 200,000.00
- (b) To assist in paying costs associated with repair, renovation, furnishing and equipping of and upgrades and improvements to the Jackson Public School District's Career Development Center in Jackson, Mississippi \$ 300,000.00
- (c) To assist the Centreville Chamber of Commerce in paying costs associated with construction, furnishing and equipping of a recreation center and related facilities in the Town of Centreville, Mississippi..... \$ 500,000.00
- (d) To assist * * * the Richards Community Center, Inc., in paying costs associated with recreational equipment and lights for the Richards Community Center\$ 150,000.00
- (e) To assist in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of the National Guard Armory in the Town of Gloster, Mississippi \$ 250,000.00
- (f) To assist the City of Georgetown, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with Railroad Avenue lighting and park area..... \$ 50,000.00

(g) To assist the City of Georgetown, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with Railroad Avenue sidewalks	\$ 100,000.00
(h) To assist the City of Brookhaven, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with geometric improvements, signalization improvements, striping/signing and drainage improvements to Brookway Boulevard beginning at Interstate 55 and continuing east to U.S. Highway 51.....	\$ 1,000,000.00
(i) To assist the Town of Byhalia, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Old School Commons restoration and upgrades necessary to meet ADA regulations.....	\$ 500,000.00
(j) To assist Marshall County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Blackwater Road Bridge project	\$ 500,000.00
(k) To assist the Town of Tylertown, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the renovation of the Civic Center and Mississippi State University Extension Service offices.....	\$ 450,000.00
(l) To assist the City of Durant, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road repairs	\$ 50,000.00
(m) To assist the Town of Goodman, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road repairs	\$ 50,000.00
(n) To assist Holmes County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with courthouse renovation.....	\$ 150,000.00
(o) To assist the Town of Pickens, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of the town police station	\$ 50,000.00
(p) To the Board of Supervisors of Lowndes County, Mississippi, to assist the Town of Crawford, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure needs	\$ 250,000.00
(q) To assist the City of D'Iberville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the extension of Mallett Road.....	\$ 1,000,000.00
(r) To assist the Town of Coldwater, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the acquisition of a fire truck	\$ 350,000.00
(s) To assist the Town of Tunica, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road repairs.....	\$ 500,000.00
(t) To assist Tunica County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the extension of natural gas lines	\$ 150,000.00
(u) To assist the City of Starkville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with Northside Drive drainage channel improvements, mobilization, channel shaping and grading	\$ 250,000.00
(v) To assist the City of Starkville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with J.L. King Center infrastructure, security and lighting.....	\$ 250,000.00
(w) To assist the City of Jackson, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction of a parking lot and related facilities for the Jackson Convention Center	\$ 1,000,000.00
(x) To assist the City of Oxford, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of a building to be used by the City of Oxford Police Department	\$ 1,000,000.00
(y) To assist Perry County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the acquisition of a fire truck	\$ 250,000.00
(z) To assist the City of Columbus, Mississippi, Fire and Rescue in paying costs associated with the acquisition of a fire engine	\$ 350,000.00
(aa) To assist the City of Fulton, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of and repair and renovation of a building to house City Hall and repair and renovation of the former City Hall to house other city departments	\$ 1,000,000.00

- (bb) To assist Itawamba County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of the Itawamba County Courthouse and construction of a Justice Court..... \$ 1,000,000.00
- (cc) To assist Jones County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair, renovation, upgrades and additions to the Jones County Law Enforcement Complex.....\$ 500,000.00
- (dd) To assist the City of Laurel, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with additions to the Veterans Museum in Laurel, Mississippi \$ 250,000.00
- (ee) To assist Arise and Shine, Inc., with providing children and youth programs and services in Copiah County, Mississippi \$ 50,000.00
- (ff) To assist the City of Crystal Springs, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with providing lighting for Pedestrian and Bicycle Corridor Federal Aid Project No. STP-0130-00(013)LPA/107363-701000 \$ 250,000.00
- (gg) To assist in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of the Millsaps Heritage Center in the City of Hazlehurst, Mississippi..... \$ 300,000.00
- (hh) To assist the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with water system, sewer system and other infrastructure improvements and development of the Fayard project beautification..... \$ 1,500,000.00
- (ii) To assist the * * * Diamondhead Fire District in paying various costs for the City Fire Department \$ 25,000.00
- (jj) To assist in paying various costs for the Fenton Fire Station in Hancock County, Mississippi..... \$ 25,000.00
- (kk) To assist in paying various costs for the County Farm Fire Station in Harrison County, Mississippi..... \$ 25,000.00
- (ll) To assist in paying various costs for the Lizan Fire Station in Harrison County, Mississippi..... \$ 25,000.00
- (mm) To assist in paying various costs for the Saucier Fire Station in Harrison County, Mississippi..... \$ 25,000.00
- (nn) To assist in paying various costs for the Success Fire Station in Harrison County, Mississippi..... \$ 25,000.00
- (oo) To assist the City of Fayette, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction, furnishing and equipping of a fire station for the city's fire department..... \$ 400,000.00
- (pp) To assist the City of Baldwyn, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction of a satellite fire station..... \$ 200,000.00
- (qq) To assist the City of Baldwyn, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs to Winddance Drive necessary for trucking company weight restrictions..... \$ 100,000.00
- (rr) To assist the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with lighting and curb upgrades to McCullough Boulevard \$ 500,000.00
- (ss) To assist the City of Booneville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the repair, replacement, adjustment and relocation of sewer lines and related sewer system infrastructure underneath and near the Northeast Mississippi Community College football field and surrounding area..... \$ 1,000,000.00
- (tt) To assist Madison County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with making improvements to Bozeman Road, beginning at its intersection with Mississippi Highway 463 and proceeding north..... \$ 2,500,000.00
- (uu) To assist the City of Madison, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with renovation of the Performing Arts Center and placement of utility lines under the center \$ 1,000,000.00
- (vv) To assist the Town of Bruce, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements around and near both of the city's parks, including, but not limited to, paving town streets and parking lots, drainage improvements, water and sewer line repairs and extensions, and pavilion construction in such parks..... \$ 400,000.00

- (ww) To assist the Town of Bruce, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and resurfacing of "Jimmy Beckley" Industrial Park Road \$ 500,000.00
- (xx) To assist the Town of Derma, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with water well repairs \$ 50,000.00
- (yy) To assist the Town of Vardaman, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with paving town streets \$ 150,000.00
- (zz) To assist in paying costs associated with construction of an ambulance center for Tippah County Hospital..... \$ 500,000.00
 - (aaa) To assist the Town of Walnut, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of a fire truck for the town's fire department..... \$ 300,000.00
 - (bbb) To assist the Town of Dumas, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the town's fire department..... \$ 25,000.00
 - (ccc) To assist in paying costs associated with creating a SkillPath 2030 Lab for the North Tippah School District..... \$ 200,000.00
 - (ddd) To assist the City of Ripley, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the city's fire department..... \$ 100,000.00
 - (eee) To assist the City of Ripley, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with various infrastructure projects \$ 200,000.00
 - (fff) To assist Mississippi Hills Heritage Area Alliance in paying costs associated with alliance activities \$ 100,000.00
 - (ggg) To assist in paying costs associated with exhibits with robotics and code training for students at the Issac Chapel Rosenwald Historical Museum and Education Center in Marshall County, Mississippi \$ 200,000.00
- On the effective date of this act, the Board of Supervisors of Marshall County shall transfer to the Issac Chapel Rosenwald Historical Museum and Education Center the remaining balance of all funds received from the Department of Finance and Administration under this paragraph (ggg).
- (hhh) To assist Delta Health System in paying costs associated with capital improvements and infrastructure improvements related to patient room compliance and women's center services \$ 2,000,000.00
- (iii) To assist the City of Gautier, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction of the Mississippi Songwriters Performing Arts Center and improvements to Town Commons Park, including, but not limited to, parking and through roads for an amphitheater \$ 4,000,000.00
- (jjj) To assist the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair, renovation and upgrades to Front Street Fire Station..... \$ 500,000.00
- (kkk) To assist the City of Gautier, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with expansion of RV sites and paving at Shepard State Park \$ 1,500,000.00
- (lll) To assist Chickasaw County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the *** CR42 Road project \$ 500,000.00
- (mmm) To assist in paying costs associated with construction of a firehouse for the Thorn Volunteer Fire Department in Chickasaw County, Mississippi..... \$ 50,000.00
- (nnn) To assist Clay County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road projects in Supervisors District 2 in Clay County including overlay of Mayhew Road, Mayfield Road, Pinkerton Road, Clisby Road and Herman Shirley Road..... \$ 500,000.00
- (ooo) To assist Monroe County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road maintenance and repairs \$ 500,000.00
- (ppp) To assist the City of West Point, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with roof repair and/or replacement for Bryan Public Library \$ 250,000.00
- (qqq) To assist in paying costs associated with the construction *** or purchase of a building for the Michael H. Ball Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 12191 *** in Carroll County, Mississippi..... \$ 200,000.00

(rrr) To assist the Town of Duck Hill, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with resurfacing streets \$ 200,000.00

(sss) To assist the Town of Carrollton, Mississippi, in paying various costs associated with the town's water tower project \$ 20,000.00

(ttt) To assist in paying costs associated with various Winona-Montgomery County Consolidated School District renovation projects \$ 7,000,000.00

(uuu) To assist in paying costs associated with a regional communications system for the Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency..... \$ 200,000.00

(vvv) To assist the City of Columbia, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to the city's downtown storm drainage system and related infrastructure. \$ 500,000.00

(www) To assist Marion County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with pavement maintenance for county roads..... \$ 500,000.00

(xxx) To assist Lamar County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Mental Health Diversion Center in Purvis, Mississippi..... \$ 500,000.00

(yyy) To *** provide for the reimbursement of prior costs associated with acquisition and repair, renovation, furnishing and equipping of a building and related facilities for the Bovina Volunteer Fire Department in Warren County, Mississippi..... \$ 250,000.00

(zzz) To assist the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with lighting for city baseball fields \$ 250,000.00

(aaaa) To assist Warren County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of culverts and construction and installation of sluice gates..... \$ 75,000.00

(bbbb) To assist the City of Grenada, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road resurfacing for Southwest Frontage Road..... \$ 250,000.00

(cccc) To assist Grenada County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction and extension of New Industrial Park Road \$ 500,000.00

(dddd) To assist Grenada County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with resurfacing of National Guard Trout Road \$ 750,000.00

(eeee) To assist Tallahatchie County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with roof repair for Phillip Community Center in Tallahatchie County, Mississippi \$ 50,000.00

(ffff) To assist the City of Petal, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction of an access road beginning at or near the intersection of Central Avenue and M. J. Harris Drive in Petal, Mississippi, and running southerly into the Robert E. Russell Sports Complex \$ 500,000.00

(gggg) To assist the City of Iuka, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road paving, purchase of utility vehicles for the city's police department and fire department, city park upgrades, library repair and purchase of a dump truck and two (2) police cars. \$ 250,000.00

(hhhh) To assist the City of Pontotoc, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with relocating the fire station on Main Street in the city to a less congested corner lot near the current location..... \$ 750,000.00

(iiii) To assist in paying costs associated with construction of the Agricola Multipurpose Center in George County, Mississippi..... \$ 1,600,000.00

(jjjj) To assist in paying costs associated with industrial park wastewater replacement main in George County, Mississippi..... \$ 400,000.00

(kkkk) To assist in paying costs associated with construction of a multipurpose arena in Jackson County, Mississippi \$ 750,000.00

(llll) To assist Jasper County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing and improvements to roads and bridges including, but not limited to, CR 195 and CR 215..... \$ 650,000.00

(mmmm) To assist Smith County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and repaving of county roads..... \$ 250,000.00

(nnnn) To assist in paying costs associated with acquisition of motor vehicles for the Winston County Sheriff's Department \$ 150,000.00

(oooo) To assist Kemper County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with a gas line project from Dekalb, Mississippi, to Scooba, Mississippi..... \$ 500,000.00

(pppp) To assist in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the Kemper County Volunteer Fire Department..... \$ 50,000.00

(qqqq) To assist in paying costs associated with acquisition of motor vehicles for the Neshoba County Sheriff's Department..... \$ 150,000.00

(rrrr) To assist the Town of Scooba, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the renovation of town facilities \$ 75,000.00

(ssss) To assist the City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements in infrastructure in the Midtown area of the city, including, but not limited to, roads, bridges, water, sewer, drainage, sidewalks, stormwater detention, land acquisition, utility relocation and lighting..... \$ 1,750,000.00

(tttt) To assist the City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with flood control, detention basins or other infrastructure improvements in and around Gordon's Creek \$ 250,000.00

(uuuu) To assist Alcorn County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of the Alcorn County Courthouse..... \$ 1,000,000.00

(vvvv) To assist in paying costs associated with Alcorn County School District improvements..... \$ 150,000.00

(wwww) To Alcorn County, Mississippi, to assist in paying Alcorn County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association expenses..... \$ 100,000.00

(xxxx) To assist the Jacinto Foundation, Inc., in paying costs associated with capital improvements, repairing, renovating, restoring, rehabilitating, preserving, furnishing and/or equipping the Jacinto Courthouse and related facilities in Alcorn County, Mississippi..... \$ 100,000.00

(yyyy) To assist Covington County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to Kelly Creek Road and/or Fruitstand Road..... \$ 200,000.00

(zzzz) To assist Jefferson Davis County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to Willie Fortenberry Road, Gum Swamp Road and/or Sumrall Road \$ 100,000.00

(aaaaa) To assist the Town of Shubuta, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with refurbishing, repair, renovation, restoration and furnishing of the Town Hall building..... \$ 200,000.00

(bbbbbb) To assist Coahoma Community College in paying costs associated with completion of the HVAC system for the Coahoma County Higher Education Center..... \$ 150,000.00

(ccccc) To assist Simpson County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with various road paving projects \$ 500,000.00

(dddddd) To assist the Town of D'Lo, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with paving South Maple Street, Elm Street, North Oak Street and North Maple Street \$ 200,000.00

(eeeeee) To provide funds to be distributed equally among the following fire departments in Simpson County, Mississippi, and Rankin County, Mississippi, to assist in paying various department costs: Braxton Fire Department, Cato Fire Department, Harrisville Volunteer Fire Department, Magee Fire Department, Mendenhall Fire Department, * * * Simpson County Station 7 Fire Department, Old Pearl Volunteer Fire Department, Pinola Fire Department, Puckett Volunteer Fire Department and Shell Road Volunteer Fire Department \$ 150,000.00

(fffff) To assist in paying costs associated with the purchase of playground equipment for Houston Community Park in Itawamba County \$ 50,000.00

(ggggg) To assist Newton County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with upgrades and repairs to Tanglewood

Road \$ 450,000.00
 (hhhhh) To assist Scott County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements on Coal Bluff Road \$ 350,000.00
 (iiii) To assist the Town of Plantersville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements and the purchase of equipment for the town's police department \$ 100,000.00
 (jjjj) To assist Oktibbeha County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with upgrades and improvements to Maben Sturgis Road \$ 1,000,000.00
 (kkkk) To assist the City of Starkville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the city's Main Street project \$ 1,250,000.00
 (llll) To assist Humphreys County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, including asbestos removal, to the Humphreys County Courthouse \$ 400,000.00
 (mmmm) To assist the City of New Albany, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with central business district renovations \$ 250,000.00
 (nnnn) To assist the CREATE Foundation in paying costs associated with storm shelter and community center renovations in the Red Hill Community in Union County, Mississippi \$ 150,000.00
 (oooo) To the Board of Trustees of Southwest Mississippi Community College for the purpose of providing funds for the costs associated with the construction of a new * * * outdoor multipurpose center on the campus of the college \$ 500,000.00
 (pppp) To Scenic Rivers Development Alliance for the purpose of making improvements at parks and facilities as follows: golf cart path repairs and course equipment upgrades at Quail Hollow Golf Course in Pike County; building repairs and equipment upgrades at Bogue Chitto Water Park in Pike County; building repairs, arena equipment and bleachers at Ethel Vance Park in Pike County; building repairs and fencing at Liberty Town Fields in Pike County; ADA sidewalk improvements and building repairs at Walkers Bridge Water Park in Walthall County; pier improvements, building improvements and road improvements at the County Outdoor Complex in Walthall County and park improvements in Franklin County \$ 1,000,000.00
 (qqqq) To assist the Caledonia Natural Gas District in paying costs associated with acquisition of three (3) pickup trucks to be used as service trucks \$ 150,000.00
 (rrrr) To assist Neshoba County, Mississippi, * * * for the reimbursement of prior costs associated with transition to the MSWIN system \$ 1,000,000.00
 (ssss) To assist in paying costs associated with the Neshoba General Hospital Ambulance Enterprise \$ 250,000.00
 (tttt) To assist the Briarwood Pool in Jackson, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with ADA requirements and accessibility plan \$ 250,000.00
 (uuuu) To assist Hinds County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with Phase I White Oak Creek streambank erosion improvements to a portion of the creek running from at or near Old Canton Road to at or near Briarwood Drive in the City of Jackson, Mississippi \$ 2,000,000.00
 (vvvv) To assist * * * the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to Endville Road \$ 500,000.00
 (wwww) To provide funds to Wayne County, Mississippi, to be distributed equally among the following volunteer fire departments in Wayne County, Mississippi, to assist in paying various department costs: Battles Volunteer Fire Department, Beat Four Volunteer Fire Department, Buckatunna Volunteer Fire Department, Central Volunteer Fire Department, Clara Volunteer Fire Department, Coyt Volunteer Fire Department, Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department, Denham Volunteer Fire Department, Ecutta Volunteer Fire Department, Hiwanee Volunteer Fire Department, Matherville Volunteer Fire Department, Maynor Creek Volunteer Fire Department, Mulberry Volunteer Fire Department, Pleasant Grove Volunteer Fire Department, Progress Volunteer Fire Department, Strengthford Volunteer Fire Department and Yellow Creek Volunteer Fire Department \$ 340,000.00
 (xxxx) To assist the City of Waynesboro, Mississippi, in paying city fire department costs \$ 70,000.00

(yyyyy) To assist the Town of State Line, Mississippi, in paying various department costs for Stateline Volunteer Fire Department * * * \$ 20,000.00
(zzzzz) To assist in paying various department costs for Richton Volunteer Fire Department in Perry County, Mississippi..... \$ 20,000.00
(aaaaaa) To assist the * * * Town of State Line, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with acquisition of motor vehicles for the city's police department\$ 50,000.00
(bbbbbb) To assist the City of Picayune, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to North Frontage Road from Interstate 59 in Picayune \$ 850,000.00
(ccccc) To assist the City of Raymond, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with renovation, rehabilitation and expansion of and additions to the city's police station \$ 250,000.00
(dddddd) To assist Benton County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with maintenance of roads and bridges \$ 500,000.00
(eeeeee) To assist the Town of Potts Camp, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the acquisition of a fire truck \$ 300,000.00
(fffff) To assist the Town of Hickory Flat, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the acquisition of equipment for the town's police department \$ 100,000.00
(ggggg) To assist Union County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with maintenance of roads in Supervisors District 1 in Union County \$ 500,000.00
(hhhhh) To assist Union County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with maintenance of roads in Supervisors District 2 in Union County \$ 500,000.00
(iiiiii) To provide matching funds to the City of Charleston, Mississippi, for the repair of Charleston City Hall..... \$ 250,000.00
(jjjjj) To assist the Town of Coffeeville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with street improvements..... \$ 125,000.00
(kkkkk) To assist the City of Water Valley, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with renovation of the Water Valley Civic Auditorium \$ 225,000.00
(lllll) To assist Pearl River County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with county road maintenance..... \$ 500,000.00
(mmmmm) To assist the City of Morton, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to streets and roads around Morton High School and surrounding areas in the City of Morton \$ 150,000.00
(nnnnn) To provide funds to be distributed equally among the eight (8) volunteer fire departments in Scott County, Mississippi, to assist in paying various department costs and expenses..... \$ 200,000.00
(ooooo) To assist in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of facilities at Chautauqua Park in Crystal Springs, Mississippi \$ 500,000.00
(ppppp) To assist Quitman Community Hospital in paying costs associated with improvements and upgrades to facilities and equipment..... \$ 500,000.00
(qqqqq) To provide funds to be distributed in the amount of \$25,000.00 to fire departments in Prentiss County, Mississippi, to assist in paying equipment costs \$ * * * 375,000.00
(rrrrr) To assist the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with lighting and other improvements to city-owned * * * facilities..... \$ 1,000,000.00
(sssss) To assist Tate County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road and infrastructure improvements..... \$ 5,000,000.00
(ttttt) To assist in paying costs associated with construction of an Agriculture Technology building at Independence High School in the Tate County School District \$ 750,000.00

(uuuuuu) To provide funds to be distributed equally among all volunteer fire departments in Clarke County, Mississippi, to assist in paying equipment costs and for upgrades \$ 150,000.00

(vvvvvv) To assist in paying costs associated with acquisition of motor vehicles with upfit, lights, cages and sirens, for the Clarke County Sheriffs
Department \$ 100,000.00

(wwwwww) To assist Lincoln County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with HVAC system and equipment repairs and/or replacement..... \$ 500,000.00

(xxxxxx) To assist *** Jackson Metropolitan Technical Center in paying costs associated with roof and building repairs for its building..... \$ 100,000.00

(yyyyyy) To assist Attala County, Mississippi, to provide funds for the acquisition of fire trucks for Carmack Volunteer Fire Department, Friendship Volunteer Fire Department, Providence Fire Department and Zama Volunteer Fire
Department \$ 1,000,000.00

(zzzzzz) To assist Attala County, Mississippi, in defraying expenses associated with repairs, resurfacing and other improvements to county roads and bridges \$ 1,000,000.00

(aaaaaaa) To assist Leake County, Mississippi, to provide funds for the acquisition of fire trucks, firefighting equipment and gear for volunteer fire departments in Leake County..... \$ 2,000,000.00

(bbbbbbb) To assist Attala County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and/or replacement of the roof for the Jack Post Industrial Building \$ 1,000,000.00

(ccccccc) To assist the Town of West, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs and improvements to town facilities \$ 200,000.00

(ddddddd) To assist the City of Kosciusko, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and maintenance of city facilities \$ 500,000.00

(eeeeeee) To assist in paying costs associated with construction of a new building for American Legion Post No. 44 in Attala County, Mississippi \$ 300,000.00

(ffffff) To assist the City of Clinton, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with site work for and construction and development of streets, street lighting and signals, electrical and communications distribution systems and equipment, water system and sewer system infrastructure and related infrastructure within an area bound by U.S. Highway 80, Springridge Road, Interstate 20 and Clinton-Raymond Road/Madison Street in the City of Clinton..... \$ 8,000,000.00

(ggggggg) To assist the Town of Flora, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to the town's water system and sewer system infrastructure.....\$ 1,000,000.00

(hhhhhhh) To assist Rankin County, Mississippi, in defraying expenses associated with repairs, resurfacing and other improvements to roads and bridges.... \$ 8,000,000.00

(iiiiiii) To assist the City of Brandon, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements..... \$ 2,000,000.00

(jjjjjjj) To assist the City of Pearl, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction of a bridge extending from the intersection of the extension of Ware Street and relocated St. Augustine Street to Pearson Road in the City of Pearl ... \$ 500,000.00

(kkkkkkk) To assist Harrison County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with Sportsplex improvements in the City of Long Beach, Mississippi \$ 1,500,000.00

(lllllll) To assist in paying costs associated with improvements to Lumpkin Stadium for the Long Beach School District..... \$ 100,000.00

(mmmmmmm) To provide *** \$22,222.22 to *** each of the following fire departments in Choctaw County, Mississippi, to assist in paying various department costs: Chester Volunteer Fire Department, *** Town of Ackerman Fire Department, Byw Volunteer Fire Department, Simpson Volunteer Fire Department, Town of Weir Fire Department, Panhandle Volunteer Fire Department, Union Volunteer Fire Department and Town of French Camp Fire Department and to provide \$22,222.24 to the Reform Fire Department in Choctaw County, Mississippi, to assist in paying various department costs \$ 200,000.00

(nnnnnn) To provide funds to Winston County, Mississippi, to be distributed equally among the following fire departments in Winston County, Mississippi, to assist in paying various department costs: Nanih Waiya Volunteer Fire Department, Shiloh Volunteer Fire Department, City of Louisville Fire Department, Lo Butcha Volunteer Fire Department, Town of Noxapater Volunteer Fire Department and Mars Hill Volunteer Fire Department \$ 120,000.00

(ooooooo) To provide funds to be distributed equally among the following fire departments in Webster County, Mississippi, to assist in paying various department costs: Town of Mathiston Volunteer Fire Department, City of Eupora Fire Department and Tomnolen Volunteer Fire Department \$ 60,000.00

(ppppppp) To assist the City of Eupora, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with street repairs, resurfacing and improvements \$ 300,000.00

(qqqqqqq) To assist the City of Louisville, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with constructing a road and other transportation infrastructure in the City of Louisville that will provide and improve access to land owned by the city designated for an economic development project on or near the location of Winston Plywood & Veneer \$ 200,000.00

(rrrrrrr) To assist the Town of French Camp, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with sidewalk repairs, lighting and improvements for the town's Historic Downtown District and School Street \$ 100,000.00

(sssssss) To provide funds to * * * Choctaw County, Mississippi, for repairs and resurfacing of roads \$ 500,000.00

(ttttttt) To assist the Town of Ackerman, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with street repairs, resurfacing and improvements \$ 200,000.00

(uuuuuuu) To assist the Town of Mathiston, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction, repair, renovation, upgrades and improvements to the town's facilities \$ 100,000.00

(vvvvvvv) To assist Choctaw County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with Courthouse renovations and improvements \$ 100,000.00

(wwwwwww) To assist American Legion Post 82 in the Town of Ackerman, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Post building and Post activities \$ 25,000.00

(xxxxxxx) To assist VFW Post 3806 in the City of Eupora, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Post building and Post activities \$ 25,000.00

(yyyyyyy) To assist VFW Post 4540 in Winston County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Post building and Post activities \$ 25,000.00

(zzzzzzz) To assist * * * the American Legion Post 82 in the Town of Ackerman, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Post building and Post activities \$ 25,000.00

(aaaaaaaa) To assist in paying the costs associated with land acquisition, site development and construction, furnishing and equipping of new buildings and facilities for, and the relocation of, the Mississippi Armed Forces Museum at Camp Shelby to property owned by the Mississippi Military Department and located near Camp Shelby in Forrest County, Mississippi \$ 6,000,000.00

(bbbbbbb) To assist the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with renovations of city offices \$ 1,000,000.00

(ccccccc) To assist the Town of Sardis, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing and other improvements to roads and bridges \$ 250,000.00

(ddddddd) To assist the Town of Como, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing and other improvements to roads and bridges \$ 250,000.00

(eeeeeee) To assist the City of Bay Springs, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with repairs to Payton Avenue \$ 35,000.00

(ffffff) To assist the Town of Heidelberg, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with repairs to Walnut Street \$ 45,000.00

(gggggggg) To assist * * * East Jasper School District in paying the costs associated with the acquisition of the Old Heidelberg Academy \$ 350,000.00

(hhhhhhh) To assist the City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with improvements to Dabbs Street \$ 250,000.00

(iiiiiii) To assist Lincoln County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with repairs and improvements to the county courthouse..... \$ 350,000.00

(jjjjjjj) To assist the City of Carthage, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the repair and renovation of the coliseum..... \$ 600,000.00

(kkkkkkk) To assist Holmes County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the paving and improvements to Salem/Courts Road \$ 600,300.00

(lllllll) To assist Tougaloo College in paying the costs associated with the improvement, renovation and preservation of the historic Mansion building\$ 600,000.00

(mmmmmmm) To assist the City of Southaven, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with a traffic signal at the intersection of Airways Boulevard and Guthrie Drive \$ 270,000.00

(nnnnnnn) To assist DeSoto County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with a traffic signal at the intersection of Byhalia Road and Hwy 305 in Lewisburg/Olive Branch..... \$ 270,000.00

(oooooooo) To assist Marshall County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with building the Chickasaw Trail Emergency Response Center..... \$ 1,000,000.00

(ppppppp) To assist the Town of Terry, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the renovation of a community center..... \$ 30,000.00

(qqqqqqq) To assist the City of Byram, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with bridge and drainage projects \$ 500,000.00

(rrrrrrr) To assist the City of Jackson, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with renovations and upgrades for Thalia Mara Hall \$ 2,000,000.00

(sssssss) To assist the City of Jackson, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with renovations and upgrades for the Jackson Planetarium \$ 2,000,000.00

(ttttttt) To assist Panola County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with airport improvements..... \$ 500,000.00

(uuuuuuu) To assist the Town of Sardis, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Sardis Lake Development project \$ 1,700,000.00

(vvvvvvv) To assist the Town of Noxapater, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with paving, repairs and improvements to city streets \$ 250,000.00

(wwwwwww) To assist the Town of Walnut Grove, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the purchase of a new fire truck..... \$ 250,000.00

(xxxxxxx) To assist the Lee County 4th District Community Development Group, a nonprofit corporation, in paying the costs associated with the construction/improvement to its community center..... \$ 300,000.00

(yyyyyyy) To assist the Windows of Amory, a nonprofit corporation, for expenses related to improvements and operations of the former First Christian Church, known as "The Windows" \$ 200,000.00

(zzzzzzz) To assist the City of Aberdeen, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with repairs and improvements to the Magnolias \$ 150,000.00

(aaaaaaaa) To assist Claiborne County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with repairs and improvements to historical structures in the county \$ 75,000.00

(bbbbbbbb) To assist Claiborne County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the replacement of an air conditioning and heating system for the county jail \$ 80,000.00

(ccccccc) To assist Claiborne County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the resurfacing of Russom-Westside Road..... \$ 300,000.00

(ddddddd) To assist the Summit Community Development Foundation in paying the costs associated with the Stand Pipe project \$ 200,000.00

(eeeeeeeee) To assist the City of Natchez, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with lighting of the Mississippi River Bridge..... \$ 500,000.00
(ffffff) To assist the City of Magee, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with infrastructure improvements..... \$ 150,000.00
(ggggggggg) To assist the City of Mendenhall, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements \$ 150,000.00
(hhhhhhhhh) To assist Montgomery County, Mississippi, in defraying expenses for infrastructure improvements and industrial facility..... \$ 1,000,000.00
(iiiiiii) To assist Attala County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with roof repairs for a county-owned building..... \$ 600,000.00
(jjjjjjjj) To assist the Mississippi Department of Transportation in paying the costs associated with an overpass for Old Highway 63 over Highway 98..... \$ 1,200,000.00
(kkkkkkkkk) To assist Greene County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with asbestos abatement and demolition of an abandoned factory building \$ 600,000.00
(lllllllll) To assist Greene County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the conversion of the old farmer's market into a regional emergency operations center..... \$ 1,200,000.00
(mmmmmmmmm) To assist the Greene County School District in paying costs associated with tornado and wind damage at the McLain Attendance Center \$ 50,000.00
(nnnnnnnnn) To assist the City of D'Iberville, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with upgrades, mitigation and improvements to the city marina \$ 750,000.00
(ooooooooo) To assist Jackson County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the renovations and expansions of the Ball Park Road Fire Station \$ 750,000.00
(ppppppppp) To assist the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to Riley Road..... \$ 500,000.00
(qqqqqqqqq) To assist the Pearl & Leaf Rivers Rails to Trails Recreational District in paying the costs associated with overlaying the trail from James Lynn Cartledge Gateway to Carolyn McRaney Gateway and paving the parking lots at stations..... \$ 1,500,000.00
(rrrrrrrrr) To assist the City of Flowood, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with infrastructure improvements to North Flowood Drive \$ 2,000,000.00
(sssssssss) To assist the Mississippi Department of Transportation in paying the costs associated with improvements to Highway 25 between Grants Ferry Road and Mississippi Highway 471 \$ 4,000,000.00
(ttttttttt) To assist the City of Macon, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with inspection, repairs and improvements to the Electric Department Office \$ 40,000.00
(uuuuuuuuu) To assist Noxubee County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with a roof replacement on the county courthouse \$ 400,000.00
(vvvvvvvvv) To assist the City of Poplarville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the acquisition of a new fire truck. \$ 500,000.00
(wwwwwwwww) To assist Warren County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with upgrades and improvements for the historic Old Courthouse and grounds in Vicksburg \$ 650,000.00
(xxxxxxxxx) To assist the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Interconnecting Gulfport project related to the federal BUILD grant route, to include Pool Street Extension, Creosote Road Extension, and Daniel Boulevard Extension \$ 3,500,000.00
(yyyyyyyyy) To assist Yazoo County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the construction and repairs of the Lake George Bridge \$ 3,000,000.00
(zzzzzzzzz) To assist Issaquena County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the construction and repairs of the Mannie Road Bridge.. \$ 1,500,000.00

(aaaaaaaa) To assist Sharkey County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the construction and repairs of the Low Water Bridge Road Bridge \$ 1,500,000.00

(bbbbbbbbbb) To assist the Warren County Port Commission in defraying expenses for environmental and permit..... \$ 500,000.00

(ccccccccc) To assist Quitman County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with infrastructure improvements on county roads and bridges..... \$ 500,000.00

(ddddddddd) To assist Perry County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the widening of Cochran Road \$ 600,000.00

(eeeeeeeeee) To assist the City of Richland, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the Highway 49 pedestrian crossover..... \$ 500,000.00

(fffffffff) To assist the City of Pearl, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the Pearl-Richland Intermodal Bridge \$ 2,000,000.00

(gggggggggg) To assist the Mississippi Department of Transportation in paying the costs associated with improvements to Highway 21 in Sebastopol, Mississippi \$ 400,000.00

(hhhhhhhhh) To assist the Town of Decatur, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with upgrading rescue extrication equipment \$ 60,000.00

(iiiiiii) To assist the City of Hernando, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with infrastructure improvements to the Oak Grove and Highway 51 intersection..... \$ 500,000.00

(jjjjjjjj) To assist the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, in the refurbishment of Ballard Park for the purposes of renovation and to establish a special needs (all inclusive) children's playground..... \$ 500,000.00

(kkkkkkkkk) To assist the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with turnaround access at the Elvis Presley Birthplace \$ 250,000.00

(lllllllll) To assist the City of Saltillo, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with infrastructure improvements..... \$ 250,000.00

(mmmmmmmmm) To assist the City of Gluckstadt, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the acquisition of land and construction of a new police station \$ 1,000,000.00

(nnnnnnnnn) To assist the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the construction of the Commerce Park Connector Road \$ 1,000,000.00

(ooooooooo) To assist the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with road paving and improvements to city streets \$ 1,500,000.00

(ppppppppp) To assist the City of Olive Branch, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with infrastructure improvement on Pleasant Hill Road from SR 302 to Stateline Road \$ 750,000.00

(qqqqqqqqq) To assist the Horn Lake Creek Basin Interceptor Sewer District in paying the costs associated with an infrastructure project..... \$10,000,000.00

(rrrrrrrrr) To assist the City of Corinth, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the EFLAP Bridge Replacement..... \$ 500,000.00

(sssssssss) To assist Alcorn County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with infrastructure improvements at the Getwell Road and Harper Road Intersection \$ 350,000.00

(ttttttttt) To assist the Town of Blue Mountain, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with improvements to the Blue Mountain Children's Park..... \$ 150,000.00

(uuuuuuuuu) To assist the Town of Farmington, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with computer equipment upgrades for city hall \$ 25,000.00

(vvvvvvvvv) To assist the City of Corinth, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the Corinth Veterans Honor Memorial..... \$ 25,000.00

(wwwwwwwww) To assist the University of Southern Mississippi in paying the costs associated with re-roofing the coliseum..... \$ 500,000.00

(xxxxxxxxx) To assist Stone County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with road paving and improvements to county roads and bridges \$ 500,000.00

(yyyyyyyyyy) To assist the City of Greenville, Mississippi, in paying the costs of construction and development of the downtown green space associated with the new federal courthouse as part of the Thad Cochran Project \$ 500,000.00
(zzzzzzzzzz) To assist the City of Greenville, Mississippi, in paying the costs of redevelopment of Hangar 173 at airport to assist the Mississippi Delta Community College (MDCC) Aerospace Maintenance Instruction Program \$ 1,500,000.00
(aaaaaaaaaa) To assist the City of Cleveland, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the Airport Terminal Road Extension Project \$ 1,000,000.00
(bbbbbbbbbb) To assist Tishomingo County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with a tornado siren and storm shelter at Carter's Branch Volunteer Fire Department \$ 50,000.00
(ccccccccc) To assist the Town of Marietta, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with an infrastructure project..... \$ 165,000.00
(dddddddddd) To assist the Town of Mantachie, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with modernizing the town's police force \$ 100,000.00
(eeeeeeeeeee) To assist Tishomingo County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with a roof replacement for the Circuit Courthouse \$ 400,000.00
(fffffffff) To assist the City of luka, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with repairs and improvements to city streets \$ 150,000.00
(gggggggggg) To assist the Yellow Creek Inland Port Authority in paying the costs associated with infrastructure and port improvement \$ 1,500,000.00
(hhhhhhhhhhh) To assist Pontotoc County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with a Veteran's Service Center in Pontotoc \$ 125,000.00
(iiiiiiiiiii) To assist Pontotoc County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to the Fairgrounds/Exhibit Building Parking Project. \$ 100,000.00
(jjjjjjjjjj) To assist the City of Calhoun City, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with paving and improvements to city streets..... \$ 200,000.00
(kkkkkkkkkkk) To assist the Mississippi Arts and Entertainment Experience (The MAX) in paying the costs associated with upgrading exhibits \$ 250,000.00
(lllllllllll) To assist Yazoo County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with renovations at the Oakes African-American Cultural Center. \$ 100,000.00
(mmmmmmmmmm) To assist the City of Pass Christian, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the Pass Christian Downtown Redevelopment Initiative\$ 750,000.00
(nnnnnnnnnnn) To assist Clay County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the renovations of the county courthouse \$ 350,000.00
(oooooooooooo) To assist the City of West Point, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with road paving and improvements to city streets..... \$ 400,000.00
(ppppppppppp) To assist the City of Macon, Mississippi, for reimbursement to the city for engineers, clean up of debris, and to stabilize exterior of Electric Department when surrounding buildings collapsed (local state of emergency) \$ 35,000.00
(qqqqqqqqqqq) To assist the Pascagoula Redevelopment Authority in paying the costs associated with the downtown revitalization project..... \$ 750,000.00
(rrrrrrrrrrr) To assist the City of Eupora, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the construction of an amphitheater \$ 50,000.00
(sssssssssss) To assist the City of Eupora, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with a walking trail \$ 10,000.00
(ttttttttttt) To assist Lowndes County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the construction, development, upgrades and improvements to the rail yard expansion at the West Bank Port, and other rail improvements in Lowndes County that provide otherwise support freight rail service to and from the West Bank Port\$ 3,200,000.00
(uuuuuuuuuuu) To assist the City of Jackson, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the widening, straightening and clearing debris from Eubanks Creek from State Street to Old Canton Road \$ 500,000.00

(vvvvvvvvvv) To assist the Department of Finance and Administration in paying the costs associated with the development of the LeFleur's Bluff Otter Creek Golf Park and Connector Trail Project..... \$13,250,000.00

(wwwwwwwwww) To assist the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the river front development..... \$ 3,500,000.00

(xxxxxxxxxx) To assist the City of Pelahatchie, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with repairs and improvements to roads and bridges \$ 300,000.00

(yyyyyyyyyy) To assist the Marty Stuart Congress of Country Music Museum in paying the costs associated with the completion of the Ellis Theatre \$ 500,000.00

(zzzzzzzzzz) To assist the City of Water Valley, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with upgrades and improvements to the city-owned electrical system.....\$ 500,000.00

(aaaaaaaaaa) To assist the North Mississippi Health Services in paying the costs associated with the unfinished dedicated operating room for cesarean deliveries at the hospital in Amory, Mississippi, which room may be used as a negative pressure room \$ 1,000,000.00

(bbbbbbbbbb) To assist the B.B. King Museum and Delta Interpretive Center in paying costs associated with renovations, repairs and improvements to the B.B. King Museum and Club Ebony..... \$ 2,500,000.00

(cccccccccc) To assist the Department of Finance and Administration – Bureau of Building, Ground and Real Property Management for the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and Museum in paying costs associated with renovations, repairs and improvements to the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame..... \$ 2,500,000.00

(dddddddddd) To assist the Town of Macon, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with storm cleanup and emergency operation including storm debris removal \$ 75,000.00

(eeeeeeeeee) To assist Noxubee County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair of the Veterans Building \$ 25,000.00

(ffffffffff) To assist Noxubee County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road maintenance and repairs \$ 150,000.00

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(hhhhhhhhhh) To assist the Town of Vaiden, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with various infrastructure projects..... \$ 100,000.00

(iiiiiiiiii) To assist the Town of McCool, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with various infrastructure projects..... \$ 100,000.00

(jjjjjjjjjj) To assist the Tate County Heritage Museum in paying costs associated with acquisition and updating of exhibits and displays and repair, restoration, upgrades and improvements to equipment and facilities \$ 50,000.00

(kkkkkkkkkk) To assist the Mississippi's Toughest Kids Foundation in paying the costs associated with:

(i) Design, preplanning, construction, furnishing and equipping of buildings and related facilities at Camp Kamassa in Copiah County, Mississippi; and

(ii) Design, preplanning, construction and development of infrastructure at Camp Kamassa in Copiah County, Mississippi \$ 1,000,000.00

SECTION 2. Section 37-101-83, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-101-83. (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2022 IHL Capital Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, with the approval of the

Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning on those projects related to the universities under its management and control to pay the costs of capital improvements, renovation and/or repair of existing facilities, furnishings and/or equipping facilities for public facilities as hereinafter described:

NAME	AMOUNT PROJECT ALLOCATED	
Alcorn State University		\$ 5,040,000.00
Preplanning for repair, renovation, and expansion of and upgrades and improvements to the David L. Whitney Complex and Wellness Center; campus safety and security project, including open space development, sprinkler systems for dormitories, security camera installation, card access systems, street lighting, and emergency kiosks; and repair, renovation and upgrading of campus infrastructure.....	\$ 1,040,000.00	
Repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to the Math and Science Building.....	\$ 4,000,000.00	
Delta State University		\$ 5,640,000.00
Repair, renovation and replacement of and upgrades and improvements to HVAC systems and related equipment and infrastructure.....	\$ 3,937,500.00	
Repair and renovation for ADA compliance for the Bologna Performing Arts Center.....	\$ 1,702,500.00	
Jackson State University		\$ 12,000,000.00
Construction, furnishing and equipping of a new dining facility and related facilities.....	\$ 12,000,000.00	
Mississippi State University		\$ 14,680,000.00
Repair, renovation, construction, acquisition of property, furnishing and equipping of related facilities to house the College of Architecture, Art and Design.....	\$ 14,680,000.00	
Mississippi State University/Division of Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine		\$ 9,610,000.00
Repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to Dorman Hall and		

related facilities.....\$	9,610,000.00	
Mississippi University for Women		\$ 2,500,000.00
Repair, renovation, and upgrading of campus buildings and facilities.....\$	2,500,000.00	
Mississippi Valley State University.....		\$ 10,200,000.00
Repair, renovation, * * * expansion of * * * and improvements to * * * existing buildings and facilities on * * * the main campus.....\$	10,200,000.00	
University of Mississippi		\$ 5,500,000.00
Construction, furnishing and equipping of a new mechanical and power plant building and related facilities.....\$	4,500,000.00	
Preplanning for construction, furnishing and equipping of a new building and related facilities to house the School of Accountancy.....\$	1,000,000.00	
University of Mississippi Medical Center.....		\$ 8,000,000.00
Repair, renovation, and upgrading of campus buildings and facilities.....\$	8,000,000.00	
University of Southern Mississippi		\$ 11,000,000.00
Construction, furnishing and equipping of a new science research facility...\$	11,000,000.00	
IHL Education and Research Center		\$ 1,400,000.00
Repair and replacement of chillers and related equipment for the campus air conditioning and heating system.....\$	1,400,000.00	
TOTAL		\$ 85,570,000.00

(b) (i) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of projects described in paragraph (a) of this section. If any monies in such special fund are not used within four (4) years after the date funds are transferred under Section 1 of Chapter 510, Laws of 2022, from the Capital Expense Fund created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, into the special fund, then the institution of higher learning for which any unused monies are allocated under paragraph (a) of this section shall provide an accounting of such unused monies to the Department of Finance and Administration.

(ii) Monies in the special fund may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, in administering or providing assistance directly related to a project described in paragraph (a) of this section. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained for each project by the Department of Finance and Administration, Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs for a project shall not exceed two percent (2%) of the monies in the special fund used for such project.

Monies authorized for a particular project may not be used to reimburse administrative costs for unrelated projects.

(c) The Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and expend any local or other source funds in connection with the expenditure of funds provided for in this section. The expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Finance and Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee.

(d) Any amounts allocated to an institution of higher learning that are in excess of that needed to complete the projects at such institution of higher learning that are described in paragraph (a) of this section may be used for general repairs and renovations at the institution of higher learning.

SECTION 3. Section 1, Chapter 109, Laws of 2022, is amended as follows:

Section 1. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund, as created in Section 57-119-1 Mississippi Code of 1972, not otherwise appropriated to the Mississippi Development Authority. These funds are provided for projects as outlined in Section 57-119-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, for assistance to local units of government, nongovernmental organizations, institutions of higher learning, community colleges, ports, airports, public-private partnerships, private for-profit entities, private nonprofit entities and local economic development entities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ * * * 37,061,356.00.

Of the funds appropriated in this section the following sums are provided for projects:

(a) To assist the Gulfport Redevelopment Commission for the completion of the second and final phase of a mixed-use, downtown redevelopment project, including public use components, so as to leverage public and private investment...\$ 8,000,000.00

(b) To assist the City of Pass Christian with the Water Front Redevelopment Plan.....\$ 3,000,000.00

(c) To assist the Pascagoula Redevelopment Authority with the City of Pascagoula Rail Line Development Plan.....\$ 3,061,356.00

(d) To assist the City of Biloxi with the Popp's Ferry Extension Project.....\$ 3,000,000.00

(e) To assist the City of Waveland with the Waveland Marina Phase I.....\$ 2,000,000.00

(f) To assist the Ocean Springs Redevelopment Authority with City of Ocean Springs Projects.....\$ 2,000,000.00

(g) To assist the City of Moss Point with Moss Point's Magnificent Mile 2.0.....\$ 2,000,000.00

(h) To assist the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission with the Technology Park at Stennis Airport Phase I.....\$ 2,000,000.00

(i) To assist the Pearl River County Board of Supervisors with the Pearl River County Industrial Park Project.....\$ 1,600,000.00

(j) To assist the City of Long Beach with the Long Beach Harbor Complex Restoration.....\$ 1,000,000.00

(k) To assist the City of Bay St. Louis with the City Public Safety Complex.....\$ 1,000,000.00

(l) To assist the Mississippi State University Research and Technology Corporation with continued development of the Mississippi Cyber Center Project.....\$ 1,000,000.00

(m) To assist the City of Diamondhead with the Commerce District Transportation.....\$ 900,000.00

(n) To assist * * * Heritage Spring Water, LLC., with the Heritage Spring Water Project in Stone County,

Mississippi \$ 600,000.00
 (o) To assist the Ocean Springs Collective with Ocean Springs
 Collective Projects.....\$ 400,000.00
 (p) To assist the Mississippi Export Railroad
 with Mississippi Export Projects \$ 3,500,000.00
 (q) To assist the Greater Biloxi Economic Development Foundation
 and JDLE, LLC with the Downtown Redevelopment of Barq's and Kress Buildings on
 Howard Avenue.....\$ 2,000,000.00
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SECTION 4. Section 5, Chapter 64, Law of 2022, is amended as follows:

Section 5. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:
 Permanent: * * *925
 Time-Limited: * * *82

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 5. Section 9, Chapter 98, Laws of 2022, appropriation to the Workers' Compensation Commission, is amended as follows:

Section 9. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2 of this act, Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. This appropriation is made for the purpose of * * * infrastructure improvements to the commission's building, including, but not limited to, compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

SECTION 6. Section 57-1-16, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-1-16. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Extraordinary economic development opportunity" means a new or expanded business or industry which maintains a strong financial condition and minimal

credit risk and creates substantial employment, particularly in areas of high unemployment. The term "extraordinary economic development opportunity" does not include any medical cannabis establishment as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act.

(b) "Local economic development entities" means state institutions of higher learning or public or private nonprofit local economic development entities including, but not limited to, chambers of commerce, local authorities, commissions or other entities created by local and private legislation or districts created pursuant to Section 19-5-99.

(c) "MDA" means the Mississippi Development Authority.

(2) (a) There is hereby created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the ACE Fund, which shall consist of money from any public or private source designated for deposit into such fund. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. The purpose of the fund shall be to assist in maximizing extraordinary economic development opportunities related to any new or expanded business or industry or to assist a local unit of government as authorized in subsection (5) of this section. Such funds may be used to make grants to local economic development entities to assist any new or expanding business or industry that meets the criteria provided in this section when such assistance aids the consummation of a project within the State of Mississippi, including any federal Indian reservation located within the geographical boundary of Mississippi, or to make grants to a local unit of government as authorized in subsection (5) of this section.

(b) Monies in the fund which are derived from the proceeds of general obligation bonds or provided by the Legislature may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the MDA for the administration of the various grant, loan and financial incentive programs administered by the MDA. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained by the MDA. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs shall not exceed three percent (3%) of the proceeds of bonds issued or the monies provided by the Legislature. Reimbursements made under this subsection shall satisfy any applicable federal tax law requirements.

(3) The MDA shall establish a grant program to make grants from the ACE Fund created under this section. Local economic development entities may apply to the MDA for a grant under this section in the manner provided for in subsection (4) of this section. Local units of government may apply to the MDA for a grant under this section in the manner provided in subsection (5) of this section.

(4) (a) Any business or industry desiring assistance from a local economic development entity under this section shall submit an application to the local economic development entity which shall include, at a minimum:

(i) Evidence that the business or industry meets the definition of an extraordinary economic development opportunity;

(ii) A demonstration that the business or industry is at an economic disadvantage by locating the new or expanded project in the county;

(iii) A description, including the cost, of the requested assistance;

(iv) A description of the purpose for which the assistance is requested;

(v) A two-year business plan;

(vi) Financial statements or tax returns for the three (3) years immediately prior to the application;

(vii) Credit reports on all persons or entities with a twenty percent (20%) or greater interest in the business or industry; and

(viii) Any other information required by the MDA.

(b) The MDA shall require that binding commitments be entered into requiring that:

(i) The minimum requirements of this section and such other requirements as the MDA considers proper shall be met; and

(ii) If such requirements are not met, all or a portion of the funds provided by this section as determined by the MDA shall be repaid.

(c) Upon receipt of the application from a business or industry, the local economic development entity may apply to the MDA for assistance under this section. Such application must contain evidence that the business or industry meets the definition of an extraordinary economic development opportunity, a demonstration that the business or industry is at an economic disadvantage by locating the new or expanded project in the county, a description, including the cost, of the requested assistance, and a statement of what efforts have been made or are being made by the business or industry for securing or qualifying for other local, state, federal or private funds for the project.

(d) The MDA shall have sole discretion in the awarding of ACE funds, provided that the business or industry and the local economic development entity have met the statutory requirements of this section. However, in making grants under this section, the MDA shall attempt to provide for an equitable distribution of such grants among each of the congressional districts of this state in order to promote economic development across the entire state.

(5) (a) The MDA may make grants to local units of government to assist the local unit of government in purchasing real property for the benefit of an existing industry that commits to maintain a minimum of one thousand three hundred (1,300) jobs for a minimum of ten (10) years after the date the grant is made. The MDA shall not make grants under this subsection to assist local units of government for the benefit of any medical cannabis establishment as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act.

(b) Any local unit of government seeking a grant authorized under this subsection shall apply to MDA. The application shall contain such information as the MDA may require.

(c) The MDA shall require that binding commitments be entered into requiring that:

(i) The minimum requirements of this subsection and such other requirements as the MDA considers proper shall be met; and

(ii) If such requirements are not met, all or a portion of the funds provided by this section as determined by the MDA shall be repaid.

(6) The MDA shall promulgate rules and regulations, in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, for the implementation of this section. However, before the implementation of any such rules and regulations, they shall be submitted to a committee consisting of five (5) members of the Senate Finance Committee and five (5) members of the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee, appointed by the respective committee chairmen.

SECTION 7. Section 57-1-701, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-1-701. (1) For the purposes of this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Eligible entity" means any (i) county, (ii) municipality or (iii) public or private nonprofit local economic development entity including, but not limited to, local authorities, commissions, or other entities created by local and private legislation or pursuant to Section 19-5-99.

(b) "Optioned property" means industrial property that is subject to a real estate option to purchase contract entered into between an eligible entity and a real estate owner, where such option shall be for a minimum of three (3) years and the option price shall not exceed the appraised fair market value of the real estate.

(c) "Eligible expenditures" means:

(i) Fees for architects, engineers, environmental consultants, attorneys, and such other advisors, consultants and agents that MDA determines are necessary to complete site due diligence associated with site development improvements located on industrial property that is publicly owned or is optioned property;

(ii) Contributions toward site development improvements, as approved by MDA, located on industrial property that is publicly owned;

(iii) Contributions toward public infrastructure improvements directly serving industrial property that is publicly owned or is optioned property; and/or

(iv) Contributions toward acquisition of publicly owned real property used for economic development purposes by an eligible entity, where the acquisition price shall not exceed the appraised fair market value of the property.

(d) "MDA" means the Mississippi Development Authority.

(e) "Site development improvements" means site clearing, grading, and environmental mitigation; improvements to drainage systems; easement and right-of-way acquisition; sewer systems; transportation directly affecting the site, including roads, bridges or rail; bulkheads; taxiways and parking ramps; land reclamation; water supply (storage, treatment and distribution); telecommunications systems, including fiber optic; natural gas distribution systems; aesthetic improvements; the dredging of channels and basins; or other improvements as approved by MDA.

(2) (a) There is hereby created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "Mississippi Site Development Grant Fund," which shall consist of funds made available by the Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used to make grants to assist eligible entities as provided in this section.

(b) Monies in the fund which are derived from proceeds of bonds issued under Section 2 of Chapter 390, Laws of 2017, Section 5 of Chapter 412, Laws of 2018, Section 1 of Chapter 421, Laws of 2019, Section 4 of Chapter 492, Laws of 2020, or Section 8 of Chapter 480, Laws of 2021 or provided by the Legislature, may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by MDA for the administration of the various grant, loan and financial incentive programs administered by MDA. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained by MDA. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs shall not exceed three percent (3%) of the proceeds of bonds issued or the monies provided by the Legislature. Reimbursements under this subsection shall satisfy any applicable federal tax law requirements.

(3) (a) MDA shall establish a program to make grants to eligible entities to match local or other funds associated with improving the marketability of publicly owned industrial property for industrial economic development purposes and other property improvements as approved by MDA. An eligible entity may apply to MDA for a grant under this program in the manner provided for in this section. An eligible entity desiring assistance under this section must provide matching funds in an amount determined by MDA. Matching funds may be provided in the form of cash and/or in-kind services as determined by MDA.

(b) An eligible entity desiring assistance under this section must submit an application to MDA. The application must include:

(i) A description of the eligible expenditures for which assistance is requested;

(ii) The amount of assistance requested;

(iii) The amount and type of matching funds to be provided by the eligible entity; and

(iv) Any other information required by MDA.

(c) Upon request by MDA, an eligible entity shall provide MDA with access to all studies, reports, documents and/or plans developed as a result of or related to an eligible entity receiving assistance under this section.

(4) MDA shall have all powers necessary to implement and administer the program established under this section, and the department shall promulgate rules and regulations, in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, necessary for the implementation of this section.

(5) MDA shall file an annual report with the Governor, the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives not later than December 1 of each year, describing all assistance provided under this section.

SECTION 8. Section 57-61-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-61-21. (1) There is hereby created a special fund in the State Treasury to be known as the Mississippi Business Investment Fund dedicated to the purpose of providing grants and/or loans to municipalities for the purpose of providing for improvements authorized by this chapter. All monies received by the board to carry out the purposes of this chapter, by legislative appropriation, issuance of bonds or otherwise, shall be deposited into the Mississippi Business Investment Fund. Expenditures authorized herein shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants drawn from the Mississippi Business Investment Fund, and the State Auditor, or his successor to such duties, shall issue warrants upon requisitions signed by the Chairman or Executive Director of the Mississippi * * * Development Authority.

(2) Any monies repaid to the state from loans funded through the Mississippi Business Investment Fund shall be deposited into the Mississippi Business Investment Sinking Fund, which is hereby created in the State Treasury. Funds required in excess of the amounts available in the Mississippi Business Investment Sinking Fund to retire bonds issued pursuant to this chapter shall be appropriated from the State General Fund.

(3) Monies in the fund which are derived from the proceeds of general obligation bonds or provided by the Legislature may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the MDA for the administration of the various grant, loan and financial incentive programs administered by the MDA. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained by the MDA. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs shall not exceed three percent (3%) of the proceeds of bonds issued or the monies provided by the Legislature.

SECTION 9. Section 57-61-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-61-25. (1) The seller is authorized to borrow, on the credit of the state upon receipt of a resolution from the Mississippi Development Authority requesting the same, monies not exceeding the aggregate sum of Three Hundred Ninety-seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$397,500,000.00), not including monies borrowed to refund outstanding bonds, notes or replacement notes, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter. The rate of interest on any such bonds or notes which are not subject to taxation shall not exceed the rates set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972, for general obligation bonds.

(2) As evidence of indebtedness authorized in this chapter, general or limited obligation bonds of the state shall be issued, from time to time, to provide monies necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter for such total amounts, in such form, in such denominations payable in such currencies (either domestic or foreign, or both) and subject to such terms and conditions of issue, redemption and maturity, rate of interest and time of payment of interest as the seller directs, except that such bonds shall mature or otherwise be retired in annual installments beginning not more than five (5) years from date thereof and extending not more than thirty (30) years from date thereof.

(3) All bonds and notes issued under authority of this chapter shall be signed by the chairman of the seller, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the seller shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the seller.

(4) All bonds and notes issued under authority of this chapter may be general or limited obligations of the state, and the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi as to general obligation bonds, or the revenues derived from projects assisted as to limited obligation bonds, are hereby pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes.

(5) Such bonds and notes and the income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(6) The bonds may be issued as coupon bonds or registered as to both principal and interest, as the seller may determine. If interest coupons are attached, they shall contain the facsimile signature of the chairman and secretary of the seller.

(7) The seller is authorized to provide, by resolution, for the issuance of refunding bonds for the purpose of refunding any debt issued under the provisions of this chapter and then outstanding, either by voluntary exchange with the holders of the outstanding debt or to provide funds to redeem and the costs of issuance and retirement

of the debt, at maturity or at any call date. The issuance of the refunding bonds, the maturities and other details thereof, the rights of the holders thereof and the duties of the issuing officials in respect to the same shall be governed by the provisions of this section, insofar as they may be applicable.

(8) As to bonds issued hereunder and designated as taxable bonds by the seller, any immunity of the state to taxation by the United States government of interest on bonds or notes issued by the state is hereby waived.

(9) The proceeds of bonds issued under this chapter after April 9, 2002, and any monies provided by the Legislature may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Mississippi Development Authority for the administration of the various grant, loan and financial incentive programs administered by the authority. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained by the Mississippi Development Authority. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs shall not exceed three percent (3%) of the proceeds of bonds issued or the monies provided by the Legislature. Reimbursements under this subsection shall satisfy any applicable federal tax law requirements.

SECTION 10. Section 65-4-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

65-4-15. (1) There is hereby established a special fund in the State Treasury to be known as the "Economic Development Highway Fund" which shall consist of such monies as the Legislature shall appropriate thereto or such other monies as the Legislature may designate to be deposited therein. Any monies to the credit of such fund may be expended by the Mississippi Department of Transportation or political subdivision, as appropriate, upon approval of requisitions therefor by the Mississippi Development Authority for any expenses incurred by the Transportation Department or political subdivision in constructing and improving highways and highway segments which have been approved by the Mississippi Development Authority under the provisions of this chapter. From and after July 1, 2004, no monies to the credit of the fund may be expended for the construction and improvement of highways for high economic benefit projects that are being developed for the primary purpose of conducting retail sales unless the Mississippi Development Authority has received an application for the project prior to July 1, 2004; however, the primary purpose is not conducting retail sales if the project is a mixed-use development for which retail space is no more than twenty percent (20%) of the square footage of the development. With regard to a high economic benefit project as defined in Section 65-4-5(1)(c)(xiii) for which the Mississippi Development Authority approved and allocated monies in the fund before January 1, 2016, for constructing or improving a highway or highway segment related to the high economic benefit project, the Mississippi Development Authority may reallocate such monies from the original highway or highway segment purpose and allocate the funds for constructing or improving another highway or highway segment provided that such highway or highway segment is located within three (3) miles of the high economic benefit project for which the Mississippi Development Authority originally allocated and approved the monies. The Office of State Aid Road Construction shall be entitled to reimbursement from monies in the fund, upon approval by the Mississippi Development Authority of requisitions therefor by the State Aid Engineer, for the actual expenses incurred by the office in administering and providing engineering services to political subdivisions. Monies remaining unexpended to the credit of such special fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned on the investment of monies in the special fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

(2) Monies in the Economic Development Highway Fund which are derived from proceeds of bonds issued under this chapter after July 1, 2003, or provided by the Legislature may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Mississippi Development Authority for the administration of the various grant, loan and financial incentive programs administered by the authority. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained by the Mississippi Development Authority. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs shall not exceed three percent (3%) of the proceeds of bonds issued or the monies provided by the Legislature. Reimbursements to the Mississippi Development Authority under this subsection shall satisfy any applicable federal tax law requirements.

SECTION 11. Section 57-1-221, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-1-221. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Approved business enterprise" means any project that:

(i) Locates or expands in this state, including any federal Indian reservation located within the geographical boundary of this state, and creates a minimum of two hundred fifty (250) new, full-time jobs with a total capital investment in the state of a minimum of Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) in Tier 1 or Tier 2 counties;

(ii) Locates or expands in this state, including any federal Indian reservation located within the geographical boundary of this state, and creates a minimum of one hundred fifty (150) new, full-time jobs with a total capital investment in the state of a minimum of Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00) in areas federally designated as low-income census tracts;

(iii) Locates or expands in this state, including any federal Indian reservation located within the geographical boundary of this state, and creates a minimum of one thousand (1,000) new, full-time jobs;

(iv) Is a manufacturer of high-end kitchen appliances having at least four hundred (400) employees working at its Mississippi facilities on January 1, 2015, and with a capital investment of at least Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) made after July 1, 2014, through four (4) years after July 1, 2015, that expands in this state, including any federal Indian reservation located within the geographical boundary of this state, and retains a minimum of four hundred (400) jobs; or

(v) Locates or expands in this state, including any federal Indian reservation located within the geographical boundary of this state, with significant regional impact as determined by MDA.

(b) "MDA" means the Mississippi Development Authority.

(c) "Facility related to the project" means and includes any of the following, as they may pertain to the project:

(i) Facilities to provide potable and industrial water supply systems, sewage and waste disposal systems and water, natural gas and electric transmission systems to the site of the project;

(ii) Building facilities and equipment necessary to operate the facility;

(iii) Rail lines;

(iv) Airports, airfields, air terminals and port facilities;

(v) Highways, streets and other roadways; and

(vi) Fire protection facilities, equipment and elevated water

tanks.

(d) "Project" means any industrial, commercial, research and development, warehousing, distribution, transportation, processing, mining, United States government or tourism enterprise together with all real property required for construction, maintenance and operation of the enterprise that is approved by the MDA. The term "project" does not include any medical cannabis establishment as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act.

(2) (a) There is created a special fund in the State Treasury to be known as the Mississippi Industry Incentive Financing Revolving Fund which shall consist of monies from any source designated for deposit into the fund. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Except as otherwise provided, monies in the fund shall be disbursed by the Mississippi Development Authority for the purposes authorized in subsection (3) of this section. The Mississippi Development Authority shall allocate and disburse Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) from the fund as a grant to Mississippi State University for the construction, furnishing and equipping of a high-performance computing data center that is home to federally designated centers of computing excellence. The disbursement of such funds shall not be subject to any requirements of this section relating to grants and loans made by the Mississippi Development Authority under this section. The Mississippi Development Authority shall allocate and disburse Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00)

from the fund as a grant to Delta Health System for capital costs related to hospital systems expansion. The disbursement of such funds shall not be subject to any requirements of this section relating to grants and loans made by the Mississippi Development Authority under this section. The Mississippi Development Authority shall disburse such funds to Delta Health System not later than thirty (30) days after April 22, 2021.

(b) Monies in the fund that are derived from the proceeds of general obligation bonds or provided by the Legislature may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the MDA for the administration of the various grant, loan and financial incentive programs administered by the MDA. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained by the MDA. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs shall not exceed three percent (3%) of the proceeds of bonds issued or the monies provided by the Legislature. Reimbursements made under this subsection shall satisfy any applicable federal tax law requirements.

(3) The MDA shall establish a program to make grants or loans from the Mississippi Industry Incentive Financing Revolving Fund to local governments, including, but not limited to, counties, municipalities, industrial development authorities and economic development districts, and approved business enterprises to construct or otherwise provide facilities related to the project. Local governments are authorized to accept grants and enter into loans authorized under the program, and to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of a project or any property related to the project in whole or in part.

(4) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any business enterprise or local government desiring a grant or loan under this section shall submit an application to the MDA which shall include, at a minimum:

- (i) Evidence that the business or industry meets the definition of an approved business enterprise;
- (ii) A description, including the cost, of the requested assistance;
- (iii) A description of the purpose for which the assistance is requested; and
- (iv) Any other information required by the MDA.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the MDA shall require that binding commitments be entered into requiring that:

- (i) The minimum requirements of this section and such other requirements as the MDA considers proper shall be met; and
- (ii) If such requirements are not met, all or a portion of the funds provided by this section as determined by the MDA shall be repaid.

(c) Upon receipt of the application from a business enterprise or local government for a grant or loan under this section, the MDA shall determine whether the enterprise meets the definition of an approved business enterprise and determine whether to provide the assistance requested in the form of a grant or a loan.

(d) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2)(a) of this section, the MDA shall have sole discretion in providing grants or loans under this section. The terms of a grant or loan provided under this section and the manner of repayment of any loan shall be within the discretion of the MDA. Repayments of loans made under this section shall be deposited to the credit of the Mississippi Industry Incentive Financing Revolving Fund until the uncommitted balance in the fund reaches Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00). Once the uncommitted balance in the fund reaches Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00), repayments of loans under this section shall be deposited to the credit of Fund No. 3951 in the State Treasury to pay debt service on bonds until such time as the uncommitted balance in the fund falls below Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00).

(e) The MDA shall notify the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee of the approval of any grant or loan application thirty (30) days prior to the disbursement of any monies for the loan or grant from the Mississippi Industry Incentive Financing Revolving Fund. The notification shall identify the applicant and the purposes for which the loan or grant is made.

(5) (a) Contracts, by local governments, including, but not limited to, design and construction contracts, for the acquisition, purchase, construction or installation of a project shall be exempt from the provisions of Section 31-7-13 if:

(i) The MDA finds and records such finding on its minutes, that because of availability or the particular nature of a project, it would not be in the public interest or would less effectively achieve the purposes of this section to enter into such contracts on the basis of Section 31-7-13; and

(ii) The approved business enterprise that is involved in the project concurs in such finding.

(b) When the requirements of paragraph (a) of this subsection are met:

(i) The requirements of Section 31-7-13 shall not apply to such contracts; and

(ii) The contracts may be entered into on the basis of negotiation.

(6) It is the policy of the MDA and the MDA is authorized to accommodate and support any enterprise that receives a loan under this section for a project defined in Section 17-25-23 that wishes to have a program of diversity in contracting, and/or that wishes to do business with or cause its prime contractor to do business with Mississippi companies, including those companies that are small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals. The term "socially and economically disadvantaged individuals" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term under Section 8(d) of the Small Business Act (15 USCS 637(d)) and relevant subcontracting regulations promulgated pursuant thereto; except that women shall be presumed to be socially and economically disadvantaged individuals for the purposes of this subsection.

(7) The MDA shall promulgate rules and regulations, in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, for the implementation of this section.

SECTION 12. Section 57-1-601, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-1-601. (1) For the purposes of this section, the following words shall have the following meanings ascribed in this section, unless the context clearly otherwise requires:

(a) "MDA" means the Mississippi Development Authority.

(b) "Municipality" means any municipality with a population of less than fifteen thousand (15,000) according to the latest federal decennial census at the time the municipality submits an application to the MDA under this section.

(c) "Revitalization zone" means an area in the municipality officially designated by ordinance or resolution of the governing authorities of the municipality as a revitalization zone and approved and certified by the MDA as meeting the requirements of this section.

(2) (a) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "Mississippi Main Street Investment Grant Fund" which shall consist of funds from any source designated for deposit into the fund. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used by the MDA for the purposes authorized in subsection (3) of this section.

(b) Monies in the fund which are derived from the proceeds of general obligation bonds or provided by the Legislature may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the MDA in providing grants under this section through the use of proceeds of such general obligation bonds. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained for the program. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs for assistance shall not exceed three percent (3%) of the proceeds of bonds issued for such assistance or the monies provided by the Legislature. Reimbursements made under this subsection shall satisfy any applicable federal tax law requirements.

(3) The MDA shall establish a program to make grants to a municipality to assist with maintaining and improving the viability of revitalization zones. The proceeds

of a grant made to a municipality under this section may be used for maintaining and/or improving the viability of a revitalization zone through means deemed appropriate by the governing authorities of a municipality, including, but not limited to, making loans, grants and/or other forms of assistance to any person or public or private association or other entity for use for infrastructure projects, improvements to properties, signage and other purposes related to maintaining and/or improving the viability of the revitalization zone.

(4) (a) If a municipality desires a grant under this section, the municipality shall submit an application to the MDA seeking (i) approval and certification of the proposed revitalization zone and (ii) a grant for the purposes authorized in this section. The application shall include, at a minimum:

1. The name of the proposed revitalization zone, together with the words, "revitalization zone";
2. A description of the revitalization zone by metes and bounds;
3. A map showing the parcels of real property included in the revitalization zone and the present use of such parcels;
4. A master plan for the revitalization zone that has been approved by sixty percent (60%) of the property owners within the zone at the time the municipality submits the application; and
5. Any other information required by the MDA.

The governing authorities of a municipality may designate the boundaries of a proposed revitalization zone by adoption of an ordinance or resolution that is spread upon its minutes and describes the boundaries of the zone.

(b) The MDA shall review the application to confirm that the revitalization zone meets the requirements of this section. A revitalization zone may embrace two (2) or more separate parcels of real property, and such property may be publicly and/or privately owned. Each revitalization zone shall be of such size and form as to include all properties that, in the determination of the municipality and the MDA, constitute an integral part of the revitalization zone. If the MDA determines that the boundaries of the proposed revitalization zone exceed the area that is reasonably deemed to be integral to the revitalization zone, the MDA may reduce the boundaries of the proposed area. Upon the approval and selection of a municipal revitalization zone project, the MDA shall certify the revitalization zone.

(5) The MDA shall have all powers necessary to implement and administer the program established under this section, and the MDA shall promulgate rules and regulations, in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, necessary for the implementation of this section.

SECTION 13. Section 65-1-183, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

65-1-183. There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "2022 Infrastructure Match Fund," which shall consist of funds made available by the Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used by the Department of Transportation, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to provide for funds necessary to match projected federal funds available through the following federal fiscal year from the annual Federal Highway Administration appropriations and from the supplemental Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) appropriations. The Department of Transportation is authorized to transfer funds from the 2022 Infrastructure Match Fund to the department's agency support fund subject to the following provisions: The total amount of all such transfers shall not exceed the amount appropriated by the Legislature from the 2022 Infrastructure Match Fund for the fiscal year in which the transfers are made, and those transfers shall not reduce the amount of the spending authority provided to the department by that appropriation. The department shall document those transfers through a reconciliation with the Department of Finance and Administration.

SECTION 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-104-371, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY AND CORRECT NAMES AND PURPOSES OF CERTAIN PROJECTS FUNDED FROM DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE 2022 LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 37-101-83, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE PURPOSE OF A PROJECT FOR MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY FUNDED FROM THE 2022 IHL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 1, CHAPTER 109, LAWS OF 2022, TO REVISE THE APPROPRIATION OF GULF COAST RESTORATION FUNDS TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 TO REVISE THE USE OF FUNDS TO THE HERITAGE SPRING WATER, LLC., AND TO DELETE ONE PROJECT; TO AMEND SECTION 5, CHAPTER 64, LAWS OF 2022, TO REVISE THE AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT NUMBERS FOR THE DIVISION OF MEDICAID FOR PERMANENT AND TIME-LIMITED POSITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 9, CHAPTER 98, LAWS OF 2022, TO REVISE THE PURPOSE OF THE APPROPRIATION TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION; TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-16, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES PROVIDED BY THE LEGISLATURE IN THE ACE FUND MAY BE USED TO REIMBURSE REASONABLE ACTUAL AND NECESSARY COSTS INCURRED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-701, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES PROVIDED BY THE LEGISLATURE IN THE MISSISSIPPI SITE DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUND MAY BE USED TO REIMBURSE REASONABLE ACTUAL AND NECESSARY COSTS INCURRED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; TO AMEND SECTION 57-61-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES FROM THE PROCEEDS OF BONDS AND PROVIDED BY THE LEGISLATURE IN THE MISSISSIPPI BUSINESS INVESTMENT FUND AND THE MISSISSIPPI BUSINESS INVESTMENT SINKING FUND MAY BE USED TO REIMBURSE REASONABLE ACTUAL AND NECESSARY COSTS INCURRED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; TO AMEND SECTION 57-61-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES PROVIDED BY THE LEGISLATURE IN A CERTAIN FUND CREATED IN THE MISSISSIPPI BUSINESS ACT MAY BE USED TO REIMBURSE REASONABLE ACTUAL AND NECESSARY COSTS INCURRED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; TO AMEND SECTION 65-4-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES PROVIDED BY THE LEGISLATURE IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HIGHWAY FUND MAY BE USED TO REIMBURSE REASONABLE ACTUAL AND NECESSARY COSTS INCURRED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-221, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES PROVIDED BY THE LEGISLATURE IN THE MISSISSIPPI INDUSTRY INCENTIVE FINANCING REVOLVING FUND MAY BE USED TO REIMBURSE REASONABLE ACTUAL AND NECESSARY COSTS INCURRED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-601, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES PROVIDED BY THE LEGISLATURE IN THE MISSISSIPPI MAIN STREET INVESTMENT GRANT FUND MAY BE USED TO REIMBURSE REASONABLE ACTUAL AND NECESSARY COSTS INCURRED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; TO AMEND SECTION 65-1-183, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE 2022 INFRASTRUCTURE MATCH FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT'S AGENCY SUPPORT FUND SUBJECT TO CERTAIN PROVISIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Angela Cockerham

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Dennis DeBar, Jr.

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, McCarty, Robinson, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Mims called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2372: Mississippi Hospital Sustainability Grant Program; establish and provide eligibility for funds.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2372: Mississippi Hospital Sustainability Grant Program; establish and provide eligibility for funds.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) There is established the Mississippi Hospital Sustainability Grant Program which shall be administered by the State Department of Health.

(2) In order to strengthen, improve and preserve access to Mississippi hospital care services for all Mississippians and in recognition of the challenges incurred by Mississippi hospitals as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, funds from the program shall be distributed, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to each hospital licensed by the State of Mississippi, except for hospitals operated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and hospitals operated by the State Department of Mental Health. Licensed specialty hospitals that are recognized as such by the State Department of Health, except for those excluded under this subsection, are eligible for grants under the program.

(3) The department shall distribute grants to each eligible hospital based upon the following formula:

(a) Each hospital that has fewer than one hundred (100) licensed beds and that is not classified as a critical access hospital that operates an emergency

department shall be eligible to receive Six Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$625,000.00) to defray the costs of providing emergency department services.

(b) Each rural hospital that has fewer than one hundred (100) licensed beds and that is classified as a critical access hospital that operates an emergency department shall be eligible to receive Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) to defray the costs of providing emergency department services.

(c) Each hospital that operates an emergency department and that has more than one hundred (100) licensed beds shall be eligible to receive One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

(d) Each hospital with fewer than two hundred (200) licensed beds with the majority of such beds being dedicated to providing specialty services such as women's health services, long-term acute care, rehabilitation or psychiatric services shall be eligible to receive Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00).

(e) Each rural hospital with fewer than one hundred (100) licensed beds with no emergency department shall be eligible to receive Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) to defray the costs of providing access to hospital care in rural communities.

(f) In addition to the funds provided in paragraphs (a) through (e) of this subsection, each small rural hospital with fifty (50) beds or less which operated an emergency department shall be eligible to receive Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) to defray the costs of providing access to hospital care in rural communities.

(g) In addition to the funds distributed in paragraphs (a) through (c) and (e) through (f) of this subsection, any remaining funds appropriated for the purposes of this grant program shall be distributed to hospitals receiving funds in paragraphs (a) through (c) and (e) through (f) of this subsection on a pro rata amount by dividing the total amount of the remaining funds by the number of licensed beds attributable to all licensed Mississippi hospitals except for licensed beds attributable to hospitals described in paragraph (d) of this subsection and for licensed beds attributable to hospitals operated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and hospitals operated by the State Department of Mental Health and determining a dollar amount for each bed, and then multiplying that dollar amount by the number of licensed beds of that hospital.

(4) The department shall adopt such reasonable rules as necessary for the administration of the program, but shall not place additional qualification requirements on hospitals other than the minimum requirements in this section.

(5) The Mississippi Hospital Association shall form a work group to review the delivery of hospital services in Mississippi and shall make recommendations regarding the changes needed to sustain access to hospital care to the Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, Chairmen of the House and Senate Public Health Committees with copies to the Governor and the State Health Officer.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MISSISSIPPI HOSPITAL SUSTAINABILITY GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF STRENGTHENING, IMPROVING AND PRESERVING ACCESS TO HOSPITAL CARE SERVICES FOR ALL MISSISSIPPIANS AND IN RECOGNITION OF THE CHALLENGES INCURRED BY HOSPITALS AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC; TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE THAT THE FUNDS SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO EACH HOSPITAL LICENSED BY THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI EXCEPT FOR HOSPITALS OPERATED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOSPITALS OPERATED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DISTRIBUTION FORMULAS FOR ALLOCATING THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Kevin Blackwell, John A. Polk
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Sam C. Mims, V, Jason White

On motion of Rep. Mims the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eubanks, Hopkins, Huddleston, McCarty, Mims, Robinson, Walker. Total-8.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2616: Real Estate Commission; decrease fees charged by.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2616: Real Estate Commission; decrease fees charged by.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 1 with the following exception(s):

AMEND on lines 4 and 5 by striking "One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00)" and inserting in lieu thereof:
One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000.00)

2. That the House concur in the above exception(s).

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, J. Walter Michel, Dennis DeBar, Jr.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Timmy Ladner

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs,

K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, McCarty, McLean, Robinson, Walker.
Total-5.

Present--Haney. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Scoggin called up the conference report on the following bill:

H. B. No. 771: HELP Grant and MTAG Programs; revise level of funding provided to eligible students.

Rep. Scoggin moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill:

H. B. No. 1020: Capitol Complex Improvement District judicial jurisdiction; create and revise boundaries.

Rep. Lamar moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill:

S. B. No. 2612: Residential builders and remodelers; revise license examination for certain license applicants.

Rep. Lamar moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Representative McLean introduced special guests, the family of late Rep. Lynn Wright, H. R. No. 164.

Representative Deweese introduced special guests, the Ole Miss Baseball Team, H. C. R. No. 35.

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference reports on the following bills:

H. B. No. 510: Foster Parents' Bill of Rights; and Responsibilities; create and require to be provided to foster parents.

H. B. No. 1149: Path to permanency; provide for children in Child Protection Services.

H. B. No. 1318: Baby drop-off and safe haven; revise provisions that regulate.

H. B. No. 1342: Adoption procedures; regulate by creating a licensure authority.

Rep. Cockerham moved that the foregoing conference reports be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Representative Wallace introduced special guests, the Simpson County Academy Boys Basketball Team, H. R. No. 127.

Representative Weathersby introduced special guests, the Simpson County Academy Lady Cougars Basketball Team, H. R. No. 119 and Coach Linda Barlow Dear, H. R. No. 113.

Representative Young introduced special guest, Martin "Marty" Davidson, owner and CEO of Southern Pipe and Supply Company, H. R. 12.

Rep. Bailey (23rd) called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 266: David R. Huggins and Tom Weathersby; revise names of public buildings to include.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 266: Department of Public Safety Headquarters Office; name in honor of Commissioner David R. Huggins.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The Mississippi Department of Public Safety Headquarters' Office, to be constructed and located in Pearl, Rankin County, Mississippi, shall be named the "David R. Huggins Headquarters of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety." The Department of Finance and Administration shall prepare or have prepared a distinctive plaque, to be approved by the Mississippi Department of Public Safety, to be placed in a prominent place within the building, that states the background, accomplishments and service to the state by Commissioner David R. Huggins. The Department of Finance and Administration, in conjunction with the Mississippi Department of Public Safety, shall erect or cause to be erected proper lettering or signage on the outdoor facade of the building displaying the official name of the building as the "David R. Huggins Headquarters of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety." Any and all funds necessary to accomplish this act will be appropriated by the Legislature for such purpose.

SECTION 2. The Mississippi State Crime Laboratory of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety located in Pearl, Rankin County, Mississippi, shall be named the "Tom Weathersby State Crime Laboratory." The Department of Finance and Administration shall prepare or have prepared a distinctive plaque, to be approved by the Mississippi Department of Public Safety and the Mississippi House of Representatives, to be placed in a prominent place within the building, that states the background, accomplishments and service to the state by the Honorable Tom Weathersby. The Department of Finance and Administration, in conjunction with the Mississippi Department of Public Safety, shall erect or cause to be erected proper lettering or signage on the

outdoor facade of the building displaying the official name of the building as the "Tom Weathersby State Crime Laboratory." Any and all funds necessary to accomplish this act will be appropriated by the Legislature for such purpose.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO NAME THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY HEADQUARTERS' OFFICE, LOCATED IN PEARL, RANKIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, THE "DAVID R. HUGGINS HEADQUARTERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY"; TO NAME THE MISSISSIPPI STATE CRIME LABORATORY IN PEARL, RANKIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, THE "TOM WEATHERSBY STATE CRIME LABORATORY"; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ERECT THE PROPER LETTERING OR SIGNAGE ON THE OUTDOOR FACADE OF THE BUILDINGS DISPLAYING THE OFFICIAL NAMES AS THE "DAVID R. HUGGINS HEADQUARTERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY" AND THE "TOM WEATHERSBY STATE CRIME LABORATORY"; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Nick Bain, Tom Miles, Perry Bailey

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Daniel H. Sparks, Rita Potts Parks

On motion of Rep. Bailey (23rd) the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, McCarty, Robinson, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bain called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 405: Bribery of a candidate and crime of conspiracy; revise statute of limitations for.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 405: Bribery of a candidate; revise statute of limitations.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 99-1-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by Senate Bill No. 2337, 2023 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

99-1-5. (1) (a) The passage of time shall never bar prosecution against any person for the offenses of murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, aggravated domestic violence, kidnapping, arson, burglary, forgery, counterfeiting, robbery, larceny, rape, embezzlement, obtaining money or property under false pretenses or by fraud, felonious abuse or battery of a child as described in Section 97-5-39, touching or handling a child for lustful purposes as described in Section 97-5-23, sexual battery of a child as described in Section 97-3-95(1)(c), (d) or (2), exploitation of children as described in Section 97-5-33, promoting prostitution under Section 97-29-51(2) when the person involved is a minor, or any human trafficking offense as described in Section 97-3-54.1(1)(a), (1)(b) or (1)(c), Section 97-3-54.2, or Section 97-3-54.3.

(b) A person shall not be prosecuted * * * for felonious assistance-program fraud, as described in Section 97-19-71, or for felonious abuse of vulnerable persons, as described in Sections 43-47-18 and 43-47-19, unless the prosecution for the offense is commenced within five (5) years next after the commission thereof.

(c) A person shall not be prosecuted for larceny of timber as described in Section 97-17-59, unless the prosecution for the offense is commenced within six (6) years next after the commission thereof.

(d) The time limitation on prosecution for conspiracy, as described in Section 97-1-1, shall be the same as for the underlying offense for which the defendant is accused of conspiring to commit.

(e) A person shall not be prosecuted for bribery as defined in Section 97-11-11, unless the prosecution for the offense is commenced within five (5) years after the commission thereof.

(2) A person shall not be prosecuted for any other offense not listed in this section unless the prosecution for the offense is commenced within two (2) years next after the commission thereof.

(3) Nothing contained in this section shall bar any prosecution against any person who shall abscond or flee from justice, or shall absent himself from this state or out of the jurisdiction of the court, or so conduct himself that he cannot be found by the officers of the law, or that process cannot be served upon him.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 99-1-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED BY SENATE BILL NO. 2337, 2023 REGULAR SESSION, TO REVISE THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR BRIBERY OF A CANDIDATE TO FIVE YEARS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Nick Bain, Noah Sanford, Gene Newman

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Jeremy England, Mike Thompson

On motion of Rep. Bain the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford,

Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--105.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Summers. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, McCarty, Robinson, Walker. Total-4.

Present--Brown, B, Clark, Crudup, Faulkner, Karriem, Paden, Scott, Thompson, Watson. Total--9.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--54

Rep. Currie called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 419: Tourism; provide assistance to destination marketing organizations and other entities.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 419: Tourism; provide assistance to destination marketing organization.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The COVID-19 public health emergency has had a significant negative impact on Mississippi's tourism industry. American Rescue Plan Act funds are specifically targeted toward assisting in the recovery of the tourism and hospitality sectors. The funds provided in this act are necessary expenditures related to COVID-19, the purpose of which is to publicize the resumption of tourism activities and steps taken to ensure a safe tourism experience and to support the travel and hospitality economy of Mississippi. It is the intention of the Legislature that the activities defined in this act will address the negative economic impacts of COVID-19 on the tourism, travel, and hospitality industries as allowed by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and subsequent guidance issued by the United States Department of Treasury.

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Destination marketing organization" means an organization that received funds under Section 57-123-7, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(b) "Marketing activities" means multimedia marketing and advertising, including digital media, broadcast media and printed media, including travel publications, production, travel market sector analysis, consumer travel sentiment, public relations, communication strategy, direct sales bookings, group tour bookings, tourism

development and administrative costs to execute marketing activities related to the business disruption effects of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 as expressed in Section 1 of this act.

(c) "Tourism development activities" means planning for and investments into improvements at cultural, recreational and sporting attractions, enhancing outdoor venues and parks that serve as tourism attractions, or new or enhanced quality of place experiences insofar as the purpose of these activities is to result in new and repeat tourism visitation.

(2) (a) The Department of Finance and Administration shall establish a program for the purpose of providing funds to assist destination marketing organizations in paying costs for marketing activities as provided in this section. Monies disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration under this section shall be disbursed in compliance with all requirements and/or conditions on funds appropriated from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund for the program established under this section. The Department of Finance and Administration shall determine, in conjunction with the destination marketing organizations, the allocation of funds under this section and shall disburse funds as follows:

(i) Not more than Nine Million Four Hundred Twenty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-seven Dollars (\$9,427,557.00) of such monies shall be allocated to destination marketing organizations in a manner that will provide monies to a destination marketing organization in an amount equal to seventy-five percent (75%) of the destination marketing organization's marketing and advertising expenditures during the 2019 fiscal year, and

(ii) Not more than Ten Million Five Hundred Seventy-two Thousand Four Hundred Forty-three Dollars (\$10,572,443.00) of such monies shall be allocated to destination marketing organizations based on the proportion that a destination marketing organization's contribution toward total tourism visitors in the state according to the 2019 Fiscal Year Visit Mississippi Visitors Profile Report bears to all destination marketing organizations' contributions toward total tourism visitors in the state according to the 2019 Fiscal Year Visit Mississippi Visitors Profile Report. However, a destination marketing organization shall not receive an amount less than One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) under this subparagraph (ii).

(b) Destination marketing organizations receiving funds under this subsection (2) shall provide details related to their planned expenditures to the Department of Finance and Administration prior to funds being disbursed. If the plans submitted by the destination marketing organizations include activities described in this act as eligible under this program, the department shall approve the plan within thirty (30) days of receipt of the plans.

(c) Before receiving funds under this subsection (2), a destination marketing organization must certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that:

(i) The funds will only be used for marketing activities and/or tourism development activities, and

(ii) The destination marketing organization will comply with applicable federal and state regulations and requirements related to American Rescue Plan Act funds, and

(iii) The destination marketing organization will obligate all funds by December 31, 2024, and fully expend all funds by December 31, 2026.

(d) Destination marketing organizations receiving funds under this subsection (2) shall keep and maintain records related to expenditures. Destination marketing organizations receiving funds under this subsection (2) shall also track impacts of their marketing activities through special levy tax receipts, hotel occupancy indicators, other tourism industry metrics, and analytics from marketing campaigns, as appropriate. Such destination marketing organizations shall provide semi-annual reports on expenditures and economic impacts of their marketing activities to the Department of Finance and Administration, the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Department of Audit.

(e) Subject to applicable purchasing laws, destination marketing organizations will give preference, when available and practical, to Mississippi-based companies for any new contracts entered into for marketing activities.

(3) The Department of Finance and Administration and the Department of Audit shall have all powers necessary for the implementation of this section.

SECTION 3. (1) The Department of Finance and Administration shall establish a program for the purpose of providing funds to entities as provided in this section. The Department of Finance and Administration shall disburse funds under this section to the following entities as follows:

(a) One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be disbursed to the GRAMMY® Museum Mississippi, in Cleveland, Mississippi, to assist in paying costs associated with promoting and publicizing the museum and repairs and renovations of and upgrades and improvements to the museum; and

(b) One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be disbursed to NarraTrip LLC, to use to assist municipalities in the state in paying costs to participate in and be promoted as part of the business's mobile apps geared toward promoting tourism in the state, including, but not limited to, providing information regarding historic sites, roadside markers and dining, music and art experiences.

(2) The Department of Finance and Administration shall have all powers necessary for the implementation of this section.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO DESTINATION MARKETING ORGANIZATIONS TO ASSIST IN PAYING COSTS OF CERTAIN MARKETING ACTIVITIES AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES; TO DEFINE THE TERMS "DESTINATION MARKETING ORGANIZATIONS", "MARKETING ACTIVITIES" AND "TOURISM DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES" FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ACT; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO THE GRAMMY® MUSEUM MISSISSIPPI TO ASSIST IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROMOTING AND PUBLICIZING THE MUSEUM AND REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS OF AND UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MUSEUM AND TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO NARRATRIP LLC, TO USE TO ASSIST MUNICIPALITIES IN THE STATE IN PAYING COSTS TO PARTICIPATE IN AND BE PROMOTED AS PART OF THE BUSINESS'S MOBILE APPS GEARED TOWARD PROMOTING TOURISM IN THE STATE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Becky Currie, Manly Barton (No Signature), Karl Oliver
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Lydia Graves Chassaniol, W. Briggs Hopson III (No Signature), Nicole Boyd

On motion of Rep. Currie the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--99.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, B, Brown, C, Criswell, Crudup, Eubanks, Hopkins, Jackson, Taylor, Turner, Watson, Williamson. Total--12.

Absent or those not voting--Anthony, Bell, C, Huddleston, McCarty, Porter, Robinson, Walker. Total-7.

Present--Haney, McCray, Stamps. Total--3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Creekmore IV called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 704: Television series production; provide incentives for certain.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 704: Television series production; provide incentives for certain.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed in this subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Base investment" means the actual investment made and expended in Mississippi by a production company in connection with the production of a state-certified production in the state. The term "base investment" includes amounts expended in Mississippi by a production company as per diem and housing allowances in connection with the production of a state-certified production in the state. The term "base investment" shall not include payroll. However, in the case of a production company, or its owner, principal, member, production partner, independent contractor director or producer, or subsidiary company that (i) is designated and pre-qualified by the Mississippi Development Authority as Mississippi-based or a Mississippi resident; (ii) has filed income taxes in the State of Mississippi during each of the previous three (3) years; and (iii) has engaged in activities related to the production of at least two (2) series in Mississippi during the past ten (10) years, base investment may include payroll and fringes paid for any employee who is not a resident and whose wages are subject to the Mississippi Income Tax Withholding Law of 1968, if so requested by the production company. A production company must submit such a request to the Mississippi Development Authority at the time the company submits an application for approval as a state-certified production. In addition, if base investment includes payroll and fringes, and the payroll and fringes paid for an employee exceeds Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00), then only the first Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) of such payroll and fringes may be included in base investment.

(b) "Employee" means an individual directly involved in the physical production and/or post-production of a series produced in the state and who is employed by a:

(i) Production company that is directly involved in the physical production and/or post-production of a series in the state;

(ii) Personal service corporation retained by a production company to provide persons used directly in the physical production and/or post-production of a series in the state; or

(iii) Payroll service or loan-out company that is retained by a production company to provide employees who work directly in the physical production and/or post-production of a series in the state.

(c) "Fringes" means costs paid by a production company for employee benefits that are not subject to state income tax. Fringes may include, but are not limited to, payments by an employer for unemployment insurance, Federal Insurance Contribution Act (FICA), workers' compensation insurance, pension and welfare benefits and health insurance premiums.

(d) "Series" means a nationally distributed connected set of television program episodes, consisting of not less than two (2) episodes made in Mississippi, in whole or in part, for viewing through: traditional television that is broadcast via cable, satellite or over-the-air aerial antenna systems; the digital distribution of television content as streaming media over the Internet through streaming platforms, which may be viewed on digital devices, such as a personal computer or handheld device; or through DVD release. The term "series" shall not include any production or work described in this paragraph (d) that contains any material or performance defined in Section 97-29-103.

(e) "Production company" means a company engaged in the business of producing series. The term "production company" shall not mean or include any company owned, affiliated, or controlled, in whole or in part, by any company or person which is in default on a loan made by the state or a loan guaranteed by the state, or any company or person who has ever declared bankruptcy under which an obligation of the company or person to pay or repay public funds or monies was discharged as a part of such bankruptcy.

(f) "Payroll" means salary, wages or other compensation including related benefits paid to employees upon which Mississippi income tax is due and has been withheld.

(g) "Resident" or "resident of Mississippi" means a natural person, and for the purpose of determining eligibility for the rebate provided by this section, any person domiciled in the State of Mississippi and any other person who maintains a permanent place of abode within the state and spends in the aggregate more than six (6) months of each year within the state.

(h) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(i) "State-certified production" means a series approved by the Mississippi Development Authority produced by a production company in the state. An application for approval as a state-certified production must be submitted to the Mississippi Development Authority before production of the project begins.

(2) (a) A production company that expends at least Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) in base investment, payroll and/or fringes, in the state shall be entitled to a rebate of a portion of the base investment made by the production company. Subject to the provisions of this section, the amount of the rebate shall be equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the base investment made by the production company.

(b) In addition to the rebates authorized under paragraphs (a), (c) and (d) of this subsection, a production company may receive a rebate equal to twenty percent (20%) of payroll and fringes paid for any employee who is not a resident and whose wages are subject to the Mississippi Income Tax Withholding Law of 1968. However, if the payroll and fringes paid for an employee exceeds Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00), then the rebate is authorized only for the first Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) of such payroll and fringes.

(c) In addition to the rebates authorized under paragraphs (a), (b) and (d) of this subsection, a production company may receive a rebate equal to thirty-five percent (35%) of payroll and fringes paid for any employee who is a resident and whose wages are subject to the Mississippi Income Tax Withholding Law of 1968. However, if the payroll and fringes paid for an employee exceeds Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00), then the rebate is authorized only for the first Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) of such payroll and fringes.

(d) In addition to the rebates authorized in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this subsection, a production company may receive an additional rebate equal to five percent (5%) of the payroll and fringes paid for any employee who is an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces and whose wages are subject to the Mississippi Income Tax Withholding Law of 1968.

(e) Base investment, payroll and/or fringes for which a rebate may be requested under this section: (i) may not be used or included for the purpose of satisfying any minimum investment required in order to be eligible for a rebate under the Mississippi Motion Picture Incentive Act and (ii) may not be used for and shall not be eligible for any rebate authorized under the Mississippi Motion Picture Incentive Act.

(f) If a series has physical production activities and/or post-production activities both inside and outside the state, then the production company shall be required to provide an itemized accounting for each employee regarding such activities inside and outside the state for the purposes of proration of eligible payroll based on the percentage of activities performed in the state.

(g) The total amount of rebates authorized in any fiscal year shall not exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) in the aggregate.

(2) A production company desiring a rebate under this section must submit a rebate request to the Department of Revenue upon completion of the project. The request must include a detailed accounting of the base investment made by the production company and any other information required by the Department of Revenue. Rebates made by the Department of Revenue under this section shall be made from current income tax collections.

(3) The Department of Revenue shall have all powers necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this section, and the Department of Revenue shall promulgate rules and regulations, in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, necessary for the implementation of this section.

SECTION 2. Section 57-89-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-89-7. (1) (a) A motion picture production company that expends at least Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) in base investment, payroll and/or fringes, in the state shall be entitled to a rebate of a portion of the base investment made by the motion picture production company. Subject to the provisions of this section, the amount of the rebate shall be equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the base investment made by the motion picture production company.

(b) In addition to the rebates authorized under paragraphs (a), (c) and (d) of this subsection, a motion picture production company may receive a rebate equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of payroll and fringes paid for any employee who is not a resident and whose wages are subject to the Mississippi Income Tax Withholding Law of 1968. However, if the payroll and fringes paid for an employee exceeds Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), then the rebate is authorized only for the first Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) of such payroll and fringes.

(c) In addition to the rebates authorized under paragraphs (a), (b) and (d) of this subsection, a motion picture production company may receive a rebate equal to thirty percent (30%) of payroll and fringes paid for any employee who is a resident and whose wages are subject to the Mississippi Income Tax Withholding Law of 1968. However, if the payroll and fringes paid for an employee exceeds Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), then the rebate is authorized only for the first Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) of such payroll and fringes.

(d) In addition to the rebates authorized in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this subsection, a motion picture production company may receive an additional rebate equal to five percent (5%) of the payroll and fringes paid for any employee who is an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces and whose wages are subject to the Mississippi Income Tax Withholding Law of 1968.

(e) Base investment, payroll and/or fringes for which a rebate may be requested under this section: (i) may not be used or included for the purpose of satisfying any minimum investment required in order to be eligible for a rebate under Section 1 of this act and (ii) may not be used for and shall not be eligible for any rebate authorized under Section 1 of this act.

(** *f) If a motion picture has physical production activities and/or post-production activities both inside and outside the state, then the motion picture production company shall be required to provide an itemized accounting for each employee regarding such activities inside and outside the state for the purposes of proration of eligible payroll based on the percentage of activities performed in the state.

(** *g) The total amount of rebates authorized for a motion picture project shall not exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) in the aggregate.

(** *h) The total amount of rebates authorized in any fiscal year shall not exceed Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) in the aggregate.

(2) A motion picture production company desiring a rebate under this section must submit a rebate request to the Department of Revenue upon completion of the project. The request must include a detailed accounting of the base investment made by the motion picture production company and any other information required by the Department of Revenue. Rebates made by the Department of Revenue under this section shall be made from current income tax collections. The Department of Revenue shall not approve any application for a rebate under subsection (1)(b) of this section after July 1, 2017.

(3) The Department of Revenue shall have all powers necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this section, and the Department of Revenue shall promulgate rules and regulations, in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, necessary for the implementation of this section.

(4) The State Auditor may conduct performance and compliance audits under this chapter according to Section 7-7-211(o) and may bill the oversight agency.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE REBATE OF A PORTION OF INVESTMENT AND EXPENDITURES MADE BY COMPANIES ENGAGED IN THE PRODUCTION OF NATIONALLY DISTRIBUTED CONNECTED SETS OF TELEVISION PROGRAM EPISODES, CONSISTING OF NOT LESS THAN TWO EPISODES MADE IN MISSISSIPPI, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, FOR VIEWING THROUGH TRADITIONAL TELEVISION THAT IS BROADCAST VIA CABLE, SATELLITE OR OVER-THE-AIR AERIAL ANTENNA SYSTEMS; THROUGH THE DIGITAL DISTRIBUTION OF TELEVISION CONTENT AS STREAMING MEDIA OVER THE INTERNET THROUGH STREAMING PLATFORMS, WHICH MAY BE VIEWED ON DIGITAL DEVICES, SUCH AS A PERSONAL COMPUTER OR HANDHELD DEVICE; OR THROUGH DVD RELEASE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE AMOUNT OF THE REBATES AUTHORIZED IN THIS ACT; TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS; TO AMEND SECTION 57-89-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH IS A SECTION OF THE MISSISSIPPI MOTION PICTURE INCENTIVE ACT, TO CONFORM TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Becky Currie, Sam Creekmore IV, Karl Oliver

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Lydia Graves Chassaniol, Josh Harkins, John Horhn

On motion of Rep. Creekmore IV the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps,

Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

7. Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, McCarty, Robinson, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Creekmore IV called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2359: Tourism; Mississippi Main Street Revitalization Grant Program.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2359: Tourism; Mississippi Main Street Revitalization Grant Program.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Mississippi Main Street Revitalization Grant Program Act."

SECTION 2. The Mississippi Main Street Revitalization Grant Program Act will authorize the Legislature, as well as the Mississippi Development Authority through appropriations by the Legislature, to make grants available to selected Main Street Designated Community programs for projects leading to the revitalization of Mississippi's downtowns.

SECTION 3. (1) For the purposes of this section:

(a) "Eligible recipient" means a Main Street Designated Community that is a good-standing member of the MMSA, has obtained Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status or Section 501(c)(6) tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service and possesses matching funds to match twenty percent (20%) of the total project cost. A Main Street Designated Community will be ineligible for a grant under this section, if their community was a recipient of a grant under this section in the previous year.

(b) "Main Street Designated Community" means a local Main Street program that has achieved and maintained Designated Community status by the MMSA.

(c) "Matching funds" means cash funds that are either in the applicant's possession or proposed by a match partner and clearly identified in a support letter and are reserved for the proposed project. No state funds may be included in determining the amount of the match.

(d) "MMSA" means the Mississippi Main Street Association.

(2) The MMSA shall accept applications from eligible recipients, prioritize their applications and submit a list of suggested recipients to the Legislature no later than December of each year. Beginning with the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature, and each Regular Session thereafter, the Legislature shall review the submitted list and determine the projects for which to award grants to eligible recipients through the

Mississippi Development Authority in an appropriation bill. The MMSA will consider projects in relation to the following criteria:

- (a) The demonstration of local financial need;
- (b) Projects that demonstrate high local impact;
- (c) Projects that produce a high level of public benefit;
- (d) Projects that demonstrate best practices in

preservation;

- (e) Projects that will have local administration and implementation

capacity;

- (f) The distribution of geographic size and location of the project;
- (g) Projects that will be completed on time; and
- (h) Whether the community in which the project is located has not

received funding under this section for the previous year.

(3) The Mississippi Development Authority shall provide grant funds to the Main Street Designated Communities under this section on a reimbursement basis, not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) per community each year, and grantees shall not receive compensation for their required twenty percent (20%) local match. Main Street Designated Communities with a population of less than ten thousand (10,000), shall be required to have a local cash match of ten percent (10%) for the first One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) requested, then will be required to have a local cash match of twenty percent (20%) for any amount over One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00).

(4) Eligible costs for the expenditure of grant funds include the acquisition of land and any improvements thereon, preservation of historic downtown structures and sites, and initiatives that will produce a revitalization to the economy of the historic downtown areas.

(5) Grants may be awarded for prospective purchases or for acquisitions of which the applicant has closed. In the latter case, the applicant shall demonstrate:

(a) The closing occurred no more than twelve (12) months prior to the date of application for the grant; and

(b) The subject purchase was made to help preserve and revitalize the location and economy of a historic downtown community.

(6) Any eligible organization making an acquisition of downtown property or interest therein pursuant to this section shall grant to the Mississippi Department of Archives and History or other holder a perpetual easement placing reasonable restrictions on the use or development of the land. In cases where the easement is granted to a holder other than the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, all terms and conditions of the easement shall be reviewed by and found by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History to accomplish the perpetual preservation of the historic downtown property. Such other holder shall demonstrate to the department that it has the capacity and expertise to manage and enforce the terms of the easement.

(7) Grantees must adhere to Mississippi state procedures and guidelines relating to the implementation and financing of the approved project. Grantees must also submit any and all audit and financial statements as required by the State of Mississippi.

(8) Nothing in this section shall preclude the subsequent transfer or assignment by a state agency or other owner or holder of any property interest acquired pursuant to this section to the State of Mississippi, the county, city, town or municipality in which the land is located, for the purpose of further preserving, improving or maintaining the downtown property. The Mississippi Development Authority shall facilitate transfers and assignments of any such interests held by the department.

(9) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be known as the "Mississippi Main Street Revitalization Grant Program Fund," which shall consist of funds made available by the Legislature in any manner, funds received as grants, endowments or gifts from the federal government, its agencies and instrumentalities, and funds from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest

earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used by the Mississippi Development Authority, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the purposes provided in this section.

(10) The Mississippi Development Authority shall administer the fund and establish guidelines for the expenditure of grant funds and reports relating to the expenditure of grant funds. The department may utilize no more than two percent (2%) of the amount of funds deposited into the Mississippi Main Street Revitalization Grant Fund for administrative expenses in carrying out its duties under this section.

(11) To carry out this act, the Mississippi Development Authority may enter into cooperative agreements with entities in the public and private sectors, including:

- (a) Colleges and universities;
- (b) Historical societies;
- (c) State and local agencies; and
- (d) Nonprofit organizations.

(12) To develop cooperative land-use strategies and conduct activities that facilitate the conservation of the historic, cultural, natural and scenic resources, the Mississippi Development Authority may require that recipients seek and secure technical assistance from the MMSA, to the extent that a recipient of technical assistance is engaged in the protection, interpretation or commemoration of historically significant property in the area in and around the historic downtown site. The MMSA will provide administrative support to local Main Street grantees to ensure proper grant administration and project implementation.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from

and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI MAIN STREET REVITALIZATION GRANT PROGRAM ACT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE MISSISSIPPI MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION SHALL ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FROM MAIN STREET PROGRAMS IN THIS STATE FOR DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROJECTS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE MISSISSIPPI MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION SHALL PRIORITIZE SUCH APPLICATIONS AND SUBMIT A LIST OF SUGGESTED RECIPIENTS TO THE LEGISLATURE NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR AND THAT THE LEGISLATURE SHALL REVIEW THE SUBMITTED LIST AND DETERMINE THE PROJECTS FOR WHICH TO AWARD GRANTS THROUGH THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN AN APPROPRIATIONS BILL; TO CREATE THE "MISSISSIPPI MAIN STREET REVITALIZATION GRANT PROGRAM FUND" AS A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR GRANTS UNDER THIS ACT; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE MISSISSIPPI MAIN STREET REVITALIZATION GRANT PROGRAM FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Lydia Graves Chassaniol, Nicole Boyd, W. Briggs Hopson III

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Becky Currie, Kevin Felsher, Casey Eure

On motion of Rep. Creekmore IV the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps,

Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, M, Huddleston, Massengill, McCarty, Owen, Robinson, Walker. Total-7.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Hood called up the conference report on the following bill:

S. B. No. 2613: Nonemergency transportation providers; extend date by which providers may provide service without a permit.

Rep. Hood moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 485: Sexual assault evidence kit; regulate the processing of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 485: Sexual assault evidence kit; regulate the processing of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) The following words shall have the meanings described in this act:

(a) "Law enforcement" means the law enforcement agency with the primary responsibility for investigating an alleged sexual assault.

(b) "Medical facility" means any state, local, tribal, community, free, nonprofit, academic, or private doctor's office, hospital, or medical clinic equipped to perform forensic medical examinations and prepare sexual assault evidence kits.

(c) "Reported kit" means a sexual assault evidence kit in which the survivor has consented to participate in the criminal justice process through reporting the crime to law enforcement.

(d) "Sexual assault" means rape as defined in Section 97-3-71, sexual battery as defined in Section 97-3-95 and sexual penetration as defined in Section 97-3-97.

(e) "Sexual assault evidence collection kit" means a sexual assault or rape kit developed by the Mississippi chapter of the International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN) and approved by the Sexual Assault Evidence Accountability Task Force.

(f) "Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner" means a registered nurse or advanced practice nurse, with a minimum of one (1) year of experience in areas of practice

that require advanced physical assessment skills, such as emergency, critical care and maternal child health, who has completed sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) training consistent with IAFN SANE Education Guidelines that consists of both classroom and clinical components.

(g) "Unreported kit" means a sexual assault evidence kit in which the survivor consented to the evidence collection, but has not consented to participate in the criminal justice process by reporting the crime to law enforcement – meaning they are not seeking to have their kit tested.

(2) Sexual assault evidence collection kits shall be processed in the following manner:

(a) Any medical facility that conducts a medical forensic examination and/or prepares a sexual assault evidence collection kit shall immediately, but no longer than four (4) hours after the finalization of examination, contact the appropriate law enforcement agency to collect the kit. Until the kit is retrieved by law enforcement, the medical facility shall store the kit in a refrigerated manner in conformity with the Scientific Working Group for DNA Analysis Method.

(b) When a law enforcement agency is contacted to collect a sexual assault evidence kit, the law enforcement agency shall take possession of the kit from the medical facility within twenty four (24) hours. Upon taking physical possession of the sexual assault evidence collection kit, the law enforcement agency shall transport the kit in a manner that preserves the evidence in the kit. The agency shall: (i) store the kit in a secure, refrigerated location in the agency no more than two (2) hours after taking physical possession of the kit; or (ii) transport the kit directly to the Mississippi Forensics Laboratory.

(c) All kits must be delivered to the Mississippi Forensics Laboratory no later than seven (7) calendar days from the date the law enforcement agency took physical possession of the kit.

(d) A law enforcement agency that receives a sexual assault collection kit from a healthcare provider that relates to a report of a sexual assault that occurred outside the jurisdiction of that law enforcement agency shall have the sexual assault collection kit delivered to the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction within ten (10) days of learning that the other law enforcement agency has jurisdiction.

(3) (a) The Mississippi Forensics Laboratory shall test sexual assault evidence collection kits within sixty (60) days of receipt from a law enforcement agency. Forensic DNA testing shall be performed according to laboratory methods that determine the presence of DNA suitable for STR analysis. Any autosomal, CODIS eligible DNA profile shall be entered into the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) or equivalency thereof and state or local DNA database. If the Mississippi Forensics Laboratory is unable to determine DNA present, other than the victim's DNA, in the sexual assault evidence collection kit, the laboratory should evaluate the case, when suitable, to determine if any other DNA results could be used for investigative purposes.

(b) When forensic laboratory testing does result in a DNA profile foreign to the victim, the Mississippi Forensics Laboratory should enter the foreign DNA profile into the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) or equivalency thereof and any other required state or local DNA databases. The average completion rate for this analysis and classification should not exceed ninety (90) days.

(c) The Mississippi Forensics Laboratory is authorized to contract with other laboratories to ensure that each kit is tested and the information from such kit is entered into CODIS, when applicable, within the time frames required by this subsection.

SECTION 2. (1) Upon the request of a sexual assault victim or their designee, the law enforcement agency that is investigating the assault of such victim shall inform the victim of the location of the sexual assault evidence kit or other crime scene evidence from the victim's case and the status of the DNA testing of the sexual assault evidence kit or other crime scene evidence from the victim's case.

(2) The law enforcement agency shall respond to the victim's request as soon as possible, but no longer than seven (7) calendar days, with either an oral or written communication, or by email, if an email address is available.

(3) In addition to the rights provided in the "Mississippi Crime Victims' Bill of Rights," in Sections 99-43-1 through 99-43-101, a victim of sexual assault shall have:

(a) The right to be informed by the law enforcement agency handling the case whether a DNA profile of the assailant was obtained from the testing of the sexual assault evidence kit or other crime scene evidence from their case.

(b) The right to be informed whether the DNA profile of the assailant developed from the sexual assault evidence kit or other crime scene evidence has been entered into the Mississippi Forensics Laboratory's DNA identification system or CODIS.

(c) The right to be informed whether there is a match between the DNA profile of the assailant developed from the rape kit evidence or other crime scene evidence and a DNA profile contained in the Mississippi Forensics Laboratory's DNA identification system, provided that disclosure would not impede or compromise an ongoing investigation.

(4) If the law enforcement agency intends to destroy or dispose of the sexual assault evidence kit or any other crime scene evidence from an unsolved sexual assault case, the victim of the case shall be given written notification by the law enforcement agency of that intention within twenty (20) days. The victim shall be granted further preservation of the kit or its probative contents, upon their request.

(5) A law enforcement agency shall not destroy or dispose of the sexual assault evidence kit or any other crime scene evidence from an unsolved sexual assault case before twenty (20) years after the collection of the evidence of the crime or, if the victim was under eighteen (18) years of age at the time of the alleged offense, before the victim is forty (40) years of age.

(6) A sexual assault victim may designate a sexual assault victim advocate, or other support person of the victim's choosing, to act as a recipient of the above information required to be provided by this section.

(7) For the purpose of receiving notice under this section, the victim or the victim's designee may keep appropriate authorities informed of the name, address, telephone number, and email address of the person to whom the information should be provided, and any changes of the name, address, telephone number, and email address, if an email address is available.

(8) A defendant or person accused or convicted of a crime against the victim shall have no standing to object to any failure to comply with this section. The failure to provide a right or notice to a sexual assault victim under this section may not be used by a defendant to seek to have the conviction or sentence set aside.

(9) The sole civil or criminal remedy available to a sexual assault victim for a law enforcement agency's failure to fulfill its responsibilities under this section shall be standing to file a writ of mandamus to require compliance with subdivision with the requirements of this act.

SECTION 3. (1) The Mississippi Forensics Laboratory, in consultation with the Sexual Assault Evidence Accountability Task Force, and the Mississippi Department of Public Safety, shall conduct a study and issue a report by July 1, 2024, that examines the resources required to implement a rape kit tracking system in the state that shall:

(a) Be operated and managed by the Mississippi Department of Public Safety or Mississippi Forensic Laboratory for the purpose of tracking all rape kits collected for testing or analysis;

(b) Be accessible to sexual assault victims and other authorized users as determined by the Mississippi Department of Public Safety; and

(c) Function as an online accessible database capable of receiving, maintaining, storing and preserving tracking information related to the testing and analysis of all rape kits.

(2) The Mississippi Department of Public Safety and Mississippi Forensic Laboratory shall issue a report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature within twelve (12) months of the effective date of this section.

SECTION 4. There is created the "Sexual Assault Evidence Accountability Task Force" for the purpose of developing and approving standardized policies and procedures concerning the sexual assault evidence collection kit. The committee shall be comprised of the following nine (9) members:

- designee;
- (a) The director of the Mississippi Forensic Laboratory or their
- Safety;
- (b) One (1) representative from the Mississippi Department of Public
- Association;
- (c) One (1) district attorney appointed by the Mississippi Prosecutors'
- Association of Chiefs of Police;
- (d) One (1) sexual assault investigator appointed by the Mississippi
- Sheriffs' Association;
- (e) One (1) sexual assault investigator appointed by the Mississippi
- Office;
- (f) One (1) investigator from the Mississippi Attorney General's
- (g) One (1) sexual assault nurse examiner practicing in north
- Mississippi appointed by the President of the Board of Directors of the Mississippi
- Association of Forensic Nurses (MAFN);
- (h) One (1) sexual assault nurse examiner practicing in central
- Mississippi appointed by the President of the Board of Directors of the Mississippi
- Association of Forensic Nurses (MAFN);
- (i) One (1) sexual assault nurse examiner practicing in south
- Mississippi appointed by the President of the Board of Directors of the Mississippi
- Association of Forensic Nurses (MAFN);
- (j) One (1) physician who regularly performs forensic medical exams
- appointed by the Mississippi State Medical Association;
- (k) One (1) physician who regularly performs forensic medical exams
- appointed by the Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians; and
- (l) One (1) member appointed by the Mississippi Hospital
- Association who regularly performs forensic medical exams.

SECTION 5. Section 99-49-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

99-49-1. (1) Legislative intent. The Legislature finds that:

- (a) The value of properly preserved biological evidence has been enhanced by the discovery of modern DNA testing methods, which, coupled with a comprehensive system of DNA databases that store crime scene and offender profiles, allow law enforcement to improve its crime-solving potential;
- (b) Tapping the potential of preserved biological evidence requires the proper identification, collection, preservation, storage, cataloguing and organization of such evidence;
- (c) Law enforcement agencies indicate that "cold" case investigations are hindered by an inability to access biological evidence that was collected in connection with criminal investigations;
- (d) Innocent people mistakenly convicted of the serious crimes for which biological evidence is probative cannot prove their innocence if such evidence is not accessible for testing in appropriate circumstances;
- (e) It is well established that the failure to update policies regarding the preservation of evidence squanders valuable law enforcement resources, manpower hours and storage space; and
- (f) Simple but crucial enhancements to protocols for properly preserving biological evidence can solve old crimes, enhance public safety and settle claims of innocence.

(2) Definitions. For the purposes of this section:

- (a) "Biological evidence" means the contents of a sexual assault examination kit or any item that contains blood, semen, hair, saliva, skin tissue, fingernail scrapings, bone, bodily fluids or other identifiable biological material that was collected as part of the criminal investigation or may reasonably be used to incriminate or exculpate any person for the offense. This definition applies whether that material is catalogued separately, such as on a slide, swab or in a test tube, or is present on other evidence, including, but not limited to, clothing, ligatures, bedding or other household material, drinking cups, cigarettes or other items.
- (b) "DNA" means deoxyribonucleic acid.

(c) "Custody" means persons currently incarcerated; civilly committed; on parole or probation; or subject to sex offender registration for the period of the registration or for the first five (5) years of the registration, whichever is the shorter period.

(d) "Profile" means * * * an autosomal, Y chromosome, or mitochondrial DNA profile generated from an individual.

(e) "State" refers to any governmental or public entity within Mississippi, including all private entities that perform such functions, and its officials or employees, including, but not limited to, law enforcement agencies, prosecutors' offices, courts, public hospitals, forensics laboratories, and any other entity or individual charged with the collection, storage or retrieval of biological evidence.

(3) Preservation of evidence procedures. (a) The state shall preserve all biological evidence:

(i) That is secured in relation to an investigation or prosecution of a crime for the period of time that the crime remains unsolved or as otherwise provided by law for that crime; or

(ii) That is secured in relation to an investigation or prosecution of a crime for the period of time that the person convicted of that crime remains in custody or as otherwise provided by law for that crime.

(b) This section applies to evidence that:

(i) Was in the possession of the state during the investigation and prosecution of the case; and

(ii) At the time of conviction was likely to contain biological material.

(c) The state shall not destroy biological evidence should one or more additional co-defendants, convicted of the same crime, remain in custody, and shall preserve the evidence for the period of time in which all co-defendants remain in custody or as otherwise provided by law for that crime.

(d) The state shall retain evidence in the amount and manner sufficient to develop a DNA profile from the biological material contained in or included on the evidence.

(e) Upon written request by the defendant, the state shall prepare an inventory of biological evidence that has been preserved in connection with the defendant's criminal case.

(f) The state may destroy evidence that includes biological material before the expiration of the time period specified in paragraph (a) of this subsection if all of the following apply:

(i) No other provision of federal or state law requires the state to preserve the evidence.

(ii) The state sends certified delivery of notice of intent to destroy the evidence to:

1. All persons who remain in custody as a result of the criminal conviction, delinquency adjudication, or commitment related to evidence in question;

2. The attorney of record for each person in custody;

3. The Mississippi Office of Indigent Appeals;

4. The district attorney in the county of conviction; and

5. The Mississippi Attorney General.

(iii) No person who is notified under subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph (f) does either of the following within sixty (60) days after the date on which the person received the notice:

1. Files a motion for testing of evidence under * * * Chapter 39, Title 99, Mississippi Code of 1972; or

2. Submits a written request for retention of evidence to the state entity which provided notice of its intent to destroy evidence under subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph (f).

(g) If, after providing notice under paragraph (f)(ii) of this subsection of its intent to destroy evidence, the state receives a written request for retention of the evidence, the state shall retain the evidence while the person remains in custody.

(h) The state shall not be required to preserve physical evidence that is of such a size, bulk or physical character as to render retention impracticable. When such retention is impracticable, the state shall remove and preserve portions of the material evidence likely to contain biological evidence related to the offense, in a quantity sufficient to permit future DNA testing, before returning or disposing of the physical evidence.

(i) Should the state be called upon to produce biological evidence that could not be located and whose preservation was required under the provisions of this statute, the chief evidence custodian assigned to the entity charged with the preservation of the evidence shall provide an affidavit in which the custodian stipulates, under penalty of perjury, an accurate description of the efforts taken to locate that evidence and that the evidence could not be located.

(4) This section does not require the state to preserve the biological evidence that is obtained in performing the test required by Section 99-3-41 and is required to be destroyed under that section.

(5) Any evidence in a murder, manslaughter or felony sexual assault case in the possession of the state on July 1, 2009, whether biological or not, shall be preserved by the state consistent with the legislative intent expressed in subsection (1) and subject to compliance with subsection (3)(f).

(6) Remedies for noncompliance. If the court finds that biological evidence was destroyed in violation of the provisions of this section, it may impose appropriate sanctions and order appropriate remedies.

SECTION 6. Section 4 of this act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023. Sections 1, 2, 3 and 5 shall take effect and be in force from and after December 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO PROVIDE A PROCESS TO COLLECT AND PRESERVE SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE COLLECTION KITS; TO REQUIRE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY TO IMMEDIATELY COLLECT AND STORE THE KIT IN COMPLIANCE WITH CERTAIN STANDARDS; TO REQUIRE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY TO SEND THE KIT TO THE MISSISSIPPI FORENSICS LABORATORY WITHIN A CERTAIN NUMBER OF DAYS; TO REQUIRE THE FORENSICS LABORATORY TO PROCESS THE KIT AND ENTER CERTAIN DNA INFORMATION INTO THE APPROPRIATE FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL DATABASES; TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RIGHTS FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS; TO CREATE THE SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE ACCOUNTABILITY TASK FORCE TO CONDUCT A STUDY AND ISSUE A REPORT THAT EXAMINES THE RESOURCES REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT A RAPE KIT TRACKING SYSTEM; TO AMEND SECTION 99-49-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "PROFILE"; TO CONFORM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Angela Cockerham, Edward Blackmon, Jr., John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Brice Wiggins, Jeremy England, Nicole Boyd

On request of Rep. Cockerham, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in conference report **H. B. No. 485**:

Unanimous Consent for House Bill No. 485 Conference Report, 2023 Regular Session

AMEND on line 188 by striking "nine (9)" and inserting in lieu thereof "twelve (12)".

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Hopkins. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, McCarty, Robinson, Walker.
Total-5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Yates called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 698: Municipal water, wastewater and sewer services; require equity based billing based on use of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 698: Municipal water, wastewater and sewer services; require equity based billing based on use of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 21-27-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

21-27-7. (1) (a) The governing authorities of municipalities shall have the power to erect, purchase, maintain and operate waterworks, and to regulate the same, and to prescribe the rates at which water shall be supplied to the * * * users. The rates at which water, wastewater, and sewer services shall be supplied shall be just and reasonable based on the actual cost to operate and maintain the systems, and rates may not be unreasonably preferential, prejudicial or discriminatory but shall be sufficient, equitable and consistent in application to each class of users. While a municipality may set different rates for different classifications of users, a municipality shall not discriminate in setting rates among members of the same classification. The municipal governing authorities shall make a finding on the minutes of the governing body establishing the rate based on the actual cost to operate and maintain the system. A municipality shall not

charge a user a fee for services received which is less than the cost incurred by the municipality to provide such services.

(b) The governing authorities of a municipality shall establish and maintain rates and charges in equitable proportion to the use of the services and benefits rendered by the waterworks systems and water treatment facilities serving the municipal area. From time to time the governing authorities shall adjust such rates, to the end that the revenues therefrom will be sufficient at all times to pay the expenses of operating and maintaining such works, facilities and systems and all of the municipality's obligations under any contract or bond resolution with respect thereto. The calculation of a user's bill shall be limited to the actual amount of volumetric usage, plus those fees reasonable and necessary for the cost of capital expenses, system operation and maintenance, and debt service.

(c) If a user's meter is tampered with, unreadable, or otherwise out-of-order, a municipality may render an estimated bill to that user for a period not to exceed six (6) months. In such circumstance, an estimated bill shall be based upon the prior average measured usage of the user or a similar user of the same classification.

(i) Only in the event a municipality with a population of one thousand (1,000) or less is unable to meet the requirement of billing based solely on volumetric usage, such municipality may bill based on a flat fee rate where such municipality has established flat fee billing as its usual and customary billing practice prior to the passage of this act, and where such municipality is actively billing based upon a flat fee rate as of the passage of this act. In such circumstances, flat fee billing may be utilized until such time as the municipality implements upgrades to its system to provide for volumetric billing. In such circumstance, the municipality may set different flat fee rates for different classifications of users, but the municipality shall not discriminate in setting flat fee rates among members of the same classification, and the municipality shall not charge a user a fee for services received that is less than the cost incurred by the municipality to provide such services.

(ii) The governing authorities of the municipality shall make a finding annually on the minutes of the governing body establishing the rate based upon the actual cost to operate and maintain the system as determined under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, and the municipality shall not charge a user a fee for services received that is less than the cost incurred by the municipality, or based on the assessed value of the property, to provide such services.

(d) Notice of any change in the rate or rate structure at which services are supplied shall be posted on all bills sent to users at least one (1) month prior to the effective date of the rate change. Notice shall also be posted to the municipality's online webpage or bill payment platform, if the municipality has an online webpage or bill payment platform.

(e) Nothing in this statute shall be construed as prohibiting a user or governing authority of any municipality from applying for and receiving any federally or privately subsidized payment assistance, grant or other funds.

(f) The governing authority of a municipality may provide for the calculation of a user's bill by a method other than volumetric usage only in exchange for consideration as part of, or in connection with, an incentive contract or other form of benefit or assistance related to the user's location, expansion, or maintenance of its commercial or industrial operation within the municipality, so long as such rate is equitable, fair, and non-discriminatory, and the municipality shall not charge such user a fee for services received that is less than the cost incurred by the municipality to provide such services.

(2) The governing authorities of municipalities shall have the power to acquire by purchase, donation or condemnation, in the name of the municipality, suitable grounds, within or without the corporate limits, upon which to erect waterworks, and also the right-of-way to and from such works and the right-of-way for laying water pipes within the corporate limits, and from such waterworks to the municipality, and to extend such right-of-way from time to time. The governing authorities shall have the power to contract with any person for the maintenance and operation of waterworks. * * * The authorities shall have the power to contract with any person for the erection and maintenance of waterworks for a term not exceeding twenty-five (25) years, fixing water rates in the contract subject to municipal regulations. A contract for the erection or purchase of

waterworks shall not, however, be entered into until submitted to a vote of the qualified electors and approved by a majority of those voting. A contract for maintenance under which the person who will perform such maintenance is wholly or partially responsible for fixing water rates shall not be entered into until submitted to a vote of the qualified electors and approved by a majority of those voting. It shall be unlawful for any municipally owned waterworks to supply water free of charge, or in any amount less than the fixed charges, to any person, firm or corporation, except as is expressly authorized by law.

SECTION 2. Section 21-27-189, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

21-27-189. A municipality, as defined in Section 21-27-163, is authorized and empowered, in the discretion of its governmental authorities, to exercise the following powers and authority within the area and territories comprising the metropolitan area of which it is a part:

(a) To operate and manage sewerage systems, sewage treatment facilities and sewage disposal systems and related facilities serving the metropolitan area in conformance with the metropolitan area plan.

(b) To construct, operate and maintain sewerage systems, sewage treatment facilities and sewage disposal systems in the manner and to the extent required by the metropolitan area plan.

(c) To accept and utilize grants and other funds from any source for waste treatment management purposes.

(d) To establish and maintain rates and charges in equitable proportion for the use of the services and benefits rendered of such sewerage systems, sewage treatment facilities and sewage disposal systems within the metropolitan area, and from time to time to adjust such rates, to the end that the revenues therefrom will be sufficient at all times to pay the expenses of operating and maintaining such works, facilities and systems and all of the municipality's obligations under any contract or bond resolution with respect thereto. The rates shall be just and reasonable, and rates may not be unreasonably preferential, prejudicial or discriminatory but shall be sufficient, equitable and consistent in application to each class of users. While the municipality may set different rates for different classifications of users, a municipality shall not discriminate in setting rates among members of the same classification. The governing authorities of the municipality shall make a finding on the minutes of the governing body establishing the rate based upon the actual cost to operate and maintain the system, and a municipality shall not charge a user a fee for services received which is less than the cost incurred by the municipality to provide such services.

(e) To incur short and long-term indebtedness under the provisions of Sections 21-27-161 through 21-27-191 or other applicable statutes.

(f) To adopt rules and regulations necessary to carry out the implementation of the metropolitan area plan and to assure the payment of each participating person or public agency of its proportionate share of treatment costs.

(g) To refuse to receive any waste from any public agency or subdivision thereof or any other person which does not comply with the provisions of the metropolitan area plan applicable to the particular area within which such public agency or subdivision thereof or any other person is located.

(h) To accept industrial waste for treatment and to require the pretreatment of same when within the opinion of the municipality such pretreatment is necessary.

(i) To adopt all necessary and reasonable rules and regulations to carry out and effectuate any waste treatment plan adopted for the metropolitan area.

(j) To require by ordinance or by contract with a public agency or other person that all waste within the metropolitan area be disposed of through sewerage systems, treatment facilities and sewage disposal systems which comprise a part of the metropolitan area plan, to the extent that the same may be available, but no public agency shall be precluded from constructing, operating and maintaining its own sewerage system if the same be a part of the metropolitan area plan.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 21-27-7 AND 21-27-189, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ENSURE JUST, REASONABLE AND TRANSPARENT BILLING FOR MUNICIPAL WATER, WASTEWATER, AND SEWER SERVICES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: C. Scott Bounds, Brent Anderson, Shanda Yates
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joel R. Carter, Jr., J. Walter Michel, Rita Potts Parks

On motion of Rep. Yates the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--91.

Nays--Anthony, Bailey, Bell, C, Bennett, Blackmon, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Foster, Hines, Hulum, Johnson, Karriem, Osborne, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson. Total--20.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Denton, Huddleston, McCarty, Owen, Robinson, Walker. Total-7.

Present--Holloway, McCray, Porter. Total--3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. C. R. No. 60: Legislature; extend 2023 Regular Session, suspend deadlines for certain bills, and set date of sine die adjournment.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, McCarty, Robinson, Walker. Total-5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--78

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. C. R. No. 60: Legislature; extend 2023 Regular Session, suspend deadlines for certain bills, and set date of sine die adjournment.

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. C. R. No. 56: Representative Edward Blackmon, Jr.; commend distinguished legislative career and public service of upon the occasion of his retirement.

H. C. R. No. 57: Dr. Daphine Hill; commend accomplishments of.

H. C. R. No. 58: Dr. Kent Hoblet; commend for many years of dedicated service as Dean of Mississippi State University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

H. C. R. No. 59: Representative Tommy Reynolds; commend distinguished legislative career and public service of upon the occasion of his retirement.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, R, Huddleston, Kinkade, McCarty, Robinson, Walker. Total-6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. C. R. No. 56: Representative Edward Blackmon, Jr.; commend distinguished legislative career and public service of upon the occasion of his retirement.

H. C. R. No. 57: Dr. Daphine Hill; commend accomplishments of.

H. C. R. No. 58: Dr. Kent Hoblet; commend for many years of dedicated service as Dean of Mississippi State University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

H. C. R. No. 59: Representative Tommy Reynolds; commend distinguished legislative career and public service of upon the occasion of his retirement.

Rep. Roberson called up:

S. C. R. No. 567: Designate April 13, 2023, as "Reman Day" in Mississippi.

S. C. R. No. 570: Recognize leadership of Senator Angela Turner-Ford as Chair of the Mississippi Legislative Black Caucus (MLBC).

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Felsher, Huddleston, McCarty, Robinson, Walker.
Total-5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

S. C. R. No. 567: Designate April 13, 2023, as "Reman Day" in Mississippi.

S. C. R. No. 570: Recognize leadership of Senator Angela Turner-Ford as Chair of the Mississippi Legislative Black Caucus (MLBC).

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. R. No. 165: Anna Katherine Adams; commend and congratulate upon induction in the 2023 Class of Extraordinary Educators.

H. R. No. 166: Representative Robin Robinson; commend legislative service of.

H. R. No. 167: Ingomar Attendance Center Lady Falcons Volleyball Team; commend for winning 2022 MHSAA Class 1A State Championship.

H. R. No. 168: Representative Jerry Darnell; commend distinguished legislative career of.

H. R. No. 169: Angie Thomas; recognize and commend accomplishments of.

H. R. No. 171: Caledonia High School Volleyball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 4A State Volleyball Championship.

H. R. No. 173: Representative Randall H. Patterson; commend esteemed legislative career and public service upon his retirement.

H. R. No. 174: Representative Steve Hopkins; commend for distinguished legislative career.

H. R. No. 175: Dr. Daphine Hill; commend accomplishments of.

H. R. No. 176: Layla Carter; commend upon being named Miss Basketball for the MHSAA Class 5A and 2023 Vicksburg Post Girls Player of the Year.

H. R. No. 177: Shanise Batiste LeFlore; commend exceptional service and commitment provided to Blackmon & Blackmon, PLLC.

H. R. No. 178: Dr. William "Bill" Myers; commend esteemed career upon his retirement.

H. R. No. 179: Tombigbee Chapter of the National Society of the DAR and Seth Burnett and Levi Burnett; commend.

H. R. No. 180: Stacy and Mable Austin; commend upon 75th wedding anniversary.

H. R. No. 181: Presley Seals; commend upon being named as an inductee of the Curriculum Associates 2023 Class of Extraordinary Educators.

H. R. No. 182: McEvans School Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning the MHSAA Class 1A State Championship.

H. R. No. 183: David Tadlock; commend outstanding career and contributions of.

H. R. No. 184: Mary Elizabeth Lee Dowdell; commend upon the occasion of her 90th birthday.

H. R. No. 185: Representative De'Keither A. Stamps; commend legislative career and public service.

H. R. No. 186: Northeast Jones High School "Gold Horizons" Show Choir; commend for many outstanding achievements.

H. R. No. 187: Representative Tom Miles; commend distinguished legislative career of.

H. R. No. 188: Coach Troy Stewart; commend for outstanding 2022-2023 season as head coach of the Vicksburg High School Missy Gators.

H. R. No. 189: Viola Allen; commend career success of.

H. R. No. 190: Pastor Dr. Joe May; commend upon occasion of his retirement from pastoral duties.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. R. No. 165: Anna Katherine Adams; commend and congratulate upon induction in the 2023 Class of Extraordinary Educators.

H. R. No. 166: Representative Robin Robinson; commend legislative service of.

H. R. No. 167: Ingomar Attendance Center Lady Falcons Volleyball Team; commend for winning 2022 MHSAA Class 1A State Championship.

H. R. No. 168: Representative Jerry Darnell; commend distinguished legislative career of.

H. R. No. 169: Angie Thomas; recognize and commend accomplishments of.

H. R. No. 171: Caledonia High School Volleyball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 4A State Volleyball Championship.

H. R. No. 173: Representative Randall H. Patterson; commend esteemed legislative career and public service upon his retirement.

H. R. No. 174: Representative Steve Hopkins; commend for distinguished legislative career.

H. R. No. 175: Dr. Daphine Hill; commend accomplishments of.

H. R. No. 176: Layla Carter; commend upon being named Miss Basketball for the MHSAA Class 5A and 2023 Vicksburg Post Girls Player of the Year.

H. R. No. 177: Shanise Batiste LeFlore; commend exceptional service and commitment provided to Blackmon & Blackmon, PLLC.

H. R. No. 178: Dr. William "Bill" Myers; commend esteemed career upon his retirement.

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H. R. No. 188: Coach Troy Stewart; commend for outstanding 2022-2023 season as head coach of the Vicksburg High School Missy Gators.

H. R. No. 189: Viola Allen; commend career success of.

H. R. No. 190: Pastor Dr. Joe May; commend upon occasion of his retirement from pastoral duties.

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. R. No. 191: Dr. Cindy Ayers Elliott; commend for being named USA Today's 2023 Woman of the Year Honoree for Mississippi.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. R. No. 191: Dr. Cindy Ayers Elliott; commend for being named USA Today's 2023 Woman of the Year Honoree for Mississippi.

Representative Holloway entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on the following bill:

S. B. No. 3002: Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural programs.

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report on the following bill:

H. B. No. 1216: Circuit judges and chancellors; increase office operating and expense allowances and support staff funding.

Rep. Cockerham moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

On request of Rep. Roberson, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in **H. R. No. 186:**

AMEND on line 40 by deleting the word "South" and inserting in lieu thereof: "Northeast".

At 12:18 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed until 2:00 PM.

At 2:15 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Zuber called up the conference report on the following bill:

H. B. No. 252: Alcoholic beverages; revise provisions regarding certain permits and distance restrictions.

Rep. Zuber moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Zuber called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 535: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 535: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.

2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 67-1-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:
67-1-5. For the purposes of this article and unless otherwise required by the context:

(a) "Alcoholic beverage" means any alcoholic liquid, including wines of more than five percent (5%) of alcohol by weight, capable of being consumed as a beverage by a human being, but shall not include light wine, light spirit product and beer, as defined in Section 67-3-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, but shall include native wines and native spirits. The words "alcoholic beverage" shall not include ethyl alcohol manufactured or distilled solely for fuel purposes or beer of an alcoholic content of more than eight percent (8%) by weight if the beer is legally manufactured in this state for sale in another state.

(b) "Alcohol" means the product of distillation of any fermented liquid, whatever the origin thereof, and includes synthetic ethyl alcohol, but does not include denatured alcohol or wood alcohol.

(c) "Distilled spirits" means any beverage containing more than six percent (6%) of alcohol by weight produced by distillation of fermented grain, starch, molasses or sugar, including dilutions and mixtures of these beverages.

(d) "Wine" or "vinous liquor" means any product obtained from the alcoholic fermentation of the juice of sound, ripe grapes, fruits, honey or berries and made in accordance with the revenue laws of the United States.

(e) "Person" means and includes any individual, partnership, corporation, association or other legal entity whatsoever.

(f) "Manufacturer" means any person engaged in manufacturing, distilling, rectifying, blending or bottling any alcoholic beverage.

(g) "Wholesaler" means any person, other than a manufacturer, engaged in distributing or selling any alcoholic beverage at wholesale for delivery within or without this state when such sale is for the purpose of resale by the purchaser.

(h) "Retailer" means any person who sells, distributes, or offers for sale or distribution, any alcoholic beverage for use or consumption by the purchaser and not for resale.

(i) "State Tax Commission," "commission" or "department" means the Department of Revenue of the State of Mississippi, which shall create a division in its organization to be known as the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division. Any reference to the commission or the department hereafter means the powers and duties of the Department of Revenue with reference to supervision of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division.

(j) "Division" means the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the Department of Revenue.

(k) "Municipality" means any incorporated city or town of this state.

(l) "Hotel" means an establishment within a municipality, or within a qualified resort area approved as such by the department, where, in consideration of payment, food and lodging are habitually furnished to travelers and wherein are located at least twenty (20) adequately furnished and completely separate sleeping rooms with adequate facilities that persons usually apply for and receive as overnight accommodations. Hotels in towns or cities of more than twenty-five thousand (25,000) population are similarly defined except that they must have fifty (50) or more sleeping rooms. Any such establishment described in this paragraph with less than fifty (50) beds shall operate one or more regular dining rooms designed to be constantly frequented by customers each day. When used in this article, the word "hotel" shall also be construed to include any establishment that meets the definition of "bed and breakfast inn" as provided in this section.

(m) "Restaurant" means:

(i) A place which is regularly and in a bona fide manner used and kept open for the serving of meals to guests for compensation, which has suitable seating facilities for guests, and which has suitable kitchen facilities connected therewith for cooking an assortment of foods and meals commonly ordered at various hours of the day; the service of such food as sandwiches and salads only shall not be deemed in compliance with this requirement. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, no place shall qualify as a restaurant under this article unless twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the revenue derived from such place shall be from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages, or unless the value of food given to and consumed by customers is equal to twenty-five percent (25%) or more of total revenue; or

(ii) Any privately owned business located in a building in a historic district where the district is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, where the building has a total occupancy rating of not less than one thousand (1,000) and where the business regularly utilizes ten thousand (10,000) square feet or more in the building for live entertainment, including not only the stage, lobby or area where the audience sits and/or stands, but also any other portion of the building necessary for the operation of the business, including any kitchen area, bar area, storage area and office space, but excluding any area for parking. In addition to the other requirements of this subparagraph, the business must also serve food to guests for compensation within the building and derive the majority of its revenue from event-related fees, including, but not limited to, admission fees or ticket sales to live entertainment in the building, and from the rental of all or part of the facilities of the business in the building to another party for a specific event or function.

(n) "Club" means an association or a corporation:

(i) Organized or created under the laws of this state for a period of five (5) years prior to July 1, 1966;

(ii) Organized not primarily for pecuniary profit but for the promotion of some common object other than the sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages;

(iii) Maintained by its members through the payment of annual dues;

(iv) Owning, hiring or leasing a building or space in a building of such extent and character as may be suitable and adequate for the reasonable and comfortable use and accommodation of its members and their guests;

(v) The affairs and management of which are conducted by a board of directors, board of governors, executive committee, or similar governing body chosen by the members at a regular meeting held at some periodic interval; and

(vi) No member, officer, agent or employee of which is paid, or directly or indirectly receives, in the form of a salary or other compensation any profit from the distribution or sale of alcoholic beverages to the club or to members or guests of the club beyond such salary or compensation as may be fixed and voted at a proper meeting by the board of directors or other governing body out of the general revenues of the club.

The department may, in its discretion, waive the five-year provision of this paragraph. In order to qualify under this paragraph, a club must file with the department, at the time of its application for a license under this article, two (2) copies of a list of the names and residences of its members and similarly file, within ten (10) days after the election of any additional member, his name and address. Each club applying for a license shall also file with the department at the time of the application a copy of its articles of association, charter of incorporation, bylaws or other instruments governing the business and affairs thereof.

(o) "Qualified resort area" means any area or locality outside of the limits of incorporated municipalities in this state commonly known and accepted as a place which regularly and customarily attracts tourists, vacationists and other transients because of its historical, scenic or recreational facilities or attractions, or because of other attributes which regularly and customarily appeal to and attract tourists, vacationists and other transients in substantial numbers; however, no area or locality shall so qualify as a resort area until it has been duly and properly approved as such by the department. The

department may not approve an area as a qualified resort area after July 1, 2018, if any portion of such proposed area is located within two (2) miles of a convent or monastery that is located in a county traversed by Interstate 55 and U.S. Highway 98. A convent or monastery may waive such distance restrictions in favor of allowing approval by the department of an area as a qualified resort area. Such waiver shall be in written form from the owner, the governing body, or the appropriate officer of the convent or monastery having the authority to execute such a waiver, and the waiver shall be filed with and verified by the department before becoming effective.

(i) The department may approve an area or locality outside of the limits of an incorporated municipality that is in the process of being developed as a qualified resort area if such area or locality, when developed, can reasonably be expected to meet the requisites of the definition of the term "qualified resort area." In such a case, the status of qualified resort area shall not take effect until completion of the development.

(ii) The term includes any state park which is declared a resort area by the department; however, such declaration may only be initiated in a written request for resort area status made to the department by the Executive Director of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, and no permit for the sale of any alcoholic beverage, as defined in this article, except an on-premises retailer's permit, shall be issued for a hotel, restaurant or bed and breakfast inn in such park.

(iii) The term includes:

1. The clubhouses associated with the state park golf courses at the Lefleur's Bluff State Park, the John Kyle State Park, the Percy Quin State Park and the Hugh White State Park;

2. The clubhouse and associated golf course, tennis courts and related facilities and swimming pool and related facilities where the golf course, tennis courts and related facilities and swimming pool and related facilities are adjacent to one or more planned residential developments and the golf course and all such developments collectively include at least seven hundred fifty (750) acres and at least four hundred (400) residential units;

3. Any facility located on property that is a game reserve with restricted access that consists of at least three thousand (3,000) contiguous acres with no public roads and that offers as a service hunts for a fee to overnight guests of the facility;

4. Any facility located on federal property surrounding a lake and designated as a recreational area by the United States Army Corps of Engineers that consists of at least one thousand five hundred (1,500) acres;

5. Any facility that is located in a municipality that is bordered by the Pearl River, traversed by Mississippi Highway 25, adjacent to the boundaries of the Jackson International Airport and is located in a county which has voted against coming out from under the dry law; however, any such facility may only be located in areas designated by the governing authorities of such municipality;

6. Any municipality with a population in excess of ten thousand (10,000) according to the latest federal decennial census that is located in a county that is bordered by the Pearl River and is not traversed by Interstate Highway 20, with a population in excess of forty-five thousand (45,000) according to the latest federal decennial census;

7. The West Pearl Restaurant Tax District as defined in Chapter 912, Local and Private Laws of 2007;

8. a. Land that is located in any county in which Mississippi Highway 43 and Mississippi Highway 25 intersect and:

A. Owned by the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District, and/or

B. Located within the Reservoir Community District, zoned commercial, east of Old Fannin Road, north of Regatta Drive, south of Spillway Road, west of Hugh Ward Boulevard and accessible by Old Fannin Road, Spillway Road, Spann Drive and/or Lake Vista Place, and/or

C. Located within the Reservoir Community District, zoned commercial, west of Old Fannin Road, south of

Spillway Road and extending to the boundary of the corporate limits of the City of Flowood, Mississippi;

b. The board of supervisors of such county, with respect to B and C of item 8.a., may by resolution or other order:

A. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale,

B. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages, and

C. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

9. Any facility located on property that is a game reserve with restricted access that consists of at least eight hundred (800) contiguous acres with no public roads, that offers as a service hunts for a fee to overnight guests of the facility, and has accommodations for at least fifty (50) overnight guests;

10. Any facility that:

a. Consists of at least six thousand (6,000) square feet being heated and cooled along with an additional adjacent area that consists of at least two thousand two hundred (2,200) square feet regardless of whether heated and cooled,

b. For a fee is used to host events such as weddings, reunions and conventions,

c. Provides lodging accommodations regardless of whether part of the facility and/or located adjacent to or in close proximity to the facility, and

d. Is located on property that consists of at least thirty (30) contiguous acres;

11. Any facility and related property:

a. Located on property that consists of at least one hundred twenty-five (125) contiguous acres and consisting of an eighteen-hole golf course, and/or located in a facility that consists of at least eight thousand (8,000) square feet being heated and cooled,

b. Used for the purpose of providing meals and hosting events, and

c. Used for the purpose of teaching culinary arts courses and/or turf management and grounds keeping courses, and/or outdoor recreation and leadership courses;

12. Any facility and related property that:

a. Consist of at least eight thousand (8,000) square feet being heated and cooled,

b. For a fee is used to host events,

c. Is used for the purpose of culinary arts courses, and/or live entertainment courses and art performances, and/or outdoor recreation and leadership courses;

13. The clubhouse and associated golf course where the golf course is adjacent to one or more residential developments and the golf course and all such developments collectively include at least two hundred (200) acres and at least one hundred fifty (150) residential units and are located a. in a county that has voted against coming out from under the dry law; and b. outside of but in close proximity to a municipality in such county which has voted under Section 67-1-14, after January 1, 2013, to come out from under the dry law;

14. The clubhouse and associated eighteen-hole golf course located in a municipality traversed by Interstate Highway 55 and U.S. Highway 51 that has voted to come out from under the dry law;

15. a. Land that is planned for mixed-use development and consists of at least two hundred (200) contiguous acres with one or more planned residential developments collectively planned to include at least two hundred (200) residential units when completed, and also including a facility that consists

of at least four thousand (4,000) square feet that is not part of such land but is located adjacent to or in close proximity thereto, and which land is located:

A. In a county that has voted to come out from under the dry law,

B. Outside the corporate limits of any municipality in such county and adjacent to or in close proximity to a golf course located in a municipality in such county, and

C. Within one (1) mile of a state institution of higher learning;

b. The board of supervisors of such county may by resolution or other order:

A. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale,

B. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages, and

C. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

16. Any facility with a capacity of five hundred (500) people or more, to be used as a venue for private events, on a tract of land in the Southwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 2 South, Range 7 East, of a county where U.S. Highway 45 and U.S. Highway 72 intersect and that has not voted to come out from under the dry law;

17. One hundred five (105) contiguous acres, more or less, located in Hinds County, Mississippi, and in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, whereon are constructed a variety of buildings, improvements, grounds or objects for the purpose of holding events thereon to promote agricultural and industrial development in Mississippi;

18. Land that is owned by a state institution of higher learning, and:

a. Located entirely within a county that has elected by majority vote not to permit the transportation, storage, sale, distribution, receipt and/or manufacture of light wine and beer pursuant to Section 67-3-7, and

b. Adjacent to but outside the incorporated limits of a municipality that has elected by majority vote to permit the sale, receipt, storage and transportation of light wine and beer pursuant to Section 67-3-9.

If any portion of the land described in this item 18 has been declared a qualified resort area by the department before July 1, 2020, then that qualified resort area shall be incorporated into the qualified resort area created by this item 18;

19. Any facility and related property:

a. Used as a flea market or similar venue during a weekend (Saturday and Sunday) immediately preceding the first Monday of a month and having an annual average of at least one thousand (1,000) visitors for each such weekend and five hundred (500) vendors for Saturday of each such weekend, and

b. Located in a county that has not voted to come out from under the dry law and outside of but in close proximity to a municipality located in such county and which municipality has voted to come out from under the dry law;

20. Blocks 1, 2 and 3 of the original town square in any municipality with a population in excess of one thousand five hundred (1,500) according to the latest federal decennial census and which is located in:

a. A county traversed by Interstate 55 and Interstate 20, and

b. A judicial district that has not voted to come out from under the dry law;

21. Any municipality with a population in excess of two thousand (2,000) according to the latest federal decennial census and in which is

located a part of White's Creek Lake and in which U.S. Highway 82 intersects with Mississippi Highway 9 and located in a county that is partially bordered on one (1) side by the Big Black River;

22. A restaurant located on a two-acre tract adjacent to a five-hundred-fifty-acre lake in the northeast corner of a county traversed by U.S. Interstate 55 and U.S. Highway 84;

23. Any tracts of land in Oktibbeha County, situated north of Bailey Howell Drive, Lee Boulevard and Old Mayhew Road, east of George Perry Street and south of Mississippi Highway 182, and not located on the property of a state institution of higher learning; however, the board of supervisors of such county may by resolution or other order:

a. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;

b. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and

c. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

24. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 27 and Mississippi Highway 28 intersect;

25. A municipality through which run Mississippi Highway 35 and Interstate 20;

26. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 16 and Mississippi Highway 35 intersect;

27. A municipality in which U.S. Highway 82 and Old Highway 61 intersect;

28. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 8 meets Mississippi Highway 1;

29. A municipality in which U.S. Highway 82 and Mississippi Highway 1 intersect;

30. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 50 meets Mississippi Highway 9;

31. An area bounded on the north by Pearl Street, on the east by West Street, on the south by Court Street and on the west by Farish Street, within a municipality bordered on the east by the Pearl River and through which run Interstate 20 and Interstate 55;

32. Any facility and related property that:

a. Is contracted for mixed-use development improvements consisting of office and residential space and a restaurant and lounge, partially occupying the renovated space of a four-story commercial building which previously served as a financial institution; and adjacent property to the west consisting of a single-story office building that was originally occupied by the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of American Local Number 569; and

b. Is situated on a tract of land consisting of approximately one and one-tenth (1.10) acres, and the adjacent property to the west consisting of approximately 0.5 acres, located in a municipality which is the seat of county government, situated south of Interstate 10, traversed by U.S. Highway 90, partially bordered on one (1) side by the Pascagoula River and having its most southern boundary bordered by the Gulf of Mexico, with a population greater than twenty-two thousand (22,000) according to the 2010 federal decennial census; however, the governing authorities of such a municipality may by ordinance:

A. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;

B. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and

C. Designate the areas within the facilities in which alcoholic beverages may be offered for sale;

33. Any facility with a maximum capacity of one hundred twenty (120) people that consists of at least three thousand (3,000) square feet being heated and cooled, has a commercial kitchen, has a pavilion that consists of at least nine thousand (9,000) square feet and is located on land more particularly described as follows:

All that part of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 7 South, Range 4 East, Union County, Mississippi, that lies South of Mississippi State Highway 348 right-of-way and containing 19.48 acres, more or less.

ALSO,

The Northeast 38 acres of the Southwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 7 South, Range 4 East, Union County, Mississippi.

ALSO,

The South 81 1/2 acres of the Southwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 7 South, Range 4 East, Union County, Mississippi;

34. A municipality in which U.S. Highway 51 and Mississippi Highway 16 intersect;

35. A municipality in which Interstate 20 passes over Mississippi Highway 15;

36. Any municipality that is bordered in its northwestern boundary by the Pearl River, traversed by U.S. Highway 49 and Interstate 20, and is located in a county which has voted against coming out from under the dry law;

37. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 28 and Mississippi Highway 29 North intersect;

38. An area bounded as follows within a municipality through which run Interstate 22 and Mississippi Highway 15: Beginning at a point at the intersection of Bankhead Street and Tallahatchie Trails; then running to a point at the intersection of Tallahatchie Trails and Interstate 22; then running to a point at the intersection of Interstate 22 and Carter Avenue; then running to a point at the intersection of Carter Avenue and Camp Avenue; then running to a point at the intersection of Camp Avenue and King Street; then running to a point at the intersection of King Street and E. Main Street; then running to a point at the intersection of E. Main Street and Camp Avenue; then running to a point at the intersection of Camp Avenue and Highland Street; then running to a point at the intersection of Highland Street and Adams Street; then running to a point at the intersection of Adams Street and Cleveland Street; then running to a point at the intersection of Cleveland Street and N. Railroad Avenue; then running to a point at the intersection of N. Railroad Avenue and McGill Street; then running to a point at the intersection of McGill Street and Snyder Street; then running to a point at the intersection of Snyder Street and Bankhead Street; then running to a point at the intersection of Bankhead Street and Tallahatchie Trails and the point of the beginning;

39. A municipality through which run Mississippi Highway 43 and U.S. Highway 80;

40. The coliseum in a municipality in which U.S. Highway 72 passes over U.S. Highway 45;

41. A piece of property on the northeast corner of the T-intersection where Builders Square Drive meets Mississippi Highway 471;

42. The clubhouse and associated golf course, tennis courts and related facilities and swimming pool and related facilities located on Oaks Country Club Road less than one-half (1/2) mile to the east of Mississippi Highway 15;

43. Any facility located on land more particularly described as follows:

The East Half (E 1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section 15, Township 3 North, Range 2 East; a 4 acre parcel in the Southwest Corner of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4), Section 15, Township 3 North, Range 2 East, running 210 feet east and west and 840 feet running north and south; the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section 22, Township 3 North, Range 2 East, all in Rankin County, Mississippi;

44. Any facility located on land more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point 1915 feet west and 2171 feet north of southeast corner, Section 11, Township 24 North, Range 2 West, Second Judicial District, Tallahatchie County, Mississippi, which point is the southwest corner of J.C. Section Lot mentioned in deed recorded in Book 50, page 34, in the records of the Chancery Clerk's Office at Sumner, in said District of said County; thence South 80° West, 19 feet to the east boundary of United States Highway 49-E, thence East along the east boundary of said Highway 270 feet to point of beginning of Lot to be conveyed; thence southeast along the east boundary of said Highway 204 feet to a concrete post at the intersection of the east boundary of said Highway with the west boundary of gravel road from Sumner to Webb, known as Oil Mill Road, thence Northwest along west boundary of said Oil Mill Road 194 feet to center of driveway running southwest from said Oil Mill Road to U.S. Highway 49-E; thence South 66° West along center of said driveway 128 feet to point of beginning, being situated in Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section 11, together with all improvements situated thereon;

45. Any facility that:

a. Consists of at least five thousand six hundred (5,600) square feet being heated and cooled along with a lakeside patio that consists of at least two thousand two hundred (2,200) square feet, regardless of whether such patio is part of the facility and/or located adjacent to or in close proximity to the facility;

b. Includes a caterer's kitchen and green room for entertainment preparation;

c. For a fee is used to host events; and

d. Is located adjacent to or in close proximity to an approximately nine (9) acre lake on property that consists of at least one hundred twenty (120) acres in a county traversed by Mississippi Highway 15 and U.S. Highway 278;

46. Any municipality with a population in excess of one thousand (1,000) according to the 2010 federal decennial census and which is located in a county that is traversed by U.S. Highways 84 and 98 and has not voted to come out from under the dry law;

47. The clubhouse and associated nine-hole golf course, tennis courts and related facilities and swimming pool and related facilities located on or near U.S. Highway 82 between Mississippi Highway 15 and Mississippi Highway 9;

48. The downtown square area bound by East Service Drive, Commerce Street, Second Street and Court Street and adjacent properties in a municipality through which run Interstate 55, U.S. Highway 51 and Mississippi Highway 306;

49. All parcels zoned for mixed-use development located west of Mississippi Highway 589, more than four hundred (400) feet north of Old Highway 24, east of Parkers Creek and Black Creek, and south of J M Burge Road; * * *

50. Any facility used by a soccer club and located on Old Highway 11 between one-tenth (0.1) and two-tenths (0.2) of a mile from its intersection with Oak Grove Road, in a county in which U.S. Highway 98 and Mississippi Highway 589 intersect;

51. Any municipality in which U.S. Highway 49 and Mississippi Highway 469 intersect;

52. Any facility that is:

a. Owned by a Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) organization that is a nonprofit corporation and registered with the Mississippi Secretary of State;

b. Used by such organization for its headquarters and other organization related purposes; and

c. Located outside of a municipality in a county that has not voted to come out from under the dry law;

53. The following within a municipality in which U.S. Highway 49 and U.S. 61 Highway intersect and through which flows the Sunflower River:

a. An area bounded as follows: Starting at the southern point of the intersection of Sunflower Avenue and 1st Street and going south along said avenue on its eastern side to 8th Street, then going east along said street on its northern side to West Tallahatchie Street, then going north along said street on its western side to 4th Street/Martin Luther King Boulevard, then going east along said street/boulevard on its northern side to Desoto Avenue, then going north along said avenue on its western side to 1st Street, then going west along said street on its southern side to the point of beginning along the southern side of Court Street;

b. Lots located at or near the intersection of Madison Avenue, Walnut Street, and Riverside Avenue that are in a commercial zone; and

c. Any facility located on the west side of Sunflower Avenue to the Sunflower River between the southern side of 6th Street and the northern side of 8th Street and which is operated as and/or was operated as a hotel or lodging facility, in consideration of payment, regardless of whether the facility meets the criteria for the definition of the term "hotel" in paragraph (l) of this section; and

d. Any facility located on the west side of Sunflower Avenue to the Sunflower River between the southern side of 3rd Street and the northern side of 4th Street/Martin Luther King Boulevard and which is operated as and/or was operated as a musical venue, in consideration of payment;

54. Any municipality in which Mississippi Highway 340 meets Mississippi Highway 15;

55. Any municipality in which Mississippi Highway 540 and Mississippi Highway 149 intersect;

56. Any municipality in which Mississippi Highway 15 and Mississippi Highway 345/Main Street intersect;

57. The property and structures thereon at the following locations within a municipality through which run U.S. Highway 45 and Mississippi Highway 145: 104 West Main Street, 106 West Main Street, 108 West Main Street, 110 West Main Street and 112 West Main Street;

58. Any municipality in which U.S. Highway 11 and Main Street intersect and which is located in a county having two (2) judicial districts;

59. Any municipality in which Interstate 22 passes over Mississippi Highway 9;

60. Any facility located on land more particularly described as follows:

A certain parcel of land being situated in the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9, T3N-R3E, Rankin County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at an existing 1/2" iron pin marking the Southwest corner of the aforesaid Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9, T3N-R3E and run thence North 00 degrees 06 minutes 13 seconds East along the East line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 for a distance of 33.18 feet to an existing 1/2" iron pin; leaving said East line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, run thence South 89 degrees 53 minutes 47 seconds East for a distance of 2.08 feet to an existing 1/2" iron pin; run thence North 00 degrees 22 minutes 19 seconds East for a distance of 561.90 feet to an existing 1/2" iron pin; run thence North 00 degrees 16 minutes 18 seconds East for a distance of 76.42 feet to a set 1/2" iron pin marking the POINT OF BEGINNING of the parcel of land herein described; from said POINT OF BEGINNING, continue thence North 00 degrees 16 minutes 18 seconds East along an existing fence for a distance of 493.27 feet to an existing 1/2" iron pin; run thence North 03 degrees 08 minutes 15 seconds East for a distance of 170.22 feet to an existing 1/2" iron pin on the North line of the aforesaid Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4

of Section 9; run thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes 45 seconds East along said North line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9 for a distance of 1,305.51 feet to an existing 1/2" iron pin marking Northeast corner thereof; leaving said North line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9, run thence South 00 degrees 08 minutes 35 seconds West along the East line of said Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9 for a distance of 663.19 feet to a set 1/2" iron pin; leaving said East line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9, run thence South 89 degrees 46 minutes 45 seconds West for a distance of 1,315.51 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 20.00 acres, more or less. And Also: An easement for the purpose of ingress and egress being situated in the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 and in the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 9, T3N-R3E, Rankin County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

Begin at an existing 1/2" iron pin marking the Southwest corner of the aforesaid Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9, T3N-R3E and run thence North 00 degrees 06 minutes 13 seconds East along the East line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 for a distance of 33.18 feet to an existing 1/2" iron pin; leaving said East line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, run thence South 89 degrees 53 minutes 47 seconds East for a distance of 2.08 feet to an existing 1/2" iron pin; run thence North 00 degrees 22 minutes 19 seconds East for a distance of 561.90 feet to an existing 1/2" iron pin; run thence North 00 degrees 16 minutes 18 seconds East for a distance of 76.42 feet to a set 1/2" iron pin; run thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes 45 seconds East for a distance of 25.00 feet to a set 1/2" iron pin; run thence South 00 degrees 16 minutes 18 seconds West for a distance of 76.66 feet to a set 1/2" iron pin; run thence South 00 degrees 22 minutes 19 seconds West for a distance of 619.81 feet to a set 1/2" iron pin; run thence South 89 degrees 43 minutes 01 seconds West for a distance of 26.81 feet to a set 1/2" iron pin; run thence North 00 degrees 06 minutes 13 seconds East along the West line of the aforesaid Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 9 for a distance of 25.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 17,525.4 square feet, more or less.

61. Any municipality bordered on the east by the Pascagoula River and on the south by the Mississippi Sound;

62. The property and structures thereon located at parcel numbers 4969 198 000; 4969 200 000; 4969 201 000; 4969 206 000; 4969 207 000; 4969 208 000; 4969 218 000; 4969 199; 4969 204 000 and 4969 204 001, all in Block 4 of the original town square in any municipality with a population in excess of one thousand five hundred (1,500) according to the latest federal decennial census and which is located in:

a. A county traversed by Interstate 55 and Interstate 20, and
b. A judicial district that has not voted to come out from under the dry law.;

63. Any municipality in which Mississippi Highway 12 meets Mississippi Highway 17;

64. Any municipality in which U.S. Highway 49 and Mississippi Highway 469 intersect;

65. The clubhouse and associated nine-hole golf course and related facilities located on or near the eastern corner of the point at which Golf Course Road meets Athens Road, in a county in which Mississippi Highway 13 and Mississippi Highway 28 intersect, with GPS coordinates of approximately 31.900370078041004, -89.7928067652611;

66. Any facility located at the south-to-southwest corner of the intersection of Madison Street and Bolton Brownsville Road, in a municipality in which Bolton Brownsville Road passes over Interstate 20, with GPS coordinates of approximately 32.349067271758955, -90.4596221146197;

67. Any facility located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Depot Street and Madison Street, in a municipality in which Bolton Brownsville Road passes over Interstate 20, with GPS coordinates of approximately 32.34903152971068, -90.46047660172901;

68. Any facility located on Hinds Boulevard approximately three-tenths (0.3) of a mile south of the point at which Hinds Boulevard diverges from Clinton Road, in a municipality whose northern boundary partially consists of Snake Creek Road, and whose southern boundary partially consists of Mississippi Highway 18, with GPS coordinates of approximately 32.26384517526713, -90.41586570183475;

69. Any facility located on Pleasant Grove Drive approximately one and three-tenths (1.3) miles southeast of its intersection with Harmony Drive, in a county through which run Interstate 55 and U.S. Highway 84, with GPS coordinates of approximately 31.512043770371907, -90.2506094382595;

70. Any facility located immediately north of the intersection of two roads, both named Mason Clark Drive, located between two-tenths (0.2) and three-tenths (0.3) of a mile southwest of Mississippi Highway 57/63, with GPS coordinates of approximately 31.135950529733048, -88.53068674585575;

71. Any facility located on Raj Road approximately three-tenths (0.3) of a mile south of Mississippi Highway 57/63, with GPS coordinates of approximately 31.139553708288418, -88.53411203512971; and

72. Any facility located on Raj Road approximately one-tenth (0.1) of a mile south of Mississippi Highway 57/63, with GPS coordinates of approximately 31.14184097577295, -88.53287700849411;

The status of these municipalities, districts, clubhouses, facilities, golf courses and areas described in this paragraph (o)(iii) as qualified resort areas does not require any declaration of same by the department.

The governing authorities of a municipality described, in whole or in part, in item 6, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 46 * * *, 48, 51, 53, 54, 55, 58, 59, 61, 63, 64, 66, 67 or 68 of this paragraph (o)(iii) may by ordinance, with respect to the qualified resort area described in the same item: specify the hours of operation of facilities offering alcoholic beverages for sale; specify the percentage of revenue that facilities offering alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and designate the areas in which facilities offering alcoholic beverages for sale may be located.

(p) "Native wine" means any product, produced in Mississippi for sale, having an alcohol content not to exceed twenty-one percent (21%) by weight and made in accordance with revenue laws of the United States, which shall be obtained primarily from the alcoholic fermentation of the juice of ripe grapes, fruits, berries, honey or vegetables grown and produced in Mississippi; provided that bulk, concentrated or fortified wines used for blending may be produced without this state and used in producing native wines. The department shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to permit a producer to import such bulk and/or fortified wines into this state for use in blending with native wines without payment of any excise tax that would otherwise accrue thereon.

(q) "Native winery" means any place or establishment within the State of Mississippi where native wine is produced, in whole or in part, for sale.

(r) "Bed and breakfast inn" means an establishment within a municipality where in consideration of payment, breakfast and lodging are habitually furnished to travelers and wherein are located not less than eight (8) and not more than nineteen (19) adequately furnished and completely separate sleeping rooms with adequate facilities, that persons usually apply for and receive as overnight accommodations; however, such restriction on the minimum number of sleeping rooms shall not apply to establishments on the National Register of Historic Places. No place shall qualify as a bed and breakfast inn under this article unless on the date of the initial

application for a license under this article more than fifty percent (50%) of the sleeping rooms are located in a structure formerly used as a residence.

(s) "Board" shall refer to the Board of Tax Appeals of the State of Mississippi.

(t) "Spa facility" means an establishment within a municipality or qualified resort area and owned by a hotel where, in consideration of payment, patrons receive from licensed professionals a variety of private personal care treatments such as massages, facials, waxes, exfoliation and hairstyling.

(u) "Art studio or gallery" means an establishment within a municipality or qualified resort area that is in the sole business of allowing patrons to view and/or purchase paintings and other creative artwork.

(v) "Cooking school" means an establishment within a municipality or qualified resort area and owned by a nationally recognized company that offers an established culinary education curriculum and program where, in consideration of payment, patrons are given scheduled professional group instruction on culinary techniques. For purposes of this paragraph, the definition of cooking school shall not include schools or classes offered by grocery stores, convenience stores or drugstores.

(w) "Campus" means property owned by a public school district, community or junior college, college or university in this state where educational courses are taught, school functions are held, tests and examinations are administered or academic course credits are awarded; however, the term shall not include any "restaurant" or "hotel" that is located on property owned by a community or junior college, college or university in this state, and is operated by a third party who receives all revenue generated from food and alcoholic beverage sales.

(x) "Native spirit" shall mean any beverage, produced in Mississippi for sale, manufactured primarily by the distillation of fermented grain, starch, molasses or sugar produced in Mississippi, including dilutions and mixtures of these beverages. In order to be classified as "native spirit" under the provisions of this article, at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the finished product by volume shall have been obtained from distillation of fermented grain, starch, molasses or sugar grown and produced in Mississippi.

(y) "Native distillery" shall mean any place or establishment within this state where native spirit is produced in whole or in part for sale.

(z) "Warehouse operator" shall have the meaning ascribed in Section 67-1-201.

SECTION 2. Section 67-1-16, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

67-1-16. (1) (a) Before an area may be designated by the governing authorities of a municipality as an area in which facilities which are defined as qualified resort areas in Section 67-1-5(o)(iii)5 may be located, an election shall be held, under the election laws applicable to the municipality, on the question of whether qualified resort areas shall be allowed in the municipality. An election to determine whether qualified resort areas shall be allowed in the municipality shall be ordered by the municipal governing authorities, upon presentation to the governing authorities of a petition containing the names of at least twenty percent (20%) of the duly qualified voters of the municipality asking for the election. An election on the question may not be held by the municipality more often than once each year.

(b) Thirty (30) days' notice shall be given to the qualified electors of the municipality, in the manner prescribed by law, on the question of allowing qualified resort areas to be established. The notice shall contain a statement of the question to be voted on at the election. The ballots used in the election shall have the following words printed thereon: "FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF QUALIFIED RESORT AREAS," and next below, "AGAINST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF QUALIFIED RESORT AREAS." In marking his ballot, the voter shall make a cross (X) opposite the words of his choice.

(c) Qualified resort areas may be established if a majority of the qualified electors voting in the election vote for such establishment. A qualified resort area may not be established if a majority of the qualified electors voting in the election vote against such establishment.

(2) (a) Before a municipality may be designated as a qualified resort area as defined in Section 67-1-5(o)(iii)6, an election shall be held, under the election laws

applicable to the municipality, on the question of whether the municipality shall be a qualified resort area. An election to determine whether the municipality shall be a qualified resort area shall be ordered by the municipal governing authorities, upon presentation to the governing authorities of a petition containing the names of at least twenty percent (20%) of the duly qualified voters of the municipality asking for the election. An election on the question may not be held by the municipality more often than once each year.

(b) Thirty (30) days' notice shall be given to the qualified electors of the municipality, in the manner prescribed by law, on the question of allowing qualified resort areas to be established. The notice shall contain a statement of the question to be voted on at the election. The ballots used in the election shall have the following words printed thereon: "FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUALIFIED RESORT AREA," and next below, "AGAINST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUALIFIED RESORT AREA." In marking his ballot, the voter shall make a cross (X) opposite the words of his choice.

(c) The municipality may be established as a qualified resort area if a majority of the qualified electors voting in the election vote for such establishment. A qualified resort area may not be established if a majority of the qualified electors voting in the election vote against such establishment.

(3) (a) Before an area may be designated a qualified resort area as defined in Section 67-1-5(o)(iii)7, an election shall be held in the municipality in which the area is located under the election laws applicable to the municipality, on the question of whether the area shall be a qualified resort area. An election to determine whether the area shall be a qualified resort area shall be ordered by the municipal governing authorities, upon presentation to the governing authorities of a petition containing the names of at least twenty percent (20%) of the duly qualified voters of the municipality asking for the election. An election on the question may not be held by the municipality more often than once each year.

(b) Thirty (30) days' notice shall be given to the qualified electors of the municipality, in the manner prescribed by law, on the question of allowing qualified resort areas to be established. The notice shall contain a statement of the question to be voted on at the election. The ballots used in the election shall have the following words printed thereon: "FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUALIFIED RESORT AREA," and next below, "AGAINST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUALIFIED RESORT AREA." In marking his ballot, the voter shall make a cross (X) opposite the words of his choice.

(c) The area may be established as a qualified resort area if a majority of the qualified electors voting in the election vote for such establishment. A qualified resort area may not be established if a majority of the qualified electors voting in the election vote against such establishment.

(4) (a) Before a municipality may be designated as a qualified resort area as defined in item 21, 35 * * *, 36 or 51 of Section 67-1-5(o)(iii), an election shall be held, under the election laws applicable to the municipality, on the question of whether the municipality shall be a qualified resort area. An election to determine whether the municipality shall be a qualified resort area shall be ordered by the municipal governing authorities. An election on the question may not be held by the municipality more often than once each year.

(b) Thirty (30) days' notice shall be given to the qualified electors of the municipality, in the manner prescribed by law, on the question of allowing qualified resort areas to be established. The notice shall contain a statement of the question to be voted on at the election. The ballots used in the election shall have the following words printed thereon: "FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUALIFIED RESORT AREA," and next below, "AGAINST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUALIFIED RESORT AREA." In marking his ballot, the voter shall make a cross (X) opposite the words of his choice.

(c) The municipality may be established as a qualified resort area if a majority of the qualified electors voting in the election vote for such establishment. A qualified resort area may not be established if a majority of the qualified electors voting in the election vote against such establishment.

SECTION 3. Section 67-1-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

67-1-7. (1) Except as otherwise provided in Section 67-9-1 for the transportation and possession of limited amounts of alcoholic beverages for the use of an alcohol processing permittee, and subject to all of the provisions and restrictions

contained in this article, the manufacture, sale, distribution, and transportation of alcoholic beverages shall be lawful, subject to the restrictions hereinafter imposed, in those counties and municipalities of this state in which, at a local option election called and held for that purpose under the provisions of this article, a majority of the qualified electors voting in such election shall vote in favor thereof.

Beginning on April 16, 2021, except as otherwise provided in Section 67-1-51 for holders of a caterer's permit, the manufacture, sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages shall not be permissible or lawful in counties except in (a) incorporated municipalities located within such counties, (b) qualified resort areas within such counties approved as such by the department, or (c) clubs within such counties, whether within a municipality or not. However, any permits issued by the department between July 1, 2020, and April 15, 2021, for the manufacture, sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages, whether or not issued to permittees in such municipalities, qualified resort areas or clubs, shall be eligible for renewal on or after April 16, 2021.

The manufacture, sale, distribution and possession of native wines or native spirits shall be lawful in any location within any such county except those locations where the manufacture, sale or distribution is prohibited by law other than this section or by regulations of the department.

(2) Notwithstanding the foregoing, within any state park or any state park facility that has been declared a qualified resort area by the department, and within any qualified resort area as defined under Section 67-1-5(o)(iii), an on-premises retailer's permit may be issued for the qualified resort area, and the permittee may lawfully sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on his licensed premises regardless of whether or not the county or municipality in which the qualified resort area is located has voted in favor of coming out from under the dry law, and it shall be lawful to receive, store, sell, possess and consume alcoholic beverages on the licensed premises, and to sell, distribute and transport alcoholic beverages to the licensed premises. Moreover, the governing authorities of a municipality in which a qualified resort area defined under Section 67-1-5(o)(iii)5, 7, *** 21 or 46 is located, the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District Board which governs the qualified resort area defined under Section 67-1-5(o)(iii)8.a.A, *** the board of supervisors of the county in which the qualified resort area defined under Section 67-1-5(o)(iii)8.a.B and C is located, and the board of supervisors of the county in which the qualified resort area defined under Section 67-1-5(o)(iii)44 is located, may, by ordinance or resolution, provide that package retailer's permits may be issued in the applicable qualified resort area, and that it shall be lawful to receive, store, sell, possess and distribute alcoholic beverages in accordance with such package retailer's permits.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 67-1-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "QUALIFIED RESORT AREA" UNDER THE LOCAL OPTION ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LAW; TO AMEND SECTION 67-1-16, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE AN ELECTION TO BE HELD BEFORE CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES MAY BE DESIGNATED A QUALIFIED RESORT AREA UNDER THE LOCAL OPTION ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LAW; TO AMEND SECTION 67-1-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES FOR CERTAIN QUALIFIED RESORT AREAS TO PROVIDE, BY ORDINANCE, THAT PACKAGE RETAILER'S PERMITS MAY BE ISSUED IN THE APPLICABLE QUALIFIED RESORT AREAS AND THAT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MAY BE RECEIVED, STORED, SOLD, POSSESSED AND DISTRIBUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUCH PERMITS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Henry Zuber III

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Joel R. Carter, Jr., Lydia Graves Chassaniol

On request of Rep. Zuber, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in confere report **H. B. No. 535**:

Unanimous consent of the House and Senate is requested to make the following changes to House Bill No. 535:

Amend on line 999 by deleting ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023"

On motion of Rep. Zuber the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Bailey, P, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--102.

Nays--Arnold, Bain, Boyd, R, Darnell, Evans, B, Ladner, Newman, Sanford, Scott, Turner. Total--10.

Absent or those not voting--Bounds, Ford, J, Huddleston, Oliver, Robinson, Walker. Total--6.

Present--Anthony, Crudup, Stamps. Total--3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--55

Rep. Zuber called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1136: Distinctive motor vehicle license tags; authorize for 2021 and 2022 National Championship Rebels and supporters of various organizations.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1136: Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of the Mississippi Road Builders Association.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of the 2022 National Championship Ole Miss Rebels Baseball Team. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Chancellor of the University of Mississippi or his designee, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag. The Chancellor of the University of Mississippi or his designee shall choose the first one hundred (100) tag numbers and provide them to the Department of Revenue.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Forty-four Dollars (\$44.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the University of Mississippi Foundation.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the

fee for such replacement license tag, and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

SECTION 2. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of the 2021 National Championship Ole Miss Rebels Women's Golf Team. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Chancellor of the University of Mississippi or his designee, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag. The Chancellor of the University of Mississippi or his designee shall choose the first one hundred (100) tag numbers and provide them to the Department of Revenue.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Forty-four Dollars (\$44.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the University of Mississippi Foundation.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit

shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag, and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

SECTION 3. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of Northeast Jones High School. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Principal of Northeast Jones High School, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2023, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to Northeast Jones High School for use to purchase classroom supplies for teachers and to support of the high school band program.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit

shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

SECTION 4. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of Mississippi Towing and Recovery Professionals, Inc. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of Mississippi Towing and Recovery Professionals, Inc., may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2023, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to Mississippi Towing and Recovery Professionals, Inc., for the benefit of its Survivors Fund.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the

fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

SECTION 5. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Jackson, Mississippi Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2023, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the Jackson, Mississippi Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the

fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

SECTION 6. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state and the unremarried surviving spouse of a person who was a law enforcement officer or other law enforcement employee who died while engaged in the performance of his or her official duties or was wounded or otherwise received intentional or accidental bodily injury while engaged in the performance of his or her official duties and later died as a result of such wounds or injury, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Mississippi Police Benevolent Association, may prescribe. The Department of Revenue shall prescribe such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. An applicant for such a distinctive license tag must provide official written documentation that the applicant is the unremarried surviving spouse of a person who was a law enforcement officer or other law enforcement employee who died while engaged in the performance of his or her official duties or was wounded or otherwise received intentional or accidental bodily injury while engaged in the performance of his or her official duties and later died as a result of such wounds or injury. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2023, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify the total fees collected under this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be disbursed to the Mississippi Police Benevolent Association.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive

license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

SECTION 7. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state and a registered respiratory therapist, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a respiratory therapist. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of Mississippi Society for Respiratory Care, Inc., may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2023, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to Mississippi Society for Respiratory Care, Inc.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive

license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

SECTION 8. (1) (a) In recognition of the patriotic services rendered by Mississippians who are honorably discharged from service as members of the United States Merchant Marine, any such person, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be privileged to obtain one (1) distinctive motor vehicle license plate or tag for each motor vehicle registered in his or her name identifying him or her as a former member of the United States Merchant Marine. The tags shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. An applicant for such distinctive license tags shall present to the issuing official written proof that the applicant is an honorably discharged former member of the United States Merchant Marine. Such proof shall include a copy of the applicant's certificate of discharge or similar document or other certification of service from the United States Merchant Marine or other appropriate entity identifying the person as a former member of the United States Merchant Marine. The application and the additional fee, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2023, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he or she must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day received. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify the total fees collected under this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed under this section shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of a special fund to be administered by the board of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs for the support of indigent veterans who are residents of the state veterans homes and the support of the operations of the state veterans homes and cemeteries.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued or renewed under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued or renewed under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued or renewed under this section.

SECTION 9. Section 27-19-56.549, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-56.549. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (4) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of any one (1) of the following:

- (a) Mississippi Association of Nurse Practitioners;
- (b) Seabee Historical Foundation;
- (c) Saint Stanislaus College in Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi;
- (d) Vancleave Live Oak Choctaw;
- (e) Morton High School;
- (f) Forest Municipal School District;
- (g) Lake High School;
- (h) Scott Central Attendance Center;
- (i) Sebastopol Attendance Center;
- (j) East Rankin Academy;
- (k) Houston High School;
- (l) Magnolia Heights School;
- (m) Regents School of Oxford;
- (n) The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc.;
- (o) Baptist Health Foundation, Inc.;
- (p) Greene County Wildcats;
- (q) Mississippi Disc Golf;
- (r) Mississippi Road Builders Association;
- (s) Clinton Public School District;
- (t) Magnolia Speech School;
- (u) Coahoma County Jr./Sr. High School;
- (v) Clinton Community Nature Center;
- (w) Most Worshipful King Hiram Grand Lodge & Electra Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star A.F. & A.M., State of Mississippi;
- (x) City of Olive Branch, Mississippi;
- (y) Methodist Cursillo of Mississippi.

(2) The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the respective beneficiary organization listed in subsection (1) of this section, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(3) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (4) of this section, less

Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(4) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2022, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(5) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the appropriate beneficiary organization listed in subsection (1) of this section.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(6) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(7) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

SECTION 10. Section 27-19-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-51. (1) (a) In recognition of their many and varied patriotic services rendered the state, the United States and the citizens thereof, Mississippians who have completed an active duty career with the Armed Forces of the United States and active duty and retired members of the Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and the United States Reserves, including both enlisted and officer personnel, upon application and subject to the provisions of this section may be issued distinctive motor vehicle license plates or tags identifying these persons with such organizations. For the purposes of this section the term "Armed Forces" includes the United States Merchant Marines and members thereof in maritime service during the period from December 7, 1941 to August 15, 1945. The distinctive plates or tags so issued shall comply with the provisions of Section 27-19-41 and shall be of such color and design as may be agreed upon by the Adjutant General and the Department of Revenue for the Army National Guard or Air

National Guard, by the Mississippi chapters of the Retired Officers Association and the Retired Non-Commissioned Officers Association and the Department of Revenue for retired active duty members of the Armed Forces of the United States, and by the Department of Revenue for retired members of the United States Merchant Marines. Each distinctive license plate shall bear the words "National Guard" or the name of the appropriate armed service and need not bear prefixed numbers identifying the county of issuance.

(b) In recognition of their many and varied patriotic services rendered the state, the United States and the citizens thereof, Mississippians who are active duty and retired members of the Army National Guard and/or the Air National Guard, including both enlisted and officer personnel, upon application and subject to the provisions of this section may be issued distinctive motorcycle license plates or tags identifying these persons with such organizations. The distinctive plates or tags so issued shall comply with the provisions of Section 27-19-41 and shall be of such color and design as may be agreed upon by the Adjutant General and the Department of Revenue. Each distinctive license plate shall bear the words "National Guard" and need not bear prefixed numbers identifying the county of issuance.

(2) The surviving spouse of any person who was issued a distinctive license plate or tag under subsection (1) of this section because of completion of an active duty career with the Armed Forces of the United States or because of retirement from the Army National Guard, Air National Guard or United States Reserves, or any prisoner of war issued a distinctive license plate or tag under Section 27-19-54, shall be eligible to receive the same type of distinctive license plate or tag which the deceased spouse was issued.

(3) The distinctive license plates here provided for shall be prepared by the Department of Revenue and shall be issued through the tax collectors of the several counties of the state in like manner as are other motor vehicle license plates or tags and motorcycle license plates or tags and such officers shall be entitled to their regular fees for such service. Applicants for such distinctive plates shall present to the issuing official proof of their membership in the Army National Guard, Air National Guard, or United States Reserves by means of certificate signed by the commanding officer of such applicant on forms prescribed by the Adjutant General of Mississippi. Retired members of the Armed Forces of the United States applying for such plates shall present to the issuing officials a copy of their active duty retirement orders or other proof of retirement from active service with one of the Armed Forces of the United States. The distinctive license plates or tags so issued shall be used only upon and for personally or jointly owned private passenger vehicles (to include station wagons, recreational motor vehicles and pickup trucks) and/or motorcycles registered in the name, or jointly in the name, of the member making application therefor, and when so issued to such applicant shall be used upon the vehicle or motorcycle for which issued in lieu of the standard license plate or license tag normally issued for such vehicle or motorcycle.

(4) In addition to use of such distinctive license plates or tags on such personally or jointly owned vehicles, such distinctive plate or tag may be used on state-owned vehicles operated by the State Military Department provided the prefix "MNG" is placed ahead of the number thereon. Motor vehicles for which such distinctive license plates or tags are issued shall be registered by the proper official as are other motor vehicles.

(5) The distinctive license plates issued hereunder shall not be transferable between motor vehicle or motorcycle owners; and in the event the owner of a vehicle or motorcycle bearing such distinctive plate shall sell, trade, exchange or otherwise dispose of the vehicle or motorcycle, such plate shall be retained by the owner to whom issued and returned by the owner to the tax collector of the county or the Department of Revenue, as the case may be.

(6) The Adjutant General is authorized to recognize not more than one hundred (100) senior staff officers, commanders, command sergeants major and senior enlisted advisors by designating the issue of National Guard distinctive license plates or tags numbered "1" through "100." These license plates or tags shall be retained by the individual so designated and may be transferred between vehicles or individuals under procedures established by the Department of Revenue. The Adjutant General is

responsible for furnishing the Department of Revenue necessary information to effect issue or transfer of these specially numbered license plates or tags.

(7) National Guard plates or tags shall be prepared and furnished for the licensing year commencing November 1, 1962, and annually thereafter. The Adjutant General shall furnish the Department of Revenue with an estimate of the number of such distinctive plates or tags required in each of the several counties of the state.

(8) The provisions of this section are supplementary to the laws of this state pertaining to the licensing of motor vehicles and nothing herein shall be construed as abridging or repealing any of such laws.

SECTION 11. Section 27-19-56.57, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-56.57. (1) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, ** 2023, any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state and who is a member of the clergy, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a member of the clergy. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the Baptist Children's Village of Mississippi.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive

license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

(7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, *** 2026.

SECTION 12. Section 27-19-56.70, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-56.70. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (***3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name, which shall be produced in such color and design as the *** Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Choose Life Advisory Committee, Choose Life Mississippi or any successor entity, as the case may be, may prescribe. The words "Choose Life" shall be centered at the bottom of the license tag. The *** Department of Revenue shall prescribe such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the *** Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (***3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the *** Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the *** department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2002, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run *** concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The *** Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the *** Department of Revenue shall certify the total fees collected under this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be disbursed to the Choose Life Advisory Committee, Choose Life Mississippi or any successor entity, as the case may be, to be used as provided in subsection (5) of this section.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi *** Burn *** Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) Funds disbursed to the Choose Life Advisory Committee, Choose Life Mississippi or any successor entity, as the case may be, under this section may be used for any purpose other than for administrative expenses, legal expenses, capital expenditures, attempting to influence any legislation or any political campaign on behalf or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

(6) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) month and year license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the license tag.

(7) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

SECTION 13. Section 27-19-56.277, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-56.277. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name, which shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of * * * Choose Life Mississippi or any successor entity may prescribe. The words "We Love Life" shall be centered at the bottom of the license tag. The Department of Revenue shall prescribe such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify the total fees collected under this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Forty-four Dollars (\$44.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be disbursed to * * * Choose Life * * * Mississippi or any successor entity to be used as provided for in subsection (5) of this section.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) Funds disbursed to * * * Choose Life Mississippi or any successor entity under this section may be used for any purpose other than for administrative expenses, legal expenses, capital expenditures, attempting to influence any legislation or any political campaign on behalf or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

(6) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the license tag.

(7) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

(8) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, * * * 2026.

SECTION 14. Section 27-19-56.289, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-56.289. (1) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2023, any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Executive Director of the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) * * * Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify

to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

(7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2026.

SECTION 15. Section 27-19-56.412, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-56.412. (1) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, * * * 2023, any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name, which shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of * * * Choose Life * * * Mississippi or any successor entity, may prescribe. The word "Adoption" shall be * * * used in the design of the license tag. The Department of Revenue shall prescribe such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag.

If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify the total fees collected under this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Forty-four Dollars (\$44.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be disbursed to * * * Choose Life * * * Mississippi or any successor entity to be used as provided for in subsection (5) of this section.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) Funds disbursed to * * * Choose Life * * * Mississippi or any successor entity under this section may be used for any purpose other than for administrative expenses, legal expenses, capital expenditures, attempting to influence any legislation or any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

(6) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the license tag.

(7) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

(8) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, * * * 2026.

SECTION 16. Section 27-19-56.417, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-56.417. (1) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2023, any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of the West Point Consolidated School District. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the West Point Consolidated School District, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion

of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2016, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the West Point Consolidated School District.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

(7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2026.

SECTION 17. Section 27-19-56.448, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-56.448. (1) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2023, any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of the Mississippi Aquarium. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the department, with the advice of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2017, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the Mississippi Aquarium Foundation.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

(7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2026.

SECTION 18. Section 27-19-56.474, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-56.474. (1) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, * * * 2023, any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any

motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of the Mississippi Sweet Potato Council. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the department, with the advice of the Mississippi Sweet Potato Council, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the Mississippi Sweet Potato Council.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

(7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2026.

SECTION 19. Section 27-19-56.503, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-56.503. (1) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2023, any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment

of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of Thomas E. Edwards High School (formerly Ruleville Central High School). The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Principal of Thomas E. Edwards High School, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) * * * Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to North Yalobusha Charities, Inc.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

(7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2026.

SECTION 20. Section 27-19-56.506, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-56.506. (1) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2023, any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of the former Hinds Agricultural High School. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Hinds Agricultural High School Alumni Association, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) *** Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the Hinds Agricultural High School Alumni Association.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag

shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

(7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2026.

SECTION 21. Section 27-19-56.522, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-56.522. (1) (a) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of the Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Foundation. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Foundation, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag. The total number of license tags prepared under this * * * subsection (1)(a) shall not exceed one hundred fifty (150). The Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Foundation may designate the distinctive license tags to be issued to selected motor vehicle owners.

(b) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a member of the board of directors of the Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Foundation, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, and upon proof of board membership as required by the department, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a member of the board of directors of the Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Foundation. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the department, with the advice of the Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Foundation, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2020, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Foundation.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

SECTION 22. Section 27-19-44, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-44. (1) For any distinctive license tag or plate authorized by the Legislature from and after July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2002, or authorized by Sections 27-19-56.37 and 27-19-56.55, the requirements of this subsection must be met before the Department of Revenue may prepare or issue any such license tag or plate. The organization or other entity for which the Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must submit proof satisfactory to the Department of Revenue that at least one hundred (100) of such license tags or plates will be purchased and must deposit with the department an amount necessary to purchase one hundred (100) of such license tags or plates. The organization or other entity for which the Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must satisfy the requirements of this subsection (1) within two (2) years after the effective date of the law authorizing the license tag or plate in order to permit the license tag or plate to be prepared and issued.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (1) of this section, for any distinctive license tag or plate authorized by the Legislature from and after July 1, 2002, through June 30, 2007, the requirements of this subsection must be met before the Department of Revenue may prepare or issue any such license tag or plate. The organization or other entity for which the Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must submit proof satisfactory to the Department of Revenue that at least two hundred (200) of such license tags or plates will be purchased and must deposit with the department an amount necessary to purchase two hundred (200) of such license tags or plates. The organization or other entity for which the Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must satisfy the requirements of this subsection (2) within three (3) years after the effective date of the law authorizing the license tag or plate in order to permit the license tag or plate to be prepared and issued.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this section, Section 27-19-56.7, Section 27-19-56.56, Section 27-19-56.59, Section 27-19-56.85 or Section 27-19-56.94, for any distinctive license tag or plate authorized or reauthorized by the Legislature from and after July 1, 2007, the following requirements must be met before the Department of Revenue may prepare or issue any such license tag or plate:

(a) The organization or other entity for which the Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must submit proof satisfactory to the

Department of Revenue that at least three hundred (300) of such license tags or plates will be purchased and must deposit with the department an amount necessary to purchase three hundred (300) of such license tags or plates.

(b) The organization or other entity for which the Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must satisfy the requirements of paragraph (a) of this subsection (3) within three (3) years after the effective date of the law authorizing the license tag or plate in order to permit the license tag or plate to be prepared and issued. This paragraph (b) shall not apply to distinctive tags or plates issued under Section 27-19-56.154.

(4) Any distinctive license tag authorized under Sections 27-19-56.186, 27-19-56.203 and 27-19-56.315 must meet the requirements of this subsection before the Department of Revenue may prepare or issue any such license tag or plate. The organization or other entity for which the Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must submit proof satisfactory to the Department of Revenue that at least one hundred (100) of such license tags or plates will be purchased and must deposit with the department an amount necessary to purchase one hundred (100) of such license tags or plates. The organization or other entity for which the Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must satisfy the requirements of this subsection (4) within three (3) years after the effective date of the law authorizing the license tag or plate in order to permit the license tag or plate to be prepared and issued.

(5) The distinctive license tags authorized under Section 27-19-56.108 must meet the requirements of this subsection before the Department of Revenue may prepare or issue any such license tag or plate. The organization or other entity for which the Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must submit proof satisfactory to the Department of Revenue that at least two hundred (200) of such license tags or plates will be purchased and must deposit with the department an amount necessary to purchase two hundred (200) of such license tags or plates.

(6) If the organization or other entity for which the Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate meets the requirements of subsection (1), (2), (3), (4) or (5) of this section, the Department of Revenue shall prepare and issue the distinctive license tag or plate.

(7) The Department of Revenue shall review the number of distinctive or special license tags or plates issued pursuant to this chapter during the period for the license tag or plate series. If the number of any distinctive or special license tag or plate issued pursuant to this chapter falls below one hundred (100) in the last year of the license tag or plate series, the distinctive or special license tag or plate shall be discontinued at the end of the period for the license tag or plate series.

(8) If a distinctive or special license tag or plate is discontinued under subsection (7) of this section, the organization or other entity for which the license tag or plate was discontinued may prepare a distinctive or special license tag or plate decal. The distinctive or special license tag or plate decal shall be of such size, color and design as may be agreed upon by the organization or other entity and the Department of Revenue. However, the Department of Revenue shall have final approval of the size, color and design of the decal. The distinctive or special license tag or plate decals shall be prepared and sold by the organization or other entity, and the proceeds derived from the sale of such decals shall be retained by the organization or other entity for any use deemed appropriate by the organization or other entity.

(9) The provisions of this section shall not apply to distinctive or special license tags or plates:

(a) Which are issued under Section 27-19-45, 27-19-46, 27-19-47.1, 27-19-47.2, 27-19-48, 27-19-49, 27-19-53, 27-19-55, 27-19-56, 27-19-56.1, 27-19-56.2, 27-19-56.3, 27-19-56.5, 27-19-56.6, 27-19-56.9, 27-19-56.11, 27-19-56.12, 27-19-56.13, 27-19-56.40, 27-19-56.62, 27-19-56.69, 27-19-56.79, 27-19-56.90, 27-19-56.125, 27-19-56.127, 27-19-56.137, 27-19-56.140, 27-19-56.162, 27-19-56.187, 27-19-56.199, 27-19-56.205, 27-19-56.239, 27-19-56.292, 27-19-56.318, 27-19-56.379, 27-19-56.425, 27-19-56.466, 27-19-56.489, 27-19-56.522(1)(a) * * *, 27-19-56.524 or Section 8 of this act; or

(b) For which no additional fee is required to be paid.

SECTION 23. Section 27-19-56.3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-56.3. (1) (a) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is an elected member of the Mississippi House of Representatives or Mississippi Senate, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name. Each distinctive license tag issued under this section shall have displayed thereon the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi and the word "HOUSE" or "SENATE," as appropriate, and, in addition thereto, such numbers or letters, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag. The State Tax Commission shall determine the color and design of each distinctive license tag issued under this section and whether or not a county name shall be required to be displayed on the tag.

(b) Any owner of a motor vehicle who served at least two (2) complete four (4) year terms as an elected member of the Mississippi House of Representatives or Mississippi Senate, and who is receiving retirement compensation under the Public Employees' Retirement System created under Section 25-11-101, and/or the Supplemental Legislative Retirement Plan created under Section 25-11-301, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name. Each distinctive license tag issued under this section shall have displayed thereon the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi and the words "RETIRED HOUSE" or "RETIRED SENATE," as appropriate, and, in addition thereto, such numbers or letters, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag. The State Tax Commission shall determine the color and design of each distinctive license tag issued under this section and whether or not a county name shall be required to be displayed on the tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less three percent (3%) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, or if the owner retires or resigns from or otherwise vacates his membership in the Legislature, he must surrender the tag to the local county tax collector.

(4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees collected under this section into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of distinctive license tags. The State Treasurer shall distribute an amount equal to Seven Dollars (\$7.00) of the additional fees collected for each such distinctive license tag issued under this section to the State General Fund, and the remainder of such additional fees collected shall be distributed by the State Treasurer to the credit of the special fund created in Section 7-9-70.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be

surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

(7) (a) In addition to any other provisions of this section, any person eligible for a distinctive license tag under this section may, regardless of whether the person obtains such a license tag, obtain a replica tag of the distinctive license tag authorized in this section. A replica tag may not be displayed on any motor vehicle and may not be used for any motor vehicle license tag purpose. A person may obtain a replica tag from the Department of Revenue and the additional fee for the tag shall be the cost of the replica tag and any applicable shipping or delivery charge or other related charge incurred by the department.

(b) In addition to any other provisions of this section, any owner of a motor vehicle who served at least six (6) years as an elected member of the Mississippi House of Representatives or Mississippi Senate may obtain a replica tag of the distinctive license tag authorized in subsection (1)(a) of this section for which the person would be eligible to obtain if the person were serving as an elected member of the Mississippi House of Representatives or Mississippi Senate. A replica tag may not be displayed on any motor vehicle and may not be used for any motor vehicle license tag purpose. A person may obtain a replica tag from the Department of Revenue and the additional fee for the tag shall be the cost of the replica tag and any applicable shipping or delivery charge or other related charge incurred by the department.

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

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE 2022 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP OLE MISS REBELS BASEBALL TEAM; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE 2021 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP OLE MISS REBELS WOMEN'S GOLF TEAM; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF NORTHEAST JONES HIGH SCHOOL; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF MISSISSIPPI TOWING AND RECOVERY PROFESSIONALS, INC.; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF JACK AND JILL OF AMERICA, INC.; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO PERSONS WHO ARE THE UNREARRIED SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A PERSON WHO WAS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT EMPLOYEE WHO DIED WHILE ENGAGED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS OR HER OFFICIAL DUTIES OR WAS WOUNDED OR OTHERWISE RECEIVED INTENTIONAL OR ACCIDENTAL BODILY INJURY WHILE ENGAGED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS OR HER OFFICIAL DUTIES AND LATER DIED AS A RESULT OF SUCH WOUNDS OR INJURY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO PERSONS WHO ARE REGISTERED RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO PERSONS WHO ARE HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM SERVICE AS MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.549, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI ROAD BUILDERS ASSOCIATION; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE CLINTON PUBLIC

SCHOOL DISTRICT; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF MAGNOLIA SPEECH SCHOOL; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF COAHOMA COUNTY JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE CLINTON COMMUNITY NATURE CENTER; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL KING HIRAM GRAND LODGE & ELECTRA GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF EASTERN STAR A.F. & A.M., STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE CITY OF OLIVE BRANCH; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE METHODIST CURSILLO OF MISSISSIPPI; TO PRESCRIBE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ADDITIONAL FEE COLLECTED FROM THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH TAGS; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-51, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTORCYCLE LICENSE TAGS TO PERSONS WHO ARE ACTIVE DUTY AND RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OR THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD, IDENTIFYING SUCH PERSONS WITH SUCH ORGANIZATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.57, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAG IDENTIFYING THE OWNER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE AS A MEMBER OF THE CLERGY; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.70, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH AUTHORIZES THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS WITH THE WORDS "CHOOSE LIFE" CENTERED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE LICENSE TAG, TO REFLECT THE CHANGE OF THE NAME OF THE CHOOSE LIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO CHOOSE LIFE MISSISSIPPI; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.277, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS WITH THE WORDS "WE LOVE LIFE" CENTERED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE LICENSE TAG; TO REFLECT THE CHANGE OF THE NAME OF THE CHOOSE LIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO CHOOSE LIFE MISSISSIPPI; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.289, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.412, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS WITH THE WORD "ADOPTION" USED IN THE DESIGN OF THE LICENSE TAG; TO REFLECT THE CHANGE OF THE NAME OF THE CHOOSE LIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO CHOOSE LIFE MISSISSIPPI; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.417, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE WEST POINT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.448, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI AQUARIUM; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.474, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI SWEET POTATO COUNCIL; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.503, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THOMAS E. EDWARDS HIGH SCHOOL; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.506, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE FORMER HINDS AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-44, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXEMPT THE DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAG AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED TO PERSONS WHO ARE HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM SERVICE AS MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE FROM THE REQUIREMENT THAT A CERTAIN NUMBER OF SUCH TAGS MUST BE PURCHASED PRIOR TO ISSUANCE; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH AUTHORIZES THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR

VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO MEMBERS AND CERTAIN FORMER MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, TO REVISE THE PERSONS TO WHICH A REPLIC OF SUCH DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS MAY BE ISSUED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Henry Zuber III

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Mike Thompson, Joseph Thomas

On request of Rep. Zuber, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in conference report **H. B. No. 1136**:

Unanimous Consent for House Bill No. 1136, 2023 Regular Session

AMEND on line 82 by inserting the following after the semicolon:
TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.522, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MISSISSIPPI WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS FOUNDATION; TO PRESCRIBE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ADDITIONAL FEE COLLECTED FROM THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH TAGS;

On request of Rep. Zuber, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in conference report **H. B. No. 1136**:

Unanimous consent of the House and Senate is requested to make the following changes to House Bill No. 1136:

Insert the following after line 2152:

"SECTION 24. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

On motion of Rep. Zuber the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, R, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Zuber called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1140: Beer, light wine and light spirit products; revise manufacturers prohibited from having interest in wholesalers or distributors.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1140: Beer, light wine and light spirit products; revise manufacturers prohibited from having interest in wholesalers or distributors.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 67-3-46, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

67-3-46. (1) The provisions of subsection (2) of this section apply to the following entities:

(a) Any person engaged in the business of brewing or manufacturing beer or in the business of manufacturing or producing light wines or light spirit products;

(b) An officer, director, agent or employee of an entity described in paragraph (a) or (d) of this subsection;

(c) An affiliate of an entity described in paragraph (a) or (d) of this subsection, regardless of whether the affiliation is corporate or by management, direction or control.

(d) An entity that is the manufacturer of a product or substance that is infused into or becomes part of any beer, light wine or light spirit products regardless of whether the entity manufactures the final product. This provision also shall apply to all affiliated companies, wholly-owned subsidiaries or joint ventures.

(2) No entity named in subsection (1) of this section may have any interest in the license, business, assets or corporate stock of a wholesaler or distributor to whom this chapter applies, except a security interest granted to the entity of the type provided for the Uniform Commercial Code in products sold to a wholesaler or distributor until the full purchase price has been paid therefor.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 67-3-46, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE TYPES OF MANUFACTURERS OF BEER, LIGHT WINE OR LIGHT SPIRIT PRODUCTS THAT ARE PROHIBITED FROM HAVING AN INTEREST IN WHOLESALERS OR DISTRIBUTORS OF BEER, LIGHT WINE OR LIGHT SPIRIT PRODUCTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Henry Zuber III

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Lydia Graves Chassaniol, Dean Kirby

On motion of Rep. Zuber the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bailey, P, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness,

Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Sanders, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--87.

Nays--Aguirre, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Bomgar, Boyd, R. Brown, C. Criswell, Darnell, Eubanks, Evans, B. Hopkins, McCarty, Newman, Owen, Sanford, Scott, Turner, Williamson, Yancey. Total--20.

Absent or those not voting--Crawford, Currie, Haney, Huddleston, Ladner, Oliver, Robinson, Walker. Total-8.

Present--Crudup, Karriem, McCray, Rushing, Stamps, Summers. Total--6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--54

On request of Rep. Zuber, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in conference report **H. B. No. 1734**:

Unanimous Consent for House Bill No. 1734, 2023 Regular Session

AMEND on lines 9 and 355 by inserting after "1972," the following:
as amended by Senate Bill No. 2734, 2023 Regular Session,

FURTHER, AMEND on line 373 by striking "and" and inserting in lieu thereof a semicolon.

FURTHER, AMEND on line 373 by striking "to".

FURTHER, AMEND on line 378 by striking the first comma and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
; (iii) projects funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) as well as any matching funds required under ARPA;

FURTHER, AMEND on line 378 by striking "to" and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
"(iv)"

FURTHER, AMEND on line 378 by inserting at the end of the line, after "lease-purchase contract", the following:
approved by a unanimous vote of the board and

FURTHER, AMEND on line 380 by striking the following:
"and approved by a unanimous vote of the board"

Rep. Scoggin called up the conference report on the following bill:

S. B. No. 2487: Mississippi Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program; establish.

Rep. Scoggin moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bounds called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on **H. B. No. 698:** (Municipal water, wastewater and sewer services; require equity based billing based on use of.), and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Bounds moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Weathersby called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 769: Harvey Moss Wildlife Management Area at Tuscumbia; designate Tuscumbia Wildlife Management Area as.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 769: Harvey Moss Wildlife Management Area at Tuscumbia; designate Tuscumbia Wildlife Management Area as.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The wildlife management area formerly known as the Tuscumbia Wildlife Management Area, located in Alcorn County, Mississippi, shall be named the Harvey Moss Wildlife Management Area at Tuscumbia.

The Department of Finance and Administration shall erect appropriate signs and markers in a prominent place at the wildlife management area to indicate the name of the area.

SECTION 2. The wildlife management area formerly known as the Caney Creek Wildlife Management Area, located in Smith and Scott Counties, Mississippi, shall be named the Representative Richard L. "Dick" Livingston and Dale O. Windham Wildlife Management Area at Caney Creek.

The Department of Finance and Administration shall erect appropriate signs and markers in a prominent place at the wildlife management area to indicate the name of the area.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE TUSCUMBIA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA, THE HARVEY MOSS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA AT TUSCUMBIA; TO DESIGNATE THE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE CANEY CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA, AS THE REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD L. "DICK" LIVINGSTON AND DALE O. WINDHAM WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA AT CANEY CREEK; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Tom Weathersby, Gregory Holloway, Sr., Jonathan Ray Lancaster

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Neil S. Whaley, Benjamin Suber, Daniel H. Sparks

On motion of Rep. Weathersby the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A,

Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Criswell, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker.
Total-5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Weathersby called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 923: Bob Tyler Fish Hatchery; designate the fish hatchery located in North Mississippi as.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 923: Bob Tyler Fish Hatchery; designate the fish hatchery located in North Mississippi as.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Tom Weathersby, Gregory Holloway, Sr., Gene Newman

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Neil S. Whaley, Benjamin Suber, Daniel H. Sparks

On motion of Rep. Weathersby the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-6.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Bain called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 529: Department of Public Safety; revise various provisions.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 529: Department of Public Safety; revise various provisions.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 63-16-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

63-16-3. (1) The Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to in this section as "department," in cooperation with the Commissioner of Insurance and the Department of Revenue, shall establish an accessible common carrier-based motor vehicle insurance verification system to verify the compliance of a motor vehicle with motor vehicle liability policy requirements under the Mississippi Motor Vehicle Safety-Responsibility Law.

(2) The department, in cooperation with the Department of Revenue if applicable, may contract with a private vendor or vendors to establish and maintain the system.

(3) The system must:

(a) Send requests to insurers for verification of motor vehicle liability insurance using electronic services established by the insurers through the internet, World Wide Web, or a similar proprietary or common carrier electronic system in compliance with the specifications and standards of the Insurance Industry Committee on Motor Vehicle Administration and other applicable industry standards;

(b) Include appropriate provisions to secure its data against unauthorized access and to maintain a record of all requests and responses;

(c) Be accessible, without fee, to authorized personnel of the department, the courts, law enforcement personnel, and other entities authorized by the department under the provisions of Section 63-16-7;

(d) Be able to interface with existing department systems;

(e) Be able to be accessed by authorized users via a secure web browser;

(f) Not more often than every thirty (30) days, receive insurance information from insurers under specifications and standards set forth in paragraph (a) of this subsection or other data file formats as approved by the department to identify motor vehicle insurance policy information; however, no insurer shall be required to provide

information in a format other than those set forth by the Insurance Industry Committee on Motor Vehicle Administration "Insurance Data Transfer Guide," as amended;

(g) Provide a means by which low-volume insurers that are unable to deploy an online interface with the system can report insurance policy data to the department or their designee for inclusion in the system;

(h) Provide a means to track separately or distinguish motor vehicles that are subject to a certificate of insurance under Section 63-15-39 or 63-15-41, a certificate of self-insurance under Section 63-15-53, a bond under Section 63-15-49, or a certificate of deposit of money or securities under Section 63-15-51;

(i) Distinguish motor vehicles that are exempt from the provisions of this chapter;

(j) Be available twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, subject to reasonable allowances for scheduled maintenance or temporary system failures, to verify the insurance status of any motor vehicle in a manner prescribed by the department; and

(k) Be installed and operational not later than March 1, 2016, followed by an appropriate testing period of not less than six (6) months.

(4) Every insurer shall cooperate with the department and the Insurance Department in establishing and maintaining the system and shall provide motor vehicle liability policy status and information to verify liability coverage for a motor vehicle insured by that company that is registered in this state.

(5) Records and information gathered by or stored in the system are exempt from the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983.

SECTION 2. The following shall be codified as Section 45-27-23, Mississippi Code of 1972:

45-27-23. (1) In order to facilitate the authorized interstate exchange of criminal history information for noncriminal justice purposes, including, but not limited to, background checks for the licensing and screening of employees and volunteers under the National Child Protection Act of 1993, as amended, and to implement the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact, 42 U.S.C. Section 14616, the Legislature approves and ratifies the compact. The director of the Mississippi Justice Information Center shall execute the compact on behalf of the state.

(2) The department is the repository of criminal history records for purposes of the compact and shall do all things necessary or incidental to carrying out the compact.

(3) The director of the Mississippi Justice Information Center, or the director's designee, is the state's compact officer and shall administer the compact within the state. The Mississippi Justice Information Center may establish procedures for the cooperative exchange of criminal history records between the state and federal government for use in noncriminal justice cases.

(4) The state's ratification of the compact remains in effect until legislation is enacted specifically renouncing the compact.

SECTION 3. Section 45-27-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

45-27-9. (1) All criminal justice agencies within the state shall submit to the center an arrest card that will transmit fingerprints, descriptions, photographs (when specifically requested), and other identifying data on persons who have been lawfully arrested or taken into custody in this state for all felonies and misdemeanors as described in Section 45-27-7(2)(a). It shall be the duty of all chiefs of police, sheriffs, district attorneys, courts, court clerks, judges, parole and probation officers, wardens or other persons in charge of correctional institutions in this state to furnish the center with all data required by the rules duly promulgated under the Administrative Procedures Act to carry out its responsibilities under this chapter, and the duty of courts and court clerks to submit a disposition form for every disposition. It shall be the duty of all criminal justice agencies within the state to supply the prosecutor and the proper court with the disposition form that is attached to the physical arrest card if fingerprints were taken manually or, if fingerprints were captured digitally, the disposition form generated by the electronic fingerprint device at the time of the arrest. The PEER committee may conduct random review of the records of any agency or clerks referenced in this subsection (1) to determine whether the duties of such agencies and clerks are being fulfilled in a timely manner. The

PEER committee, based on its findings, if any, shall recommend measures to ensure that the duties are more effectively carried out in a timely manner.

(2) (a) All persons in charge of law enforcement agencies shall obtain, or cause to be obtained, fingerprints according to the fingerprint system of identification established by the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, full face and profile photographs (if equipment is available) and other available identifying data, of each person arrested or taken into custody for an offense of a type designated in subsection (1) of this section, of all persons arrested or taken into custody as fugitives from justice and of all unidentified human corpses in their jurisdictions, but photographs need not be taken if it is known that photographs of the type listed, taken within the previous year, are on file. Any record taken in connection with any person arrested or taken into custody and subsequently released without charge or cleared of the offense through court proceedings shall be purged from the files of the center and destroyed upon receipt by the center of a lawful expunction order. All persons in charge of law enforcement agencies shall submit to the center detailed descriptions of arrests or takings into custody which result in release without charge or subsequent exoneration from criminal liability within twenty-four (24) hours of the release or exoneration.

(b) The center will work to secure grant funds to purchase live scan equipment to be utilized throughout the state. All law enforcement agencies shall utilize any live scan equipment provided by the center to ensure the most accurate collection of fingerprints. The center shall coordinate the use of the equipment with federal, state, county and municipal law enforcement agencies.

(3) Fingerprints and other identifying data required to be taken under subsection (2) shall be forwarded within twenty-four (24) hours after taking for filing and classification, but the period of twenty-four (24) hours may be extended to cover any intervening holiday or weekend. Photographs taken shall be forwarded at the discretion of the agency concerned, but, if not forwarded, the fingerprint record shall be marked "Photo Available" and the photographs shall be forwarded subsequently if the center so requests.

(4) All persons in charge of law enforcement agencies shall submit to the center detailed descriptions of arrest warrants and related identifying data immediately upon determination of the fact that the warrant cannot be served for the reasons stated. If the warrant is subsequently served or withdrawn, the law enforcement agency concerned must immediately notify the center of the service or withdrawal. Also, the agency concerned must annually, no later than January 31 of each year and at other times if requested by the center, confirm all arrest warrants which continue to be outstanding. Upon receipt of a lawful expunction order, the center shall purge and destroy files of all data relating to an offense when an individual is subsequently exonerated from criminal liability of that offense. The center shall not be liable for the failure to purge, destroy or expunge any records if an agency or court fails to forward to the center proper documentation ordering the action.

(5) All persons in charge of state correctional institutions shall obtain fingerprints, according to the fingerprint system of identification established by the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation or as otherwise directed by the center, and full face and profile photographs of all persons received on commitment to the institutions. The prints so taken shall be forwarded to the center, together with any other identifying data requested, within ten (10) days after the arrival at the institution of the person committed. At the time of release, the institution will again obtain fingerprints, as before, and forward them to the center within ten (10) days, along with any other related information requested by the center. The institution shall notify the center immediately upon the release of the person.

(6) All persons in charge of law enforcement agencies, all court clerks, all municipal justices where they have no clerks, all justice court judges and all persons in charge of state and county probation and parole offices, shall supply the center with the information described in subsections (4) and (10) of this section on the basis of the forms and instructions for the disposition form to be supplied by the center.

(7) All persons in charge of law enforcement agencies in this state shall furnish the center with any other identifying data required in accordance with guidelines established by the center. All law enforcement agencies and correctional institutions in

this state having criminal identification files shall cooperate in providing the center with copies of the items in the files which will aid in establishing the nucleus of the state criminal identification file.

(8) All law enforcement agencies within the state shall report to the center, in a manner prescribed by the center, all persons wanted by and all vehicles and identifiable property stolen from their jurisdictions. The report shall be made as soon as is practical after the investigating department or agency either ascertains that a vehicle or identifiable property has been stolen or obtains a warrant for an individual's arrest or determines that there are reasonable grounds to believe that the individual has committed a crime. The report shall be made within a reasonable time period following the reporting department's or agency's determination that it has grounds to believe that a vehicle or property was stolen or that the wanted person should be arrested.

(9) All law enforcement agencies in the state shall immediately notify the center if at any time after making a report as required by subsection (8) of this section it is determined by the reporting department or agency that a person is no longer wanted or that a vehicle or property stolen has been recovered. Furthermore, if the agency making the apprehension or recovery is not the one which made the original report, then it shall immediately notify the originating agency of the full particulars relating to the apprehension or recovery using methods prescribed by the center.

(10) All law enforcement agencies in the state and clerks of the various courts shall promptly report to the center all instances where records of convictions of criminals are ordered expunged by courts of this state as now provided by law. The center shall promptly expunge from the files of the center and destroy all records pertaining to any convictions that are ordered expunged by the courts of this state as provided by law.

(11) The center shall not be held liable for the failure to purge, destroy or expunge records if an agency or court fails to forward to the center proper documentation ordering the action.

(12) Any criminal justice department or agency making an expenditure in excess of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in any calendar year on software or programming upgrades concerning a computerized records management system or jail management system shall ensure that the new or upgraded system is formatted to Department of Justice approved XML format and that no impediments to data sharing with other agencies or departments exist in the software programming.

(13) (a) All law enforcement agencies within the state shall:

(i) Implement an incident-based reporting system within the agency or department that meets the reporting requirements of the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) of the Uniform Crime Reporting Program of the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

(ii) Use the system described by subparagraph (i) to submit to the center information and statistics concerning criminal offenses committed in the jurisdiction of the local law enforcement agency, in a manner prescribed by the center; and

(iii) Report the information as soon as is practicable after the investigating agency or department ascertains that a qualifying crime has been committed in its jurisdiction, once the state-level NIBRS Repository is available.

(b) No later than *** December 31, 2025, state and local law enforcement agencies shall be compliant with all regulations promulgated by the Department of Public Safety's Criminal Information Center (CIC), with consultation with the President of the Sheriffs Association and Mississippi Association of Chiefs of Police with regard to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) of the Uniform Crime Reporting Program of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

SECTION 4. Section 63-1-16, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

63-1-16. (1) The Department of Public Safety shall, upon request of the board of supervisors, furnish *** a Driver Service Bureau public access computer at a location in each county seat *** to access the Driver Service Bureau website. *** The county shall furnish the *** Internet connectivity at the location for the *** Driver Service Bureau public access computer.

(** *2) At each driver's license location in the state, there shall be location signs prominently displayed providing for required information for the various licenses, cards and other services.

(** *3) On the Driver Services ** * Bureau's website, there shall be tutorial videos linked to online procedures to help clearly illustrate how to use the website.

(** *4) On the Driver Services ** * Bureau's website, the "Wait Anywhere Appointment," or its equivalent or successor program, shall be made available to use for all driver's license locations in the state.

SECTION 5. Section 45-9-101, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

45-9-101. (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided, the Department of Public Safety is authorized to issue licenses to carry stun guns, concealed pistols or revolvers to persons qualified as provided in this section. Such licenses shall be valid throughout the state for a period of five (5) years from the date of issuance, except as provided in subsection (25) of this section. Any person possessing a valid license issued pursuant to this section may carry a stun gun, concealed pistol or concealed revolver.

(b) The licensee must carry the license, together with valid identification, at all times in which the licensee is carrying a stun gun, concealed pistol or revolver and must display both the license and proper identification upon demand by a law enforcement officer. A violation of the provisions of this paragraph (b) shall constitute a noncriminal violation with a penalty of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) and shall be enforceable by summons.

(2) The Department of Public Safety shall issue a license if the applicant:

(a) Is a resident of the state. However, this residency requirement may be waived if the applicant possesses a valid permit from another state, is a member of any active or reserve component branch of the United States of America Armed Forces stationed in Mississippi, is the spouse of a member of any active or reserve component branch of the United States of America Armed Forces stationed in Mississippi, or is a retired law enforcement officer establishing residency in the state;

(b) (i) Is twenty-one (21) years of age or older; or

(ii) Is at least eighteen (18) years of age but not yet twenty-one (21) years of age and the applicant:

1. Is a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces, including National Guard or Reserve; and

2. Holds a valid Mississippi driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Public Safety or a valid and current tribal identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe containing a photograph of the holder;

(c) Does not suffer from a physical infirmity which prevents the safe handling of a stun gun, pistol or revolver;

(d) Is not ineligible to possess a firearm by virtue of having been convicted of a felony in a court of this state, of any other state, or of the United States without having been pardoned or without having been expunged for same;

(e) Does not chronically or habitually abuse controlled substances to the extent that his normal faculties are impaired. It shall be presumed that an applicant chronically and habitually uses controlled substances to the extent that his faculties are impaired if the applicant has been voluntarily or involuntarily committed to a treatment facility for the abuse of a controlled substance or been found guilty of a crime under the provisions of the Uniform Controlled Substances Law or similar laws of any other state or the United States relating to controlled substances within a three-year period immediately preceding the date on which the application is submitted;

(f) Does not chronically and habitually use alcoholic beverages to the extent that his normal faculties are impaired. It shall be presumed that an applicant chronically and habitually uses alcoholic beverages to the extent that his normal faculties are impaired if the applicant has been voluntarily or involuntarily committed as an alcoholic to a treatment facility or has been convicted of two (2) or more offenses related to the use of alcohol under the laws of this state or similar laws of any other state or the United States within the three-year period immediately preceding the date on which the application is submitted;

(g) Desires a legal means to carry a stun gun, concealed pistol or revolver to defend himself;

(h) Has not been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or has waited five (5) years from the date of his restoration to capacity by court order;

(i) Has not been voluntarily or involuntarily committed to a mental institution or mental health treatment facility unless he possesses a certificate from a psychiatrist licensed in this state that he has not suffered from disability for a period of five (5) years;

(j) Has not had adjudication of guilt withheld or imposition of sentence suspended on any felony unless three (3) years have elapsed since probation or any other conditions set by the court have been fulfilled;

(k) Is not a fugitive from justice; and

(l) Is not disqualified to possess a weapon based on federal law.

(3) The Department of Public Safety may deny a license if the applicant has been found guilty of one or more crimes of violence constituting a misdemeanor unless three (3) years have elapsed since probation or any other conditions set by the court have been fulfilled or expunction has occurred prior to the date on which the application is submitted, or may revoke a license if the licensee has been found guilty of one or more crimes of violence within the preceding three (3) years. The department shall, upon notification by a law enforcement agency or a court and subsequent written verification, suspend a license or the processing of an application for a license if the licensee or applicant is arrested or formally charged with a crime which would disqualify such person from having a license under this section, until final disposition of the case. The provisions of subsection (7) of this section shall apply to any suspension or revocation of a license pursuant to the provisions of this section.

(4) The application shall be completed, under oath, on a form promulgated by the Department of Public Safety and shall include only:

(a) The name, address, place and date of birth, race, sex and occupation of the applicant;

(b) The driver's license number or social security number of applicant;

(c) Any previous address of the applicant for the two (2) years preceding the date of the application;

(d) A statement that the applicant is in compliance with criteria contained within subsections (2) and (3) of this section;

(e) A statement that the applicant has been furnished a copy of this section and is knowledgeable of its provisions;

(f) A conspicuous warning that the application is executed under oath and that a knowingly false answer to any question, or the knowing submission of any false document by the applicant, subjects the applicant to criminal prosecution; and

(g) A statement that the applicant desires a legal means to carry a stun gun, concealed pistol or revolver to defend himself.

(5) The applicant shall submit only the following to the Department of Public Safety:

(a) A completed application as described in subsection (4) of this section;

(b) A full-face photograph of the applicant taken within the preceding thirty (30) days in which the head, including hair, in a size as determined by the Department of Public Safety, except that an applicant who is younger than twenty-one (21) years of age must submit a photograph in profile of the applicant;

(c) A nonrefundable license fee of Eighty Dollars (\$80.00). Costs for processing the set of fingerprints as required in paragraph (d) of this subsection shall be borne by the applicant. Honorably retired law enforcement officers, disabled veterans and active duty members of the Armed Forces of the United States, and law enforcement officers employed with a law enforcement agency of a municipality, county or state at the time of application for the license, shall be exempt from the payment of the license fee;

(d) A full set of fingerprints of the applicant administered by the Department of Public Safety; and

(e) A waiver authorizing the Department of Public Safety access to any records concerning commitments of the applicant to any of the treatment facilities or institutions referred to in subsection (2) of this section and permitting access to all the applicant's criminal records.

(6) (a) The Department of Public Safety, upon receipt of the items listed in subsection (5) of this section, shall forward the full set of fingerprints of the applicant to the appropriate agencies for state and federal processing.

(b) The Department of Public Safety shall forward a copy of the applicant's application to the sheriff of the applicant's county of residence and, if applicable, the police chief of the applicant's municipality of residence. The sheriff of the applicant's county of residence, and, if applicable, the police chief of the applicant's municipality of residence may, at his discretion, participate in the process by submitting a voluntary report to the Department of Public Safety containing any readily discoverable prior information that he feels may be pertinent to the licensing of any applicant. The reporting shall be made within thirty (30) days after the date he receives the copy of the application. Upon receipt of a response from a sheriff or police chief, such sheriff or police chief shall be reimbursed at a rate set by the department.

(c) The Department of Public Safety shall, within forty-five (45) days after the date of receipt of the items listed in subsection (5) of this section:

(i) Issue the license;

(ii) Deny the application based solely on the ground that the applicant fails to qualify under the criteria listed in subsections (2) and (3) of this section. If the Department of Public Safety denies the application, it shall notify the applicant in writing, stating the ground for denial, and the denial shall be subject to the appeal process set forth in subsection (7); or

(iii) Notify the applicant that the department is unable to make a determination regarding the issuance or denial of a license within the forty-five-day period prescribed by this subsection, and provide an estimate of the amount of time the department will need to make the determination.

(d) In the event a legible set of fingerprints, as determined by the Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, cannot be obtained after a minimum of two (2) attempts, the Department of Public Safety shall determine eligibility based upon a name check by the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol and a Federal Bureau of Investigation name check conducted by the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol at the request of the Department of Public Safety.

(7) (a) If the Department of Public Safety denies the issuance of a license, or suspends or revokes a license, the party aggrieved may appeal such denial, suspension or revocation to the Commissioner of Public Safety, or his authorized agent, within thirty (30) days after the aggrieved party receives written notice of such denial, suspension or revocation. The Commissioner of Public Safety, or his duly authorized agent, shall rule upon such appeal within thirty (30) days after the appeal is filed and failure to rule within this thirty-day period shall constitute sustaining such denial, suspension or revocation. Such review shall be conducted pursuant to such reasonable rules and regulations as the Commissioner of Public Safety may adopt.

(b) If the revocation, suspension or denial of issuance is sustained by the Commissioner of Public Safety, or his duly authorized agent pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection, the aggrieved party may file within ten (10) days after the rendition of such decision a petition in the circuit or county court of his residence for review of such decision. A hearing for review shall be held and shall proceed before the court without a jury upon the record made at the hearing before the Commissioner of Public Safety or his duly authorized agent. No such party shall be allowed to carry a stun gun, concealed pistol or revolver pursuant to the provisions of this section while any such appeal is pending.

(8) The Department of Public Safety shall maintain an automated listing of license holders and such information shall be available online, upon request, at all times, to all law enforcement agencies through the Mississippi Crime Information Center. However, the records of the department relating to applications for licenses to carry stun guns, concealed pistols or revolvers and records relating to license holders shall be exempt from the provisions of the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983, and shall be

released only upon order of a court having proper jurisdiction over a petition for release of the record or records.

(9) Within thirty (30) days after the changing of a permanent address, or within thirty (30) days after having a license lost or destroyed, the licensee shall notify the Department of Public Safety in writing of such change or loss. Failure to notify the Department of Public Safety pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall constitute a noncriminal violation with a penalty of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) and shall be enforceable by a summons.

(10) In the event that a stun gun, concealed pistol or revolver license is lost or destroyed, the person to whom the license was issued shall comply with the provisions of subsection (9) of this section and may obtain a duplicate, or substitute thereof, upon payment of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) to the Department of Public Safety, and furnishing a notarized statement to the department that such license has been lost or destroyed.

(11) A license issued under this section shall be revoked if the licensee becomes ineligible under the criteria set forth in subsection (2) of this section.

(12) (a) Except as provided in subsection (25) of this section, no less than ninety (90) days prior to the expiration date of the license, the Department of Public Safety shall *** send to each licensee a written notice of the expiration and a renewal form prescribed by the department. The licensee must renew his license on or before the expiration date by filing with the department the renewal form, a notarized affidavit stating that the licensee remains qualified pursuant to the criteria specified in subsections (2) and (3) of this section if necessary, and a full set of fingerprints administered by the Department of Public Safety or the sheriff of the county of residence of the licensee. The first renewal may be processed by mail "or other means as determined by the Department" and the subsequent renewal must be made in person. Thereafter every other renewal may be processed by mail to assure that the applicant must appear in person every ten (10) years for the purpose of obtaining a new photograph.

(i) Except as provided in this subsection, a renewal fee of Forty Dollars (\$40.00) shall also be submitted along with costs for processing the fingerprints;

(ii) Honorably retired law enforcement officers, disabled veterans, active duty members of the Armed Forces of the United States and law enforcement officers employed with a law enforcement agency of a municipality, county or state at the time of renewal, shall be exempt from the renewal fee; and

(iii) The renewal fee for a Mississippi resident aged sixty-five (65) years of age or older shall be Twenty Dollars (\$20.00).

(b) The Department of Public Safety shall forward the full set of fingerprints of the applicant to the appropriate agencies for state and federal processing. The license shall be renewed upon receipt of the completed renewal application and appropriate payment of fees.

(c) A licensee who fails to file a renewal application on or before its expiration date must renew his license by paying a late fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00). No license shall be renewed six (6) months or more after its expiration date, and such license shall be deemed to be permanently expired. A person whose license has been permanently expired may reapply for licensure; however, an application for licensure and fees pursuant to subsection (5) of this section must be submitted, and a background investigation shall be conducted pursuant to the provisions of this section.

(13) No license issued pursuant to this section shall authorize any person, except a law enforcement officer as defined in Section 45-6-3 with a distinct license authorized by the Department of Public Safety, to carry a stun gun, concealed pistol or revolver into any place of nuisance as defined in Section 95-3-1, Mississippi Code of 1972; any police, sheriff or highway patrol station; any detention facility, prison or jail; any courthouse; any courtroom, except that nothing in this section shall preclude a judge from carrying a concealed weapon or determining who will carry a concealed weapon in his courtroom; any polling place; any meeting place of the governing body of any governmental entity; any meeting of the Legislature or a committee thereof; any school, college or professional athletic event not related to firearms; any portion of an establishment, licensed to dispense alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises, that is primarily devoted to dispensing alcoholic beverages; any portion of an

establishment in which beer, light spirit product or light wine is consumed on the premises, that is primarily devoted to such purpose; any elementary or secondary school facility; any junior college, community college, college or university facility unless for the purpose of participating in any authorized firearms-related activity; inside the passenger terminal of any airport, except that no person shall be prohibited from carrying any legal firearm into the terminal if the firearm is encased for shipment, for purposes of checking such firearm as baggage to be lawfully transported on any aircraft; any church or other place of worship, except as provided in Section 45-9-171; or any place where the carrying of firearms is prohibited by federal law. In addition to the places enumerated in this subsection, the carrying of a stun gun, concealed pistol or revolver may be disallowed in any place in the discretion of the person or entity exercising control over the physical location of such place by the placing of a written notice clearly readable at a distance of not less than ten (10) feet that the "carrying of a pistol or revolver is prohibited." No license issued pursuant to this section shall authorize the participants in a parade or demonstration for which a permit is required to carry a stun gun, concealed pistol or revolver.

(14) A law enforcement officer as defined in Section 45-6-3, chiefs of police, sheriffs and persons licensed as professional bondsmen pursuant to Chapter 39, Title 83, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be exempt from the licensing requirements of this section.

(a) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall promulgate rules and regulations to provide licenses to law enforcement officers as defined in Section 45-6-3 who choose to obtain a license under the provisions of this section, which shall include a distinction that the officer is an "active duty" law enforcement officer and an endorsement that such officer is authorized to carry in the locations listed in subsection (13). A law enforcement officer shall provide the following information to receive the license described in this subsection: (i) a letter, with the official letterhead of the agency or department for which the officer is employed at the time of application and (ii) a letter with the official letterhead of the agency or department, which explains that such officer has completed a certified law enforcement training academy.

(b) The licensing requirements of this section do not apply to the carrying by any person of a stun gun, pistol or revolver, knife, or other deadly weapon that is not concealed as defined in Section 97-37-1.

(15) Any person who knowingly submits a false answer to any question on an application for a license issued pursuant to this section, or who knowingly submits a false document when applying for a license issued pursuant to this section, shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished as provided in Section 99-19-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(16) All fees collected by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to this section shall be deposited into a special fund hereby created in the State Treasury and shall be used for implementation and administration of this section. After the close of each fiscal year, the balance in this fund shall be certified to the Legislature and then may be used by the Department of Public Safety as directed by the Legislature.

(17) All funds received by a sheriff or police chief pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be deposited into the general fund of the county or municipality, as appropriate, and shall be budgeted to the sheriff's office or police department as appropriate.

(18) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require or allow the registration, documentation or providing of serial numbers with regard to any stun gun or firearm.

(19) Any person holding a valid unrevoked and unexpired license to carry stun guns, concealed pistols or revolvers issued in another state shall have such license recognized by this state to carry stun guns, concealed pistols or revolvers. The Department of Public Safety is authorized to enter into a reciprocal agreement with another state if that state requires a written agreement in order to recognize licenses to carry stun guns, concealed pistols or revolvers issued by this state.

(20) The provisions of this section shall be under the supervision of the Commissioner of Public Safety. The commissioner is authorized to promulgate reasonable rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.

(21) For the purposes of this section, the term "stun gun" means a portable device or weapon from which an electric current, impulse, wave or beam may be directed,

which current, impulse, wave or beam is designed to incapacitate temporarily, injure, momentarily stun, knock out, cause mental disorientation or paralyze.

(22) (a) From and after January 1, 2016, the Commissioner of Public Safety shall promulgate rules and regulations which provide that licenses authorized by this section for honorably retired law enforcement officers and honorably retired correctional officers from the Mississippi Department of Corrections shall (i) include the words "retired law enforcement officer" on the front of the license, and (ii) unless the licensee chooses to have this license combined with a driver's license or identification card under subsection (25) of this section, that the license itself have a red background to distinguish it from other licenses issued under this section.

(b) An honorably retired law enforcement officer and honorably retired correctional officer shall provide the following information to receive the license described in this section: (i) a letter, with the official letterhead of the agency or department from which such officer is retiring, which explains that such officer is honorably retired, and (ii) a letter with the official letterhead of the agency or department, which explains that such officer has completed a certified law enforcement training academy.

(23) A disabled veteran who seeks to qualify for an exemption under this section shall be required to provide a veterans health services identification card issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs indicating a service-connected disability, which shall be sufficient proof of such service-connected disability.

(24) A license under this section is not required for a loaded or unloaded pistol or revolver to be carried upon the person in a sheath, belt holster or shoulder holster or in a purse, handbag, satchel, other similar bag or briefcase or fully enclosed case if the person is not engaged in criminal activity other than a misdemeanor traffic offense, is not otherwise prohibited from possessing a pistol or revolver under state or federal law, and is not in a location prohibited under subsection (13) of this section. However, the medical use of medical cannabis by a cardholder who is a registered qualifying patient which is lawful under the provisions of the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act and in compliance with rules and regulations adopted thereunder shall not disqualify a person under this subsection (24) solely because the person is prohibited from possessing a firearm under 18 USCS Section 922(g)(3) due to such medical use of medical cannabis.

(25) An applicant for a license under this section shall have the option of, instead of being issued a separate card for the license, having the license appear as a notation on the individual's driver's license or identification card. If the applicant chooses this option, the license issued under this section shall have the same expiration date as the driver's license or identification card, and renewal shall take place at the same time and place as renewal of the driver's license or identification card. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall have the authority to promulgate rules and regulations which may be necessary to ensure the effectiveness of the concurrent application and renewal processes.

SECTION 6. Section 63-16-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, which provides for the repeal of the Public Safety Verification and Enforcement Act (Sections 63-16-1 through 63-16-13, Mississippi Code of 1972), is repealed.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-16-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXEMPT RECORDS IN THE MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE VERIFICATION SYSTEM FROM THE MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC RECORDS ACT; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 45-27-23, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO RATIFY THE NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION AND PRIVACY COMPACT AND TO DESIGNATE THE DIRECTOR OF THE MISSISSIPPI JUSTICE INFORMATION CENTER AS THE STATE'S COMPACT OFFICER; TO AMEND SECTION 45-27-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI JUSTICE INFORMATION CENTER TO PURCHASE LIVE SCAN EQUIPMENT TO BE USED FOR FINGERPRINTING BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE; TO AMEND SECTION 63-1-16, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF

PUBLIC SAFETY TO FURNISH A DRIVER SERVICE BUREAU PUBLIC ACCESS COMPUTER IN EACH COUNTY; TO AMEND SECTION 45-9-101, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH AUTHORIZES THE CONCEALED CARRY OF A FIREARM WITH A LICENSE; TO REVISE HOW LICENSE RENEWALS MAY BE SENT; TO REPEAL SECTION 63-16-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE AUTOMATIC REPEAL OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY VERIFICATION AND ENFORCEMENT ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Nick Bain, Tom Miles, Rob Roberson

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Jeremy England, Rod Hickman

On motion of Rep. Bain the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Calvert, Currie, Hines, Huddleston, Robinson, Summers, Walker. Total-8.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Owen called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 795: Shoplifting; require to calculate the total price of all shoplifting items for fine.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 795: Shoplifting; require to calculate total price of all shoplifting items for fine.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.

2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 97-23-93, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-23-93. (1) Any person who shall willfully and unlawfully take possession of any merchandise owned or held by and offered or displayed for sale by any merchant, store or other mercantile establishment with the intention and purpose of converting such merchandise to his own use without paying the merchant's stated price therefor shall be guilty of the crime of shoplifting and, upon conviction, shall be punished as is provided in this section.

(2) The requisite intention to convert merchandise without paying the merchant's stated price for the merchandise is presumed, and shall be prima facie evidence thereof, when such person, alone or in concert with another person, willfully:

- (a) Conceals the unpurchased merchandise;
- (b) Removes or causes the removal of unpurchased merchandise from a store or other mercantile establishment;
- (c) Alters, transfers or removes any price-marking, any other marking which aids in determining value affixed to the unpurchased merchandise, or any tag or device used in electronic surveillance of unpurchased merchandise;
- (d) Transfers the unpurchased merchandise from one (1) container to another; or

(e) Causes the cash register or other sales recording device to reflect less than the merchant's stated price for the unpurchased merchandise.

(3) Evidence of stated price or ownership of merchandise may include, but is not limited to:

- (a) The actual merchandise or the container which held the merchandise alleged to have been shoplifted; or
- (b) The content of the price tag or marking from such merchandise;

or

- (c) Properly identified photographs of such merchandise.

(4) Any merchant or his agent or employee may testify at a trial as to the stated price or ownership of merchandise.

(5) A person convicted of shoplifting merchandise for which the * * * total price of all items shoplifted in violation of this act is less than or equal to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) shall be punished as follows:

(a) Upon a first shoplifting conviction the defendant shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or punished by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed six (6) months, or by both, if the court finds substantial and compelling reasons why the offender cannot be safely and effectively supervised in the community, is not amenable to community-based treatment, or poses a significant risk to public safety. If such a finding is not made, the court shall suspend the sentence of imprisonment and impose a period of probation not exceeding one (1) year or a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

(b) Upon a second shoplifting conviction the defendant shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not more than * * * Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) or punished by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not less than forty-eight (48) hours, not to exceed six (6) months, or by both, if the court finds substantial and compelling reasons why the offender cannot be safely and effectively supervised in the community, is not amenable to community-based treatment, or poses a significant risk to public safety. If such a finding is not made, the court shall suspend the sentence of imprisonment and impose a period of probation not exceeding one (1) year or a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or both.

(6) Upon a third or subsequent shoplifting conviction where the * * * total price of all shoplifted merchandise is not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or greater than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), the defendant shall be guilty of a felony and fined not more than * * * Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00), or imprisoned for a term not * * * to exceed three (3) years, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

(7) A person convicted of shoplifting merchandise for which the * * * total price of all items shoplifted in violation of this act exceeds One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, punished as provided in Section 97-17-41 for the offense of grand larceny.

(8) In determining the number of prior shoplifting convictions for purposes of imposing punishment under this section, the court shall disregard all such convictions occurring more than seven (7) years prior to the shoplifting offense in question.

(9) For the purpose of determining the gravity of the offense under subsection (7) of this section, the prosecutor may aggregate the *** total price of merchandise shoplifted from *** the same or separate mercantile establishments within the same legal jurisdiction over a period of thirty (30) or fewer days.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-23-93, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE HOW THE FINES FOR THE CRIME OF SHOPLIFTING ARE CALCULATED; TO REQUIRE THAT FINES BE BASED ON TOTAL PRICE OF ALL SHOPLIFTED ITEMS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Nick Bain, Jansen Owen, Kent McCarty

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Benjamin Suber, Angela Burks Hill

On motion of Rep. Owen the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--80.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Criswell, Crudup, Denton, Faulkner, Foster, Harness, Hulum, Jackson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--34.

Absent or those not voting--Anthony, Brown, C, Holloway, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-6.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Barnett called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 912: Firearm suppressors; authorizing manufacture and possession in Mississippi and prohibit enforcement of federal laws governing.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 912: Firearm suppressors; authorizing manufacture and possession in Mississippi and prohibit enforcement of federal laws governing.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, the following words and phrases have the meanings ascribed in this subsection unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Firearm" means any device designed, made or adapted to expel a projectile through a barrel by using the energy generated by an explosion or burning substance or any device readily convertible to that use. "Firearm" does not include a firearm that may have, as an integral part, a folding knife blade or other characteristics of illegal weapons which are:

(i) An antique or curio firearm manufactured before 1899;

or

(ii) A replica of an antique or curio firearm manufactured before 1899, but only if the replica does not use rim fire or center fire ammunition.

(b) "Firearm suppressor" means any device designed, made or adapted to muffle the report of a firearm.

(c) "Generic and insignificant part" means an item that has manufacturing or consumer product applications other than inclusion in a firearm suppressor. The term includes a spring, screw, nut and pin.

(d) "Manufacture" includes forging, casting, machining or another process for working a material.

(2) A firearm suppressor is considered to be manufactured in this state if the item is manufactured:

(a) In this state from basic materials which shall include iron, steel, stainless steel, aluminum, titanium, or metal alloys which are either machined out of solid ingots or stamped out of sheets; and

(b) Without the inclusion of any part imported from another state other than a generic and insignificant part.

(3) A firearm suppressor is manufactured in this state if it is manufactured as described in subsection (2) of this section without regard to whether a firearm imported into this state from another state is attached to or used in conjunction with the suppressor.

(4) A firearm suppressor that is manufactured in this state and remains in this state is not subject to federal law or federal regulation, including registration, under the authority of the United States Congress to regulate interstate commerce.

(5) Basic material from which a firearm suppressor is manufactured in this state, including unmachined steel, is not a firearm suppressor and is not subject to federal regulation under the authority of the United States Congress to regulate interstate commerce as if it actually were a firearm suppressor.

(6) A firearm suppressor manufactured and sold in this state must have the words "Made in Mississippi" clearly stamped or etched on it.

(7) This section applies only to a firearm suppressor that is manufactured on or after July 1, 2023.

SECTION 2. (1) This section applies to:

(a) The State of Mississippi, including an agency, department, commission, bureau, board, office, council, court or other entity that is in any branch of state government and which is created by the constitution or a statute of this state;

(b) The governing body of a municipality, county, school district or other district;

(c) An officer, employee or body that is part of a municipality, county, school district or other district, including a sheriff, municipal police department, municipal attorney or county attorney; and

(d) A district attorney or other prosecuting attorney.

(2) (a) An entity described in subsection (1) of this section may not adopt a rule, regulation, order, ordinance or policy under which the entity enforces, or by consistent action allows the enforcement of, a federal statute, order, rule or regulation that

purports to regulate a firearm suppressor, as defined in Section 1 of this act, if the rule, regulation, order, ordinance or policy imposes a prohibition, restriction or other regulation that does not exist under the laws of this state.

(b) An entity or person employed by or otherwise under the direction or control of an entity described in subsection (1) of this section may not enforce or attempt to enforce any federal statute, order, rule or regulation described under paragraph (a) of this subsection.

(3) (a) An entity described in subsection (1) of this section may not receive state funds if the entity adopts a rule, regulation, order, ordinance or policy under which the entity enforces a federal law described under subsection (2)(a) of this section or, by consistent action, allows the enforcement of a federal law described under subsection (2)(a) of this section.

(b) State funds for the entity must be denied for the fiscal year following the year in which a final judicial determination in an action brought under this section is made that the entity has violated subsection (2)(a) of this section.

SECTION 3. An alleged offense under Section 97-37-1, as it existed on June 30, 2023, of concealed carrying of a muffler or silencer for any firearm, or under Section 97-37-31, as it existed on June 30, 2023, of possession of a device that is used to muffle a firearm, may not be prosecuted on or after July 1, 2023. If on July 1, 2023, a criminal action is pending for an offense described in this section, the action is dismissed on that date. However, a final conviction for an offense described in this section which exists on July 1, 2023, is unaffected by this act.

SECTION 4. Section 11-1-67, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

11-1-67. (1) The authority to bring an action against any firearms or ammunition manufacturer, distributor or dealer duly licensed under federal law on behalf of any governmental entity created by or pursuant to an act of the Mississippi Legislature or the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, or any department, agency or authority thereof, for damages, abatement, injunctive relief or any other relief or remedy resulting from or relating to the lawful design, manufacture, distribution or sale of firearms, firearm components, * * * ammunition or ammunition components to the public, shall be exclusively reserved to the state. This section shall not prohibit a political subdivision from bringing an action against a firearm or ammunition manufacturer, distributor or dealer for breach of contract or warranty as to firearms or ammunition purchased by the political subdivision, or for injuries resulting from a firearm malfunction due to defects in materials or workmanship.

(2) "Political subdivision" and "governmental entity" shall have the meanings ascribed in Section 11-46-1.

SECTION 5. Section 97-37-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-37-1. (1) Except as otherwise provided in Section 45-9-101, any person who carries, concealed on or about one's person, any bowie knife, dirk knife, butcher knife, switchblade knife, metallic knuckles, blackjack, * * * pistol, revolver, or any rifle with a barrel of less than sixteen (16) inches in length, or any shotgun with a barrel of less than eighteen (18) inches in length, machine gun or any fully automatic firearm or deadly weapon, * * * or uses or attempts to use against another person any imitation firearm, shall, upon conviction, be punished as follows:

(a) By a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six (6) months, or both, in the discretion of the court, for the first conviction under this section.

(b) By a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), and imprisonment in the county jail for not less than thirty (30) days nor more than six (6) months, for the second conviction under this section.

(c) By confinement in the custody of the Department of Corrections for not less than one (1) year nor more than five (5) years, for the third or subsequent conviction under this section.

(d) By confinement in the custody of the Department of Corrections for not less than one (1) year nor more than ten (10) years for any person previously convicted of any felony who is convicted under this section.

(2) It shall not be a violation of this section for any person over the age of eighteen (18) years to carry a firearm or deadly weapon concealed within the confines of his own home or his place of business, or any real property associated with his home or business or within any motor vehicle.

(3) It shall not be a violation of this section for any person to carry a firearm or deadly weapon concealed if the possessor of the weapon is then engaged in a legitimate weapon-related sports activity or is going to or returning from such activity. For purposes of this subsection, "legitimate weapon-related sports activity" means hunting, fishing, target shooting or any other legal activity which normally involves the use of a firearm or other weapon.

(4) For the purposes of this section, "concealed" means hidden or obscured from common observation and shall not include any weapon listed in subsection (1) of this section, including, but not limited to, a loaded or unloaded pistol carried upon the person in a sheath, belt holster or shoulder holster that is wholly or partially visible, or carried upon the person in a scabbard or case for carrying the weapon that is wholly or partially visible.

SECTION 6. Section 97-37-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, which creates the misdemeanor offense of making, manufacturing, selling or possessing a device that will muffle the report of a firearm by a person not authorized to do such under federal law, is repealed.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the date that the United States Supreme Court rules in favor of the Texas Attorney General and the State of Texas and its passage and implementation of Texas House Bill 957, 2021 Regular Session, in any appeal related to that certain case pending in the United States District Court for the North District of Texas and styled *Paxton et al v. Richardson* (4:22-cv-00143), or after ten (10) days following the date of publication by the Attorney General of Mississippi in the administrative bulletin published by the Secretary of State as provided in Section 25-43-2.101, Mississippi Code of 1972, that the Attorney General of Mississippi has determined that the United States Supreme Court has rendered binding precedent that it is reasonably probable that this act would be upheld by the court as constitutional.

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

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A FIREARM SUPPRESSOR MANUFACTURED AND REMAINING IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI IS NOT SUBJECT TO FEDERAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING FIREARM SUPPRESSORS; TO PROHIBIT STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES FROM ENFORCING FEDERAL REGULATIONS ON SUPPRESSORS MADE IN MISSISSIPPI; TO REQUIRE STATE FUNDING TO BE WITHHELD FROM ANY GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY THAT ADOPTS A RULE OR POLICY ENFORCING THE FEDERAL LAWS GOVERNING FIREARM SUPPRESSORS; TO REQUIRE THE DISMISSAL OF CHARGES OF ILLEGALLY CARRYING A MUFFLER OR SILENCER WHICH ARE PENDING ON JULY 1, 2023; TO AMEND SECTIONS 11-1-67 AND 97-37-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; TO REPEAL SECTION 97-37-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATES THE MISDEMEANOR OFFENSE OF MAKING, MANUFACTURING, SELLING OR POSSESSING A DEVICE THAT WILL MUFFLE THE REPORT OF A FIREARM BY A PERSON NOT AUTHORIZED TO DO SUCH UNDER FEDERAL LAW; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Nick Bain, Shane Barnett, Jansen Owen

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Tyler McCaughn, Mike Thompson
(No Signature)

On motion of Rep. Barnett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Zuber. Total--87.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Harness, Jackson, Karriem, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--26.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hines, Huddleston, Johnson, Robinson, Walker, Wallace, Yates. Total-8.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Bain called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2101: Criminal law; revise crimes of fleeing a law enforcement officer and carjacking.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2101: Criminal law; revise crimes of fleeing a law enforcement officer, resisting arrest and carjacking.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 97-9-72, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-9-72. (1) The driver of a motor vehicle who is given a visible or audible signal by a law enforcement officer by hand, voice, emergency light or siren directing the driver to bring his motor vehicle to a stop when such signal is given by a law enforcement officer acting in the lawful performance of duty who has a reasonable suspicion to believe that the driver in question has committed a crime, and who willfully fails to obey such direction shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned in the county jail for a term not to exceed six (6) months, or both.

(2) Any person who is guilty of violating subsection (1) of this section by operating a motor vehicle in such a manner as to indicate a reckless or willful disregard for the safety of persons or property, or who so operates a motor vehicle in a manner manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life, shall be guilty of a felony, and

upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or by commitment to the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections for not more than * * * ten (10) years, or both.

(3) Any person who is guilty of violating subsection (1) of this section, which violation results in serious bodily injury of another, upon conviction, shall be committed to the custody of the Department of Corrections for not less than * * * five (5) nor more than twenty (20) years of imprisonment.

(4) Any person who is guilty of violating subsection (1) of this section, which violation results in the death of another, upon conviction, shall be committed to the custody of the Department of Corrections for not less than * * * seven (7) nor more than forty (40) years.

(5) It is a defense to prosecution under this section:

(a) That the law enforcement officer was not in uniform or that no law enforcement vehicle used in the attempted stop was clearly marked as a law enforcement vehicle; or

(b) That the driver proceeded in a safe manner to a reasonably near well-lit public place before stopping.

SECTION 2. Section 97-3-117, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-3-117. (1) Whoever shall knowingly or recklessly by force or violence, whether against resistance or by sudden or stealthy seizure or snatching, or by putting in fear, or attempting to do so, or by any other means shall take a motor vehicle from another person's immediate actual possession shall be guilty of carjacking.

(a) A person who is convicted of carjacking shall be fined not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) and be committed to the custody of the State Department of Corrections for not less than five (5) years nor more than fifteen (15) years.

(b) A person who is convicted of attempted carjacking shall receive the same punishment as the person who is convicted of carjacking.

(2) Whoever commits the offense of carjacking while armed with or having readily available any pistol or other firearm or imitation thereof or other dangerous or deadly weapon, including a sawed-off shotgun, shotgun, machine gun, rifle, dirk, bowie knife, butcher knife, switchblade, razor, blackjack, billy, or metallic or other false knuckles, or any object capable of inflicting death or serious bodily harm, shall be guilty of armed carjacking.

(a) Any person who is convicted of armed carjacking shall be fined not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) and be committed to the custody of the State Department of Corrections for not less than ten (10) years nor more than thirty (30) years.

(b) Any person who is convicted of attempted armed carjacking shall receive the same punishment as the person who is convicted of armed carjacking.

(3) Any person convicted of a second or subsequent offense under this section shall be fined an amount up to twice that otherwise authorized and shall be imprisoned for a term of at least twice the minimum term provided for the offense and up to twice the maximum term otherwise authorized.

(4) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the minimum terms imposed under this section shall not be reduced or suspended nor shall the defendant be eligible for electronic monitoring, house arrest or intensive supervision.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-9-72, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM TERM OF IMPRISONMENT FOR THE CRIME OF FLEEING OR ELUDING A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IN A MOTOR VEHICLE; TO AMEND SECTION 97-3-117, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM TERM OF IMPRISONMENT FOR THE CRIMES OF CARJACKING AND ARMED CARJACKING; TO PROVIDE THAT THE MINIMUM TERMS IMPOSED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE REDUCED OR SUSPENDED; TO PROVIDE THAT THE

DEFENDANT SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTRONIC MONITORING, HOUSE ARREST OR INTENSIVE SUPERVISION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Jeremy England, Juan Barnett

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Nick Bain, Kevin Horan, Daryl Porter

On motion of Rep. Bain the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--79.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Criswell, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--38.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bain called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2297: Forensics laboratory and Chickasawhay Natural Gas District; revise provisions of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2297: Forensics laboratory; require approval of model of intoxilyzer equipment that is readily available to law enforcement agencies.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 63-11-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

63-11-19. A chemical analysis of the person's breath, blood or urine, to be considered valid under the provisions of this section, shall have been performed according to methods approved by the Mississippi Forensics Laboratory created pursuant to Section 45-1-17 and the Commissioner of Public Safety and performed by an individual possessing a valid permit issued by the Mississippi Forensics Laboratory for making such analysis. The Mississippi Forensics Laboratory and the Commissioner of Public Safety

are authorized to approve satisfactory techniques or methods, to ascertain the qualifications and competence of individuals to conduct such analyses, and to issue permits which shall be subject to termination or revocation at the discretion of the Mississippi Forensics Laboratory. The Mississippi Forensics Laboratory shall not approve the permit required herein for any law enforcement officer other than a member of the State Highway Patrol, a sheriff or his deputies, a city policeman, an officer of a state-supported institution of higher learning campus police force, a security officer appointed and commissioned pursuant to the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District Security Officer Law of 1978, a national park ranger, a national park ranger technician, a military policeman stationed at a United States military base located within this state other than a military policeman of the Army or Air National Guard or of Reserve Units of the Army, Air Force, Navy or Marine Corps, a marine law enforcement officer employed by the Department of Marine Resources, or a conservation officer employed by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. The permit given a marine law enforcement officer shall authorize such officer to administer tests only for violations of Sections 59-23-1 through 59-23-7. The permit given a conservation officer shall authorize such officer to administer tests only for violations of Sections 59-23-1 through 59-23-7 and for hunting related incidents resulting in injury or death to any person by discharge of a weapon as provided under Section 49-4-31.

The Mississippi Forensics Laboratory shall make periodic, but not less frequently than quarterly, tests of the methods, machines or devices used in making chemical analysis of a person's breath as shall be necessary to ensure the accuracy thereof, and shall issue its certificate to verify the accuracy of the same.

Without compromising accepted law enforcement standards and methodologies, the Mississippi Forensics Laboratory shall approve for use at least one model of a breath alcohol content instrument that is readily available to law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

SECTION 2. Section 77-15-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

77-15-1. (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, all local natural gas districts containing two (2) or more municipalities and nonmunicipal customers shall establish and maintain a board of directors composed of: (a) the mayors of each municipality within the district whose terms shall be concurrent with their terms of office as mayor; and (b) one (1) system-user from each county within the district, who shall not be a public official. The county system-user board members shall be elected by the system-users residing outside of a municipality, in the county in which such board member resides. In order to qualify as a candidate for election to the board, each person shall obtain, on a petition, twenty-five (25) signatures from system-users in the county in which such person resides. The signatures shall be of system-users residing outside of a municipality and the candidate shall be a system-user who resides outside of a municipality. The board shall call an election within fifteen (15) days after July 1, 1989, to be held within sixty (60) days from the date such election is called. From and after July 1, 2007, the procedures for, and conduct of, the election of board members of the district shall be held in accordance with the provisions of subsection (6) of this section. Those persons elected to the board shall serve until the next general election for supervisors and the election for such board members thereafter shall be held at the same time as the supervisor elections and the terms of such board members shall be concurrent with the terms of the supervisors. The board of directors, including any mayors who serve on the board, shall be entitled to compensation as follows: (a) the chairperson of the board shall receive * * * Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$550.00) per month, and (b) all other board members shall receive * * * Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$550.00) per month. The chairperson and vice chairperson shall be elected by and from the entire membership of the governing board at the first meeting in July of each year. The vice chairperson shall preside over meetings as the chairperson in the absence or incapacity of the chairperson. In addition, an official meeting may be called at any time by a two-thirds (2/3) proclamation by the board membership.

(2) Two (2) board municipal/county system-user board members who reside in his or her respective county, and must be customers of the district, and who must be system-users shall be appointed as follows for his or her initial term: (a) one (1) board

member from the county lying in the northern section of the district, appointed by the Lieutenant Governor; and (b) one (1) board member from the county lying in the southern section of the district, appointed by the Governor. The appointed board municipal/county system-user board members may be elected public officials.

The initial terms of the two (2) municipal/county system-user board members shall begin July 1, 2005, and shall serve until June 30, 2008, and thereafter the municipal/county system-user board members, as described in this subsection (2), shall be elected by the municipal and county system-users as follows: The successors in office to the board member who was appointed from the county lying in the northern section of the district shall be elected only by the municipal and county system-users who reside in that county and not by all of the system-users in the district. The successors in office to the board member who was appointed from the county lying in the southern section of the district shall be elected only by the municipal and county system-users who reside in that county and not by all of the system-users in the district.

The municipal/county system-user board members shall be compensated as prescribed in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) All board members shall file any required statements of economic interest with the Ethics Commission as required by law. This section shall not apply to any local natural gas district which leases its distribution system to an investor-owned utility company regulated by the Public Service Commission.

(4) From and after July 1, 2004, the Board of Directors of the Chickasawhay Natural Gas District shall discontinue distribution of any of the revenues of the district to municipalities within the district.

(5) The provisions of this section shall only apply to the Chickasawhay Natural Gas District.

(6) The provisions of this subsection shall govern the procedure for, and conduct of, any election of the board of directors of the district. The board may adopt any rules and regulations pertaining to the election of the board of directors of the district that are not inconsistent and do not conflict with the provisions of this subsection.

(a) Notice of the election of one or more members of the board of directors shall be sent by regular United States mail to each system-user not less than thirty (30) days and not more than sixty (60) days from the election date. The notice shall state the time, place and manner in which the system-users may vote for the board of directors.

(b) The election shall be held in a manner and according to procedures to be established by rules and regulations adopted by the board before the giving of notice of the election, and a printed copy of such rules and regulations shall accompany the notice.

(c) The rules and regulations for the conduct of the election shall include the following provisions:

(i) To qualify as a candidate, a person shall not be a public official and must be a county system-user and such person must submit to the board, not less than twenty (20) days before the election, a petition containing the signatures of twenty-five (25) system-users in the county in which the candidate resides;

(ii) Notice of the nomination of qualified candidates sent by regular United States mail to the system-users at least ten (10) days before the date of the election;

(iii) The method of voting on the date of the election shall be by personal attendance at the district's office in Waynesboro, by personal attendance at the district's office in Quitman, or by proxy;

(iv) Each system-user shall have one (1) vote, provided that when a billing for service is made to more than one (1) person at a single address or location, each such person shall be limited to casting a pro rata share of the one (1) vote to which the billing address or location is entitled; and

(v) The time of the election shall be fixed between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on a day of the week other than Sunday.

(d) A certified public accountant appointed by the board shall count all votes, whether cast by personal attendance or by proxy, and he shall certify the results of the election to the board within ten (10) days of the election.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-11-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE MISSISSIPPI FORENSICS LABORATORY TO APPROVE FOR USE AT LEAST ONE MODEL OF BREATH ALCOHOL CONTENT INSTRUMENT THAT IS READILY AVAILABLE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE; TO AMEND SECTION 77-15-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE FROM TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS TO FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS THE MONTHLY COMPENSATION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CHICKASAWHAY NATURAL GAS DISTRICT; TO INCREASE FROM TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS TO FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS THE MONTHLY COMPENSATION OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DISTRICT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Mike Thompson, Dennis DeBar, Jr.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Nick Bain, Shane Barnet, Daryl Porter

On motion of Rep. Bain the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Felsher, Huddleston, McCray, Robinson, Stamps, Walker. Total-7.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Bain called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2346: Material harmful to minors; provide for liability for any entity that distributes on the internet without age verification.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2346: Material harmful to minors; provide for liability for any entity that distributes on the internet without age verification.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The Legislature finds that pornography contributes to:

- (a) The hyper sexualization of teens and prepubescent children and may lead to low self-esteem, body image disorders;
- (b) An increase in problematic sexual activity at younger ages, and increased desire among adolescents to engage in risky sexual behavior;
- (c) Difficulty in forming or maintaining positive, intimate relationships, as well as promoting problematic or harmful sexual behaviors and addiction; and
- (d) A negative impact brain development and functioning, contribute to emotional and medical illnesses, shape deviant sexual arousal.

SECTION 2. The following words shall have the meanings described herein:

- (1) "Commercial entity" includes corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships, limited partnerships, sole proprietorships, or other legally recognized entities.
- (2) "Distribute" means to issue, sell, give, provide, deliver, transfer, transmute, circulate, or disseminate by any means.
- (3) "Internet" means the international computer network of both federal and nonfederal interoperable packet switched data networks.
- (4) "Material harmful to minors" is defined as all of the following:
 - (a) Any material that the average person, applying contemporary community standards would find, taking the material as a whole and with respect to minors, is designed to appeal to, or is designed to pander to, the prurient interest.
 - (b) Any of the following material that exploits, is devoted to, or principally consists of descriptions of actual, simulated, or animated display or depiction of any of the following, in a manner patently offensive with respect to minors:
 - (i) Pubic hair, anus, vulva, genitals, or nipple of the female breast.
 - (ii) Touching, caressing, or fondling of nipples, breasts, buttocks, anuses, or genitals.
 - (iii) Sexual intercourse, masturbation, sodomy, bestiality, oral copulation, flagellation, excretory functions, exhibitions, or any other sexual act.
 - (c) The material taken as a whole lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors.
- (5) "Minor" means any person under the age of eighteen (18) years.
- (6) "News-gathering organization" means any of the following:
 - (a) An employee of a newspaper, news publication, or news source, printed or on an online or mobile platform, of current news and public interest, while operating as an employee as provided in this subparagraph, who can provide documentation of such employment with the newspaper, news publication, or news source.
 - (b) An employee of a radio broadcast station, television broadcast station, cable television operator, or wire service while operating as an employee as provided in this subparagraph, who can provide documentation of such employment.
- (7) "Publish" means to communicate or make information available to another person or entity on a publicly available Internet website.
- (8) "Reasonable age verification methods" include verifying that the person seeking to access the material is eighteen (18) years of age or older by using any of the following methods:
 - (a) Provide a digitized identification card;
 - (b) Require the person attempting to access the material to comply with a commercial age verification system that verifies in one or more of the following ways:
 - (i) Government-issued identification; or

(ii) Any commercially reasonable method that relies on public or private transactional data to verify the age of the person attempting to access the information is at least eighteen (18) years of age or older.

(9) "Substantial portion" means more than thirty-three and one-third (^{33 1/3}) percent of total material on a website, which meets the definition of "material harmful to minors" as defined by this section.

(10) "Transactional data" means a sequence of information that documents an exchange, agreement, or transfer between an individual, commercial entity, or third party used for the purpose of satisfying a request or event. Transactional data can include, but is not limited to, records from mortgage, education, and employment entities.

SECTION 3. (1) Any commercial entity that knowingly and intentionally publishes or distributes material harmful to minors on the Internet from a website that contains a substantial portion of such material shall be held liable if the entity fails to perform reasonable age verification methods to verify the age of individuals attempting to access the material.

(2) Any commercial entity or third party that performs the required age verification shall not retain any identifying information of the individual after access has been granted to the material.

(3) (a) Any commercial entity that is found to have violated this section shall be liable to an individual for damages resulting from a minor's accessing the material, including court costs and reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the court.

(b) A commercial entity that is found to have knowingly retained identifying information of the individual after access has been granted to the individual shall be liable to the individual for damages resulting from retaining the identifying information, including court costs and reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the court.

SECTION 4. (1) The provisions of this act shall not apply to any bona fide news or public interest broadcast, website video, report, or event and shall not be construed to affect the rights of any news-gathering organizations.

(2) No Internet service provider, or its affiliates or subsidiaries, search engine, or cloud service provider shall be held to have violated the provisions of this act for providing access or connection to or from a website or other information or content on the Internet or a facility, system, or network not under that provider's control including transmission, downloading, storage, access software, or other to the extent such provider is not responsible for the creation of the content of the communication that constitutes material harmful to minors. SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO REGULATE PORNOGRAPHIC MEDIA EXPOSURE TO CHILDREN; TO PROVIDE THE LEGISLATIVE INTENT; TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS; TO REQUIRE COMMERCIAL ENTITIES THAT PROVIDE SUCH CONTENT TO HAVE AGE VERIFICATION SYSTEMS; TO PROVIDE LIABILITY FOR THOSE COMMERCIAL ENTITIES THAT DO NOT PROVIDE AN AGE VERIFICATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Brice Wiggins, Angela Burks Hill

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Nick Bain, Jill Ford, Gene Newman

On motion of Rep. Bain the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read,

Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total-112.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bomgar, Criswell. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Clark, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker, Young. Total-6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Wallace called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2353: Poll managers; increase the compensation of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2353: Elections; increase wage range for poll workers.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 23-15-227, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-227. [Effective July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023] (1) The poll managers shall be each entitled to Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00) for each election; however, the board of supervisors may, in its discretion, pay the poll managers an additional amount not to exceed * * * One Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$125.00) per election.

[Effective from and after January 1, 2024] (2) * * * The poll managers shall be each entitled to One Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$125.00) for each election; however, the board of supervisors may, in its discretion, pay the poll managers an additional amount not to exceed Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00) per election.

(3) The poll manager who shall carry to the place of voting, away from the courthouse, the official ballots, ballot boxes, pollbooks and other necessities, shall be allowed * * * up to Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for each voting precinct for so doing. The poll manager who acts as returning officer shall be allowed * * * up to Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for each voting precinct for that service. If a person who performs the duties described in this subsection uses a privately owned motor vehicle to perform them, he or she shall receive for each mile actually and necessarily traveled in excess of ten (10) miles, the mileage reimbursement rate allowable to federal employees for the use of a privately owned vehicle while on official travel.

(4) The compensation authorized in this section shall be allowed by the board of supervisors, and shall be payable out of the county treasury * * *.

(5) The compensation provided in this section shall constitute payment in full for the services rendered by the persons named for any election, whether there be one

(1) election or issue voted upon, or more than one (1) election or issue voted upon at the same time.

(6) The Secretary of State shall promulgate rules and regulations as are necessary to ensure the safety of poll managers, election commissioners, electors and their families at the voting precincts during a COVID-19 public health risk or other public health risk declared by the Governor where the appearance of such persons may result in exposure to such risk or the exposure of other persons to such risk.

SECTION 2. Section 23-15-229, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-229. The compensation for poll managers and other workers in the polling places of a municipality shall be the same as the compensation paid by the county for those services; provided, however, that the governing authorities of a municipality shall not be required to pay any additional compensation authorized by the board of supervisors. The governing authorities of a municipality may, in their discretion, pay clerks and poll managers in the polling places of the municipality an additional amount of compensation not to exceed * * * Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00) per election * * *. Such compensation shall be payable out of the * * * municipal general fund * * *.

SECTION 3. Section 23-15-239, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-239. (1) The executive committee of each county, in the case of a primary election, or the election commissioners of each county, in the case of all other elections, in conjunction with the circuit clerk, shall, in the years in which counties conduct an election, sponsor and conduct, not less than five (5) days before each election, not less than four (4) hours and not more than eight (8) hours of poll manager training to instruct poll managers as to their duties in the proper administration of the election and the operation of the polling place. Any poll manager who completes the online training course provided by the Secretary of State shall only be required to complete two (2) hours of in-person poll manager training. No poll manager shall serve in any election unless he or she has received these instructions once during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date upon which the election is held; however, nothing in this section shall prevent the appointment of an alternate poll manager to fill a vacancy in case of an emergency. The county executive committee or the election commissioners, as appropriate, shall train a sufficient number of alternates to serve in the event a poll manager is unable to serve for any reason.

(2) (a) If it is eligible under Section 23-15-266, the county executive committee may enter into a written agreement with the circuit clerk or the county election commission authorizing the circuit clerk or the county election commission to perform any of the duties required of the county executive committee pursuant to this section. Any agreement entered into pursuant to this subsection shall be signed by the chair of the county executive committee and the circuit clerk or the chair of the county election commission, as appropriate. The county executive committee shall notify the state executive committee and the Secretary of State of the existence of the agreement.

(b) If it is eligible under Section 23-15-266, the municipal executive committee may enter into a written agreement with the municipal clerk or the municipal election commission authorizing the municipal clerk or the municipal election commission to perform any of the duties required of the municipal executive committee pursuant to this section. Any agreement entered into pursuant to this subsection shall be signed by the chair of the municipal executive committee and the municipal clerk or the chair of the municipal election commission, as appropriate. The municipal executive committee shall notify the state executive committee and the Secretary of State of the existence of the agreement.

(3) The board of supervisors and the municipal governing authority, in their discretion, may compensate poll managers who attend these training sessions. The compensation shall be at a rate of not less than the federal hourly minimum wage * * * and not more than Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per hour. Poll managers shall not be compensated for more than sixteen (16) hours of attendance at the training sessions regardless of the actual amount of time that they attended the training sessions.

(4) The time and location of the training sessions required pursuant to this section shall be announced to the general public by posting a notice thereof at the

courthouse and by delivering a copy of the notice to the office of a newspaper having general circulation in the county five (5) days before the date upon which the training session is to be conducted. Persons who will serve as poll watchers for candidates and political parties, as well as members of the general public, shall be allowed to attend the sessions.

(5) Subject to the following annual limitations, the election commissioners shall be entitled to receive a per diem in the amount of * * * One Hundred Ten Dollars (\$110.00), to be paid from the county general fund, for every day or period of no less than five (5) hours accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in the performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in conducting training sessions as required by this section:

(a) In counties having less than fifteen thousand (15,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than five (5) days per year;

(b) In counties having fifteen thousand (15,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census but less than thirty thousand (30,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than eight (8) days per year;

(c) In counties having thirty thousand (30,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census but less than seventy thousand (70,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than ten (10) days per year;

(d) In counties having seventy thousand (70,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census but less than ninety thousand (90,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than twelve (12) days per year;

(e) In counties having ninety thousand (90,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census but less than one hundred seventy thousand (170,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than fifteen (15) days per year;

(f) In counties having one hundred seventy thousand (170,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census but less than two hundred thousand (200,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than eighteen (18) days per year;

(g) In counties having two hundred thousand (200,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census but less than two hundred twenty-five thousand (225,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than nineteen (19) days per year;

(h) In counties having two hundred twenty-five thousand (225,000) residents or more according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than twenty-two (22) days per year.

(6) Election commissioners shall claim the per diem authorized in subsection (5) of this section in the manner provided for in Section 23-15-153(6).

(7) (a) To provide poll manager training, the Secretary of State has developed a single, comprehensive poll manager training program to ensure uniform, secure elections throughout the state. The program includes online training on all state and federal election laws and procedures and voting machine opening and closing procedures.

(b) County poll managers who individually access and complete the online training program, including all skills assessments, at least five (5) days before an election shall be defined as "certified poll managers," and entitled to a "Certificate of Completion."

(c) At least one (1) certified poll manager shall be appointed by the county election officials to work in each polling place in the county during each general election.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 23-15-227 AND 23-15-229, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM COMPENSATION POLL WORKERS

AND BALLOT CARRIERS CAN RECEIVE ON ELECTION DAY; TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-239, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ALLOW LOCAL GOVERNING AUTHORITIES TO PROVIDE ANY FAIR AND REASONABLE VALUE OF COMPENSATION THAT SURPASSES THE FEDERAL HOURLY MINIMUM WAGE TO POLL WORKERS FOR ATTENDING REQUIRED TRAINING; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Jeff Tate, David Blount, Lydia Graves Chassaniol

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Price Wallace, Fred Shanks, Gene Newman

On request of Rep. Wallace, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in conference report **S. B. No. 2353**:

On Line 12, insert "(1)" before "Effective"
 On Line 13, strike "(1)" before "The"
 On Line 18, strike "(2)" before the word "The".
 On Line 24, strike "(3)" and insert in lieu thereof "(2)"
 On Line 36, strike "(4)" and insert in lieu thereof "(3)"
 On Line 39, strike "(5)" and insert in lieu thereof "(4)"
 On Line 44, strike "(6)" and insert in lieu thereof "(5)"

On motion of Rep. Wallace the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-4.

Present--McCray. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Powell called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1310: Elections; revise provisions related to the integrity of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1310: Elections; revise provisions related to the integrity of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.

2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section 23-15-615, Mississippi Code of 1972:

23-15-615. The Secretary of State shall be authorized to audit election procedures of the 2023, 2024, 2026 and 2027 general elections in the counties of this state. The conduct of an audit shall not create excessive interference with the general duties and responsibilities of the Secretary of State, county registrar, and county election commission.

(a) The Secretary of State shall audit all eighty-two (82) counties by randomly selecting from each of the congressional districts during the 2023, 2024, 2026 and 2027 general elections, and randomly selecting no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the total precincts or no more than five (5) precincts, whichever is less in each county. No county or precinct shall be selected for audit on the basis of race, geographical location or voting trends.

(i) If the Secretary of State finds any issues that could affect the outcome of an election or cause voters to be disenfranchised, then the Secretary of State, in partnership with the local county election officials, shall develop a plan to correct those issues, which shall include additional training.

(ii) The Secretary of State will have the discretion to randomly select the counties and precincts that will be audited, but must do so at least ninety (90) days before the election to be audited. No audit shall occur if the election is challenged as provided in Sections 23-15-927, 23-15-951 or 23-15-955. No audit shall occur until after a ballot box examination has occurred and the period to contest an election has expired, or if a runoff election occurs, the audit shall occur after the runoff election.

(b) In conducting a procedural audit, the Secretary of State shall audit the following:

(i) Procedures for testing of OMR equipment before counting ballots, including the ballots used for testing of OMR equipment, as required by Section 23-15-521;

(ii) Ballot accounting reports, seal logs, poll books, and receipt books as required to be kept by Section 23-15-519;

(iii) Absentee ballots, absentee ballot applications, and absentee ballot envelopes, along with the list provided to the resolution board, to ensure appropriate processing and counting of absentee ballots as required by Section 23-15-631 et seq.; and

(iv) Affidavit ballots and affidavit ballot envelopes, including affidavit ballot receipt book to ensure compliance with appropriate processing and counting of affidavit ballots as required by Section 23-15-573.

(c) By January 20, 2027, the Secretary of State shall provide a recommendation to the Mississippi Legislature on whether the procedures to be audited in paragraph (b) should be expanded or reduced.

(d) The Secretary of State shall develop a post-election audit manual which shall detail the policies and procedures for conducting post-election audits. The post-election audit manual shall not be altered less than ninety (90) days before an election in which the post-election audit manual shall be utilized in conducting a post-election audit.

(e) No later than one hundred twenty (120) days after the election that the Secretary of State is auditing, the Secretary of State shall compile a report of the procedural audits conducted and shall submit the report to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives and Chairmen of the Senate and House Election Committees. Prior to submitting the report, the Secretary of State shall allow the local county election officials to review the report and provide comments that will be submitted along with the report. The report shall first list all counties audited

alphabetically with any major finding which may affect the outcome of the election and whether any voters were disenfranchised, then list out a detailed report of any major or minor findings, along with recommended changes to both county and Secretary of State practices.

SECTION 2. Section 23-15-613, Mississippi Code of 1972, which provides that election commissions and county and municipal executive committees shall report residual vote information to the Secretary of State, is repealed.

SECTION 3. Section 23-15-153, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-153. (1) At least during the following times, the election commissioners shall meet at the office of the registrar or the office of the election commissioners to carefully revise the county voter roll as electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections Management System and remove from the roll the names of all voters who have requested to be purged from the voter roll, died, received an adjudication of non compos mentis, been convicted of a disenfranchising crime, failed to comply with the provisions of Section 23-15-152, or otherwise become disqualified as electors for any cause, and shall register the names of all persons who have duly applied to be registered but have been illegally denied registration:

(a) On the Tuesday after the second Monday in January 1987 and every following year;

(b) On the first Tuesday in the month immediately preceding the first primary election for members of Congress in the years when members of Congress are elected;

(c) On the first Monday in the month immediately preceding the first primary election for state, state district legislative, county and county district offices in the years in which those offices are elected; and

(d) On the second Monday of September preceding the general election or regular special election day in years in which a general election is not conducted.

Except for the names of those voters who are duly qualified to vote in the election, no name shall be permitted to remain in the Statewide Elections Management System; however, no name shall be purged from the Statewide Elections Management System based on a change in the residence of an elector except in accordance with procedures provided for by the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 and as provided in Section 23-15-152. Except as otherwise provided by Section 23-15-573, no person shall vote at any election whose name is not in the county voter roll electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections Management System.

(2) Except as provided in this section, and subject to the following annual limitations, the election commissioners shall be entitled to receive a per diem in the amount of One Hundred Ten Dollars (\$110.00), to be paid from the county general fund, for every day or period of no less than five (5) hours accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in the performance of their duties in the conduct of an election or actually employed in the performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in the revision of the county voter roll as electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections Management System as required in subsection (1) of this section:

(a) In counties having less than fifteen thousand (15,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than fifty (50) days per year, with no more than fifteen (15) additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

(b) In counties having fifteen thousand (15,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census but less than thirty thousand (30,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than seventy-five (75) days per year, with no more than twenty-five (25) additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

(c) In counties having thirty thousand (30,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census but less than seventy thousand (70,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred (100) days per year, with no more than thirty-five (35) additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

(d) In counties having seventy thousand (70,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census but less than ninety thousand (90,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred twenty-five (125) days per year, with no more than forty-five (45) additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

(e) In counties having ninety thousand (90,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census but less than one hundred seventy thousand (170,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred fifty (150) days per year, with no more than fifty-five (55) additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

(f) In counties having one hundred seventy thousand (170,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census but less than two hundred thousand (200,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred seventy-five (175) days per year, with no more than sixty-five (65) additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

(g) In counties having two hundred thousand (200,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census but less than two hundred twenty-five thousand (225,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred ninety (190) days per year, with no more than seventy-five (75) additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

(h) In counties having two hundred twenty-five thousand (225,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census but less than two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than two hundred fifteen (215) days per year, with no more than eighty-five (85) additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

(i) In counties having two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census but less than two hundred seventy-five thousand (275,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than two hundred thirty (230) days per year, with no more than ninety-five (95) additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

(j) In counties having two hundred seventy-five thousand (275,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census or more, not more than two hundred forty (240) days per year, with no more than one hundred five (105) additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year.

(3) In addition to the number of days authorized in subsection (2) of this section, the board of supervisors of a county may authorize, in its discretion, the election commissioners to receive a per diem in the amount provided for in subsection (2) of this section, to be paid from the county general fund, for every day or period of no less than five (5) hours accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in the performance of their duties in the conduct of an election or actually employed in the performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in the revision of the county voter roll as electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections Management System as required in subsection (1) of this section, not to exceed five (5) days.

(4) (a) The election commissioners shall be entitled to receive a per diem in the amount of One Hundred Ten Dollars (\$110.00), to be paid from the county general fund, not to exceed ten (10) days for every day or period of no less than five (5) hours accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in the performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in the revision of the county voter roll as electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections Management System before any special election. For purposes of this paragraph, the regular special election day shall not be considered a special election. The annual limitations set forth in subsection (2) of this section shall not apply to this paragraph.

(b) The election commissioners shall be entitled to receive a per diem in the amount of One Hundred Sixty-five Dollars (\$165.00), to be paid from the

county general fund, for the performance of their duties on the day of any primary, runoff, general or special election. The annual limitations set forth in subsection (2) of this section shall apply to this paragraph.

(5) The election commissioners shall be entitled to receive a per diem in the amount of One Hundred Ten Dollars (\$110.00), to be paid from the county general fund, not to exceed fourteen (14) days for every day or period of no less than five (5) hours accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in the performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in the revision of the county voter roll as electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections Management System and in the conduct of a runoff election following either a general or special election.

(6) The election commissioners shall be entitled to receive only one (1) per diem payment for those days when the election commissioners discharge more than one (1) duty or responsibility on the same day.

(7) The election commissioners shall be entitled to receive a per diem in the amount of One Hundred Ten Dollars (\$110.00), to be paid from the county general fund, not to exceed five (5) days for every day or period of no less than five (5) hours accumulated over two (2) or more days for those days when the election commissioners shall be required to conduct an audit of an election as provided in Section 23-15-615.

(**8) In preparation for a municipal primary, runoff, general or special election, the county registrar shall generate and distribute the master voter roll and pollbooks from the Statewide Elections Management System for the municipality located within the county. The municipality shall pay the county registrar for the actual cost of preparing and printing the municipal master voter roll pollbooks. A municipality may secure "read only" access to the Statewide Elections Management System and print its own pollbooks using this information.

(**9) County election commissioners who perform the duties of an executive committee with regard to the conduct of a primary election under a written agreement authorized by law to be entered into with an executive committee shall receive per diem as provided for in subsection (2) of this section. The days that county election commissioners are employed in the conduct of a primary election shall be treated the same as days county election commissioners are employed in the conduct of other elections.

(**10) In addition to any per diem authorized by this section, any election commissioner shall be entitled to the mileage reimbursement rate allowable to federal employees for the use of a privately owned vehicle while on official travel on election day.

(**11) Every election commissioner shall sign personally a certification setting forth the number of hours actually worked in the performance of the commissioner's official duties and for which the commissioner seeks compensation. The certification must be on a form as prescribed in this subsection. The commissioner's signature is, as a matter of law, made under the commissioner's oath of office and under penalties of perjury.

The certification form shall be as follows:

COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONER
PER DIEM CLAIM FORM

NAME: _____ COUNTY: _____
ADDRESS: _____ DISTRICT: _____
CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

	PURPOSE	APPLICABLE	ACTUAL	PER DIEM		
DATE	BEGINNING	ENDING	OF	MS CODE	HOURS	DAYS
WORKED	TIME	TIME	WORK	SECTION	WORKED	EARNED

TOTAL NUMBER OF PER DIEM DAYS EARNED
EXCLUDING ELECTION DAYS _____

PER DIEM RATE PER DAY EARNED X \$110.00 _____

TOTAL NUMBER PER DIEM DAYS EARNED
FOR ELECTION DAYS _____

PER DIEM RATE PER DAY EARNED X \$165.00
TOTAL AMOUNT OF PER DIEM CLAIMED
\$ _____

I understand that I am signing this document under my oath as an election commissioner and under penalties of perjury.

I understand that I am requesting payment from taxpayer funds and that I have an obligation to be specific and truthful as to the amount of hours worked and the compensation I am requesting.

Signed this the _____ day of _____, _____.

Signature Commissioner's

When properly completed and signed, the certification must be filed with the clerk of the county board of supervisors before any payment may be made. The certification will be a public record available for inspection and reproduction immediately upon the oral or written request of any person.

Any person may contest the accuracy of the certification in any respect by notifying the chair of the commission, any member of the board of supervisors or the clerk of the board of supervisors of the contest at any time before or after payment is made. If the contest is made before payment is made, no payment shall be made as to the contested certificate until the contest is finally disposed of. The person filing the contest shall be entitled to a full hearing, and the clerk of the board of supervisors shall issue subpoenas upon request of the contestor compelling the attendance of witnesses and production of documents and things. The contestor shall have the right to appeal de novo to the circuit court of the involved county, which appeal must be perfected within thirty (30) days from a final decision of the commission, the clerk of the board of supervisors or the board of supervisors, as the case may be.

Any contestor who successfully contests any certification will be awarded all expenses incident to his or her contest, together with reasonable attorney's fees, which will be awarded upon petition to the chancery court of the involved county upon final disposition of the contest before the election commission, board of supervisors, clerk of the board of supervisors, or, in case of an appeal, final disposition by the court. The commissioner against whom the contest is decided shall be liable for the payment of the expenses and attorney's fees, and the county shall be jointly and severally liable for same.

(** *12) Any election commissioner who has not received a certificate issued by the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 23-15-211 indicating that the election commissioner has received the required elections seminar instruction and that the election commissioner is fully qualified to conduct an election, shall not receive any compensation authorized by this section or Section 23-15-239.

SECTION 4. Section 23-15-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-5. (1) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be known as the Elections Support Fund. Monies derived from annual report fees imposed upon limited liability companies under Section 79-29-1203 shall be deposited into the Elections Support Fund. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be disbursed as provided in subsection (2) of this section. The expenditure of monies in the fund shall be under the direction of the Secretary of State as provided by subsection (2) of this section, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by the Department of Finance and Administration.

(2) (a) Monies in the fund * * * shall be distributed annually to the counties, upon appropriation of the Legislature, based on the proportion that the population of a county bears to the total population in all counties of the state population according to the most recent information from the United States Census Bureau, and held in a separate fund solely for the purpose of acquiring, upgrading, maintaining or repairing voting equipment, systems and supplies, hiring temporary technical support, conducting elections using such voting equipment or systems, employing such personnel to conduct

an election, and training election officials * * *. The counties shall ensure all computers with access to the Statewide Elections Management System are equipped with appropriate security measures to protect private information of the registered voter and the integrity of Mississippi elections, and these funds may be used to purchase such security measures.

* * *

(b) The Secretary of State shall create standard training guidelines to assist counties in training election officials with the funds authorized under * * * paragraph (a) * * * of this subsection. Any criteria established by the Secretary of State for the purposes of this section shall be used in addition to any other training or coursework prescribed by the Secretary of State to train circuit clerks, poll managers and any other election officials participating in county elections.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no monies from the Elections Support Fund shall be used by the Secretary of State or any person associated with the Office of the Secretary of State to provide or otherwise support expert testimony in any manner for any hearing, trial or election contest.

(3) From and after July 1, 2017, none of the monies deposited in the Elections Support Fund may be used to reimburse or otherwise defray any costs that the Office of the Secretary of State may incur in administering the fund.

(4) From and after July 1, 2016, no state agency shall charge another state agency a fee, assessment, rent or other charge for services or resources received by authority of this section.

SECTION 5. The following shall be codified as Section 23-15-152, Mississippi Code of 1972:

23-15-152. (1) For the purposes of this section, "confirmation notice" means a notice sent by the election commissioners, by forwardable mail, with return postage prepaid, on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State, to a registered voter to confirm the registered voter's current address. The notice shall comply with all applicable requirements of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993.

(2) The election commissioners shall send a confirmation notice to the following:

(a) A registered voter if it appears from the United States Postal Service change-of-address information that the registered voter has moved to a different residence;

(b) A registered voter if a county election commissioner or county registrar has received notice from another state, or political subdivision of another state, that the registered voter has registered to vote in another state;

(c) A registered voter who has failed to vote at least once in any election or update his or her registration during a period that begins in the year of a presidential preference primary and extends until the next general election for President of the United States that does not occur in the same year as the beginning of the period; or

(d) A registered voter if the registrar or election commissioners have received reliable information that he or she has moved within or outside of the state. Reliable information includes, but is not limited to: official mail returned as undeliverable by the county election commission, registrar or other county or municipal office, Secretary of State; application for homestead exemption filed by the voter at an address other than the address of current registration; or any information from another state or county entity indicating the voter no longer resides at the address of voter registration.

No registered voter shall be sent a confirmation notice under paragraph (c) of this subsection if he or she has been sent a confirmation notice for those same reasons within the last six (6) years.

(3) The county election commissioners shall place any registered voter who has been sent a confirmation notice on inactive status in the Statewide Elections Management System. Any registered voter who is placed on inactive status shall be unable to cast a regular ballot on election day but shall be able to cast an affidavit ballot as provided in Section 23-15-573.

(4) A registered voter "fails to respond to the confirmation notice" if the voter, during a period beginning on the date the confirmation notice was sent and ending on the

day after the date of the second general election for federal office that occurs after the date of the notice, fails to:

- (a) Respond to the confirmation notice; or
- (b) Update the elector's registration information.

A registered voter who votes at least once in any election in the registered voter's county or municipality of registration during the period beginning from the date of the delivery of the confirmation notice provided in this subsection (4) or who is active or reserve military or who serves on jury duty or responds to a summons for jury duty shall not be purged from the Statewide Elections Management System.

(5) The county registrar or county election commission shall move those registered voters who fail to respond to the confirmation notice as provided in subsection (4) of this section and who fail to vote as provided in subsection (4) of this section to purged status in the Statewide Elections Management System.

(6) No systematic list maintenance shall occur during the ninety (90) days immediately preceding a federal primary or general election which is limited to moving a voter to inactive status in subsection (2) of this section or purged status in subsection (5) of this section.

(7) The county registrar shall retain purged voter registration records after they are purged for a period that includes at least two (2) federal general elections and shall record the reason for the removal.

SECTION 6. Section 23-15-125, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-125. The pollbook of each voting precinct shall designate the voting precinct for which it is to be used, and shall be ruled in appropriate columns, with printed or written headings, as follows: date of registration; voter registration number; name of electors; date of birth; and a number of blank columns for the dates of elections. All qualified applicants who register with the registrar shall be entered in the Statewide Elections Management System. Only the names of those qualified applicants who register within thirty (30) days before an election shall appear on the pollbooks of the election; however, if the thirtieth day to register before an election falls on a Sunday or legal holiday, the registration applications submitted on the business day immediately following the legal holiday shall be accepted and entered in the Statewide Elections Management System for the purpose of enabling voters to vote in the next election. When county election commissioners determine that any elector is disqualified from voting, by reason of death, conviction of a disenfranchising crime, removal from the jurisdiction, failure to comply with the provisions of Section 23-15-152, or other legal cause, that fact shall be noted in the Statewide Elections Management System and the voter's name shall be * * * purged from the Statewide Elections Management System, the state's voter roll and the county's pollbooks. Nothing in this section shall preclude the use of electronic pollbooks.

SECTION 7. Section 23-15-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-15. (1) By January 1, 2025, the Secretary of State shall compare the entire Statewide Elections Management System to the Department of Public Safety Driver's License Database and follow the procedures outlined in subsections (2) through (8) of this section if a voter is flagged in the database as a potential noncitizen.

(2) Upon receiving a completed voter registration application, the registrar shall enter the applicant into the Statewide Elections Management System. * * * The registration application shall be compared with the Department of Public Safety driver's license and identification information. If such information indicates that a particular applicant is not a citizen of the United States, the Statewide Elections Management System shall notify the registrar, or his or her designee, that the applicant may not be a citizen of the United States.

(* * *3) After receiving the notice from the Statewide Elections Management System as provided in subsections (1) and (2) of this section, the registrar, or his or her designee, shall:

(a) Enter the applicant's information into the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service's Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) or its successor database for further inquiry; and

(b) If both the Department of Public Safety driver's license and identification information and the database in paragraph (a) of this subsection indicate that the applicant is not a citizen, send a notice by first-class mail to the applicant's mailing address provided on the voter registration application inquiring whether the individual is eligible to be registered to vote. The registrar may, in addition to first-class mail, contact the applicant by email or telephone.

(** *4) Any applicant who receives the notice under subsection (** *3)(b) of this section shall, within thirty (30) days of the receipt of such notice, provide proof of citizenship to the registrar or his or her designee.

(** *5) For purposes of this section, proof of citizenship includes, but is not limited to:

(a) The applicant's birth certificate or a legible photocopy of the birth certificate;

(b) A United States passport, or a legible photocopy of the pertinent pages of the passport, identifying the applicant and showing the passport number;

(c) The applicant's United States naturalization documentation, a legible photocopy of the naturalization documentation, or the number of the applicant's Certificate of Naturalization; except that any person who provides the number of the Certificate of Naturalization in lieu of the naturalization documentation shall not be deemed to have provided proof of citizenship until the number is verified with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services in the Department of Homeland Security or its successor; or

(d) Any document or method of proof of citizenship established by the Federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, Public Law 99-603, compiled in 8 USC Section 1101 et seq.

(** *6) If the applicant provides proof of citizenship and meets all other qualifications provided by law, the registrar shall register the applicant to vote.

(** *7) If the applicant does not reply to the notice or provide proof of citizenship, the registrar of the county, or his or her designee, where the person registered to vote shall mark the applicant as "PENDING" in the Statewide Elections Management System until the next federal general election:

(a) A voter in pending status may cast an affidavit ballot. The affidavit ballot shall be considered if the voter provides the required documentation under subsection ** *(5) of this section to the registrar within five (5) days of casting the affidavit ballot.

(b) If the applicant fails to respond to the notice or cast an affidavit ballot and provide the proof described in subsection ** *(5) of this section by the next federal general election, the registrar shall mark the applicant as "REJECTED" in the Statewide Elections Management System.

(8) All documentation provided to show proof of citizenship as well as the Department of Public Safety database or relevant federal and state agency and county records shall be confidential and shall not be subject to inspection, examination, copying or reproduction under the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983.

SECTION 8. Section 23-15-165, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-165. (1) The Office of the Secretary of State, in cooperation with the county registrars and election commissioners, shall procure, implement and maintain an electronic information processing system and programs capable of maintaining a centralized database of all registered voters in the state. The system shall encompass software and hardware, at both the state and county level, software development training, conversion and support and maintenance for the system. The Secretary of State shall equip the Statewide Elections Management System with appropriate security measures to protect private information of the registered voter and the integrity of Mississippi elections. This system shall be known as the "Statewide Elections Management System" and shall constitute the official record of registered voters in every county of the state.

(2) The Office of the Secretary of State shall develop and implement the Statewide Elections Management System so that the registrar and election commissioners of each county shall:

(a) Verify that an applicant that is registering to vote in that county is not registered to vote in another county;

(b) Be notified automatically that a registered voter in its county has registered to vote in another county;

(c) Receive regular reports of death, changes of address and convictions for disenfranchising crimes that apply to voters registered in the county; * * *

(d) Retain all present functionality related to, but not limited to, the use of voter roll data and to implement such other functionality as the law requires to enhance the maintenance of accurate county voter records and related jury selection and redistricting programs * * *; and

(e) When evidence exists that a registered voter may not be a citizen of the United States as provided in Section 23-15-15, send notification to the registrar of the location where the person is registered to vote.

(3) As a part of the procurement and implementation of the system, the Office of the Secretary of State shall, with the assistance of the advisory committee, procure services necessary to convert current voter registration records in the counties into a standard, industry accepted file format that can be used on the Statewide Elections Management System. Thereafter, all official voter information shall be maintained on the Statewide Elections Management System. The standard industry accepted format of data was reviewed and approved by a majority of the advisory committee created in subsection (5) of this section after consultation with the Circuit Clerks Association and the format may not be changed without consulting the Circuit Clerks Association.

(4) The Secretary of State may, with the assistance of the advisory committee, adopt rules and regulations necessary to administer the Statewide Elections Management System. The rules and regulations shall at least:

(a) Provide for the establishment and maintenance of a centralized database for all voter registration information in the state;

(b) Provide procedures for integrating data into the centralized database;

(c) Provide security to ensure that only the registrar, or his or her designee or other appropriate official, as the law may require, can add information to, delete information from and modify information in the system;

(d) Provide the registrar or his or her designee or other appropriate official, as the law may require, access to the system at all times, including the ability to download copies of the industry standard file, for all purposes related to their official duties, including, but not limited to, exclusive access for the purpose of printing all local pollbooks;

(e) Provide security and protection of all information in the system and monitor the system to ensure that unauthorized access is not allowed;

(f) Provide a procedure that will allow the registrar, or his or her designee or other appropriate official, as the law may require, to identify the precinct to which a voter should be assigned; and

(g) Provide a procedure for phasing in or converting existing manual and computerized voter registration systems in counties to the Statewide Elections Management System.

(5) The Secretary of State established an advisory committee to assist in developing system specifications, procurement, implementation and maintenance of the Statewide Elections Management System. The committee included two (2) representatives from the Circuit Clerks Association, appointed by the association; two (2) representatives from the Election Commissioners Association of Mississippi, appointed by the association; one (1) member of the Mississippi Association of Supervisors, or its staff, appointed by the association; the Director of the Stennis Institute of Government at Mississippi State University, or his or her designee; the Executive Director of the Department of Information Technology Services, or his or her designee; two (2) persons knowledgeable about elections and information technology appointed by the Secretary of State; and the Secretary of State, who shall serve as the chair of the advisory committee.

(6) (a) Social security numbers, telephone numbers, email addresses, and date of birth and age information in statewide, district, county and municipal voter

registration files shall be exempt from and shall not be subject to inspection, examination, copying or reproduction under the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983.

(b) Copies of statewide, district, county or municipal voter registration files, excluding social security numbers, telephone numbers, email addresses, and date of birth and age information, shall be provided to any person in accordance with the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983 at a cost not to exceed the actual cost of production.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 2024.

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

AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 23-15-615, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO AUDIT ELECTION PROCEDURES OF THE 2023, 2024, 2026 AND 2027 GENERAL ELECTIONS IN THE COUNTIES OF THE STATE; TO PROVIDE HOW THE COUNTIES SHALL BE SELECTED; TO PROVIDE WHAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY AUDIT DURING A PROCEDURAL AUDIT; TO REQUIRE THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO CREATE A POST-ELECTION AUDIT MANUAL; TO REQUIRE THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO COMPILE A REPORT OF THE PROCEDURAL AUDITS; TO REPEAL SECTION 23-15-613, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES THAT ELECTION COMMISSIONS AND COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES SHALL REPORT RESIDUAL VOTE INFORMATION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE; TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-153, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE ELECTION COMMISSIONERS TO RECEIVE A PER DIEM OF \$110 FOR CONDUCTING AN AUDIT OF AN ELECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE HOW THE MONIES IN THE ELECTIONS SUPPORT FUND ARE DISTRIBUTED; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 23-15-152, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT AN ELECTOR WHO FAILS TO RESPOND TO A CONFIRMATION NOTICE AND WHO FAILS TO VOTE DURING A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE STATEWIDE ELECTIONS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM; TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR "CONFIRMATION NOTICE" AND "FAILS TO RESPOND TO THE CONFIRMATION NOTICE"; TO PROVIDE THOSE REGISTERED VOTERS WHO SHALL RECEIVE CONFIRMATION NOTICES; TO PROVIDE THAT A REGISTERED VOTER WHO IS MAILED A CONFIRMATION NOTICE SHALL BE PLACED ON INACTIVE STATUS IN THE STATEWIDE ELECTIONS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM BUT SHALL BE ABLE TO VOTE BY AFFIDAVIT BALLOT; TO PROVIDE THE TIME FOR REMOVAL OF VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RETENTION OF REMOVED VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS; TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-125, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING SECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT BY JANUARY 1, 2025, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL COMPARE THE ENTIRE STATEWIDE ELECTION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY DRIVER'S LICENSE DATABASE; TO PROVIDE THAT ALL DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED TO SHOW PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THE MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC RECORDS ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-165, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING SECTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Price Wallace, Dan Eubanks, Brent Powell

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Jeff Tate, David Parker, Joey Fillingane

Rep. Summers moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference , which motion failed by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--39.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Zuber. Total--74.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Cockerham, Evans, M, Huddleston, Miles, Robinson, Walker, Yates. Total-8.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

On motion of Rep. Powell the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, R, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Zuber. Total--72.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Miles, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--42.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Evans, M, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-5.

Present--Busby, Yates. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Bain called up the conference report on the following bill:

S. B. No. 2343: Department of Public Safety; revise jurisdiction of.

Rep. Bain moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Representative Currie called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on **H. B. No. 419:** (Tourism; provide assistance to destination marketing organizations and other entities.), and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Currie moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Boyd (19th) called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2053: Deficit Prevention Act; require state agencies to notify certain officials when likelihood of a deficit exists.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2053: Deficit Prevention Act; require state agencies to notify certain officials when likelihood of a deficit exists.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: John A. Polk, Mike Thompson, Angela Turner-Ford

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Randy P. Boyd, Noah Sanford, Jerry R. Turner

On motion of Rep. Boyd (19th) the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker.
Total-5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Boyd (19th) called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2054: Appointed state officers; provide for the removal of for certain forms of willful neglect.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2054: Appointed state officers; provide for the removal of for certain forms of willful neglect.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 2.

2. That the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: John A. Polk, Kevin Blackwell, Jenifer B. Branning

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Randy P. Boyd, Joseph Tubb, Jerry R. Turner

On motion of Rep. Boyd (19th) the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--97.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Blackmon, Osborne, Porter, Taylor, Watson, Young. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Clark, Huddleston, Robinson, Scott, Walker. Total-6.

Present--Brown, B, Evans, B, Faulkner, Hulum, Jackson, Karriem, McCray, Stamps, Thompson. Total--9.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--53

Rep. Boyd (19th) called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2514: Secretary of State; clarify authority to transfer land records to Department of Archives and History.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2514: Secretary of State; clarify authority to transfer land records to Department of Archives and History.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: John A. Polk, David Parker, David Blount

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Randy P. Boyd, Robin Robinson, Stacey Hobgood-Wilkes

On motion of Rep. Boyd (19th) the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham,

Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Boyd (19th) called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2538: Mississippi Regional Pre-Need Disaster Clean Up Act; create.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2538: Mississippi Regional Pre-Need Disaster Clean Up Act; create.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Mississippi Regional Pre-Need Disaster Clean Up Act."

(2) For the purposes of this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Disaster-related" means arising out of a severe weather event or other emergency as declared by the Governor.

(b) "Pre-Need" means a contract entered into in advance of the need for the goods or services, such that the contracted entity is retained before the need for performance of the contract.

SECTION 2. It is the intent of the Mississippi Legislature that counties and municipalities be authorized to participate in regional pre-need contracts, negotiated in advance by the State after a public bidding process, for disaster-related solid waste collection, disposal, and monitoring, such that the citizens of those counties and municipalities will be quickly and adequately served while recovering from the disaster.

SECTION 3. Section 31-7-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 249, 2023 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

31-7-13. All agencies and governing authorities shall purchase their commodities and printing; contract for garbage collection or disposal; contract for solid waste collection or disposal; contract for sewage collection or disposal; contract for public construction; and contract for rentals as herein provided.

(a) Bidding procedure for purchases not over \$5,000.00. Purchases which do not involve an expenditure of more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), exclusive of freight or shipping charges, may be made without advertising or otherwise requesting competitive bids. However, nothing contained in this paragraph (a) shall be construed to prohibit any agency or governing authority from establishing procedures which require competitive bids on purchases of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or less.

(b) Bidding procedure for purchases over \$5,000.00 but not over \$75,000.00. Purchases which involve an expenditure of more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) but not more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), exclusive of freight and shipping charges, may be made from the lowest and best bidder without publishing or posting advertisement for bids, provided at least two (2) competitive written bids have been obtained. Any state agency or community or junior college purchasing commodities or procuring construction pursuant to this paragraph (b) may authorize its purchasing agent, or his designee, to accept the lowest competitive written bid under Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00). Any governing authority purchasing commodities pursuant to this paragraph (b) may authorize its purchasing agent, or his designee, with regard to governing authorities other than counties, or its purchase clerk, or his designee, with regard to counties, to accept the lowest and best competitive written bid. Such authorization shall be made in writing by the governing authority and shall be maintained on file in the primary office of the agency and recorded in the official minutes of the governing authority, as appropriate. The purchasing agent or the purchase clerk, or his designee, as the case may be, and not the governing authority, shall be liable for any penalties and/or damages as may be imposed by law for any act or omission of the purchasing agent or purchase clerk, or his designee, constituting a violation of law in accepting any bid without approval by the governing authority. The term "competitive written bid" shall mean a bid submitted on a bid form furnished by the buying agency or governing authority and signed by authorized personnel representing the vendor, or a bid submitted on a vendor's letterhead or identifiable bid form and signed by authorized personnel representing the vendor. "Competitive" shall mean that the bids are developed based upon comparable identification of the needs and are developed independently and without knowledge of other bids or prospective bids. Any bid item for construction in excess of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) shall be broken down by components to provide detail of component description and pricing. These details shall be submitted with the written bids and become part of the bid evaluation criteria. Bids may be submitted by facsimile, electronic mail or other generally accepted method of information distribution. Bids submitted by electronic transmission shall not require the signature of the vendor's representative unless required by agencies or governing authorities.

(c) Bidding procedure for purchases over \$75,000.00.

(i) Publication requirement.

1. Purchases which involve an expenditure of more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), exclusive of freight and shipping charges, may be made from the lowest and best bidder after advertising for competitive bids once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a regular newspaper published in the county or municipality in which such agency or governing authority is located. However, all American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) shall be bid. All references to American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects in this section shall not apply to programs identified in Division B of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

2. Reverse auctions shall be the primary method for receiving bids during the bidding process. If a purchasing entity determines that a reverse auction is not in the best interest of the state, then that determination must be approved by the Public Procurement Review Board. The purchasing entity shall submit a detailed explanation of why a reverse auction would not be in the best interest of the state and present an alternative process to be approved by the Public Procurement Review Board. If the Public Procurement Review Board authorizes the purchasing entity to solicit bids with a method other than reverse auction, then the purchasing entity may designate the other methods by which the bids will be received, including, but not limited to, bids sealed in an envelope, bids received electronically in a secure system, or bids received by any other method that promotes open competition and has been approved by

the Office of Purchasing and Travel. However, reverse auction shall not be used for any public contract for design, construction, improvement, repair or remodeling of any public facilities, including the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment or goods for same and including buildings, roads and bridges. The Public Procurement Review Board must approve any contract entered into by alternative process. The provisions of this item 2 shall not apply to the individual state institutions of higher learning. The provisions of this item 2 requiring reverse auction as the primary method of receiving bids shall not apply to term contract purchases as provided in paragraph (n) of this section; however, a purchasing entity may, in its discretion, utilize reverse auction for such purchases. The provisions of this item 2 shall not apply to individual public schools, including public charter schools and public school districts, only when purchasing copyrighted educational supplemental materials and software as a service product. For such purchases, a local school board may authorize a purchasing entity in its jurisdiction to use a Request for Qualifications which promotes open competition and meets the requirements of the Office of Purchasing and Travel.

3. The date as published for the bid opening shall not be less than seven (7) working days after the last published notice; however, if the purchase involves a construction project in which the estimated cost is in excess of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), such bids shall not be opened in less than fifteen (15) working days after the last notice is published and the notice for the purchase of such construction shall be published once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks. However, all American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) shall be bid. For any projects in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, publication shall be made one (1) time and the bid opening for construction projects shall not be less than ten (10) working days after the date of the published notice. The notice of intention to let contracts or purchase equipment shall state the time and place at which bids shall be received, list the contracts to be made or types of equipment or supplies to be purchased, and, if all plans and/or specifications are not published, refer to the plans and/or specifications on file. If there is no newspaper published in the county or municipality, then such notice shall be given by posting same at the courthouse, or for municipalities at the city hall, and at two (2) other public places in the county or municipality, and also by publication once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in some newspaper having a general circulation in the county or municipality in the above-provided manner. On the same date that the notice is submitted to the newspaper for publication, the agency or governing authority involved shall mail written notice to, or provide electronic notification to the main office of the Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program under the Mississippi Development Authority that contains the same information as that in the published notice. Submissions received by the Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program for projects funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act shall be displayed on a separate and unique Internet web page accessible to the public and maintained by the Mississippi Development Authority for the Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program. Those American Recovery and Reinvestment Act related submissions shall be publicly posted within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt by the Mississippi Development Authority and the bid opening shall not occur until the submission has been posted for ten (10) consecutive days. The Department of Finance and Administration shall maintain information regarding contracts and other expenditures from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, on a unique Internet web page accessible to the public. The Department of Finance and Administration shall promulgate rules regarding format, content and deadlines, unless otherwise specified by law, of the posting of award notices, contract execution and subsequent amendments, links to the contract documents, expenditures against the awarded contracts and general expenditures of funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Within one (1) working day of the contract award, the agency or governing authority shall post to the designated web page maintained by the Department of Finance and Administration, notice of the award, including the award recipient, the contract amount, and a brief summary of the contract in accordance with rules promulgated by the department. Within one (1) working day of the contract execution, the agency or governing authority shall post to the designated web page maintained by the

Department of Finance and Administration a summary of the executed contract and make a copy of the appropriately redacted contract documents available for linking to the designated web page in accordance with the rules promulgated by the department. The information provided by the agency or governing authority shall be posted to the web page for the duration of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding or until the project is completed, whichever is longer.

(ii) Bidding process amendment procedure. If all plans and/or specifications are published in the notification, then the plans and/or specifications may not be amended. If all plans and/or specifications are not published in the notification, then amendments to the plans/specifications, bid opening date, bid opening time and place may be made, provided that the agency or governing authority maintains a list of all prospective bidders who are known to have received a copy of the bid documents and all such prospective bidders are sent copies of all amendments. This notification of amendments may be made via mail, facsimile, electronic mail or other generally accepted method of information distribution. No addendum to bid specifications may be issued within two (2) working days of the time established for the receipt of bids unless such addendum also amends the bid opening to a date not less than five (5) working days after the date of the addendum.

(iii) Filing requirement. In all cases involving governing authorities, before the notice shall be published or posted, the plans or specifications for the construction or equipment being sought shall be filed with the clerk of the board of the governing authority. In addition to these requirements, a bid file shall be established which shall indicate those vendors to whom such solicitations and specifications were issued, and such file shall also contain such information as is pertinent to the bid.

(iv) Specification restrictions.

1. Specifications pertinent to such bidding shall be written so as not to exclude comparable equipment of domestic manufacture. However, if valid justification is presented, the Department of Finance and Administration or the board of a governing authority may approve a request for specific equipment necessary to perform a specific job. Further, such justification, when placed on the minutes of the board of a governing authority, may serve as authority for that governing authority to write specifications to require a specific item of equipment needed to perform a specific job. In addition to these requirements, from and after July 1, 1990, vendors of relocatable classrooms and the specifications for the purchase of such relocatable classrooms published by local school boards shall meet all pertinent regulations of the State Board of Education, including prior approval of such bid by the State Department of Education.

2. Specifications for construction projects may include an allowance for commodities, equipment, furniture, construction materials or systems in which prospective bidders are instructed to include in their bids specified amounts for such items so long as the allowance items are acquired by the vendor in a commercially reasonable manner and approved by the agency/governing authority. Such acquisitions shall not be made to circumvent the public purchasing laws.

(v) Electronic bids. Agencies and governing authorities shall provide a secure electronic interactive system for the submittal of bids requiring competitive bidding that shall be an additional bidding option for those bidders who choose to submit their bids electronically. The Department of Finance and Administration shall provide, by regulation, the standards that agencies must follow when receiving electronic bids. Agencies and governing authorities shall make the appropriate provisions necessary to accept electronic bids from those bidders who choose to submit their bids electronically for all purchases requiring competitive bidding under this section. Any special condition or requirement for the electronic bid submission shall be specified in the advertisement for bids required by this section. Agencies or governing authorities that are currently without available high speed Internet access shall be exempt from the requirement of this subparagraph (v) until such time that high speed Internet access becomes available. Any county having a population of less than twenty thousand (20,000) shall be exempt from the provisions of this subparagraph (v). Any municipality having a population of less than ten thousand (10,000) shall be exempt from the provisions of this subparagraph (v). The provisions of this subparagraph (v) shall not require any bidder to

submit bids electronically. When construction bids are submitted electronically, the requirement for including a certificate of responsibility, or a statement that the bid enclosed does not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), on the exterior of the bid envelope as indicated in Section 31-3-21(1) and (2) shall be deemed in compliance with by including same as an attachment with the electronic bid submittal.

(d) Lowest and best bid decision procedure.

(i) Decision procedure. Purchases may be made from the lowest and best bidder. In determining the lowest and best bid, freight and shipping charges shall be included. Life-cycle costing, total cost bids, warranties, guaranteed buy-back provisions and other relevant provisions may be included in the best bid calculation. All best bid procedures for state agencies must be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration. If any governing authority accepts a bid other than the lowest bid actually submitted, it shall place on its minutes detailed calculations and narrative summary showing that the accepted bid was determined to be the lowest and best bid, including the dollar amount of the accepted bid and the dollar amount of the lowest bid. No agency or governing authority shall accept a bid based on items not included in the specifications.

(ii) Decision procedure for Certified Purchasing Offices. In addition to the decision procedure set forth in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (d), Certified Purchasing Offices may also use the following procedure: Purchases may be made from the bidder offering the best value. In determining the best value bid, freight and shipping charges shall be included. Life-cycle costing, total cost bids, warranties, guaranteed buy-back provisions, documented previous experience, training costs and other relevant provisions, including, but not limited to, a bidder having a local office and inventory located within the jurisdiction of the governing authority, may be included in the best value calculation. This provision shall authorize Certified Purchasing Offices to utilize a Request For Proposals (RFP) process when purchasing commodities. All best value procedures for state agencies must be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration. No agency or governing authority shall accept a bid based on items or criteria not included in the specifications.

(iii) Decision procedure for Mississippi Landmarks. In addition to the decision procedure set forth in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (d), where purchase involves renovation, restoration, or both, of the State Capitol Building or any other historical building designated for at least five (5) years as a Mississippi Landmark by the Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History under the authority of Sections 39-7-7 and 39-7-11, the agency or governing authority may use the following procedure: Purchases may be made from the lowest and best prequalified bidder. Prequalification of bidders shall be determined not less than fifteen (15) working days before the first published notice of bid opening. Prequalification criteria shall be limited to bidder's knowledge and experience in historical restoration, preservation and renovation. In determining the lowest and best bid, freight and shipping charges shall be included. Life-cycle costing, total cost bids, warranties, guaranteed buy-back provisions and other relevant provisions may be included in the best bid calculation. All best bid and prequalification procedures for state agencies must be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration. If any governing authority accepts a bid other than the lowest bid actually submitted, it shall place on its minutes detailed calculations and narrative summary showing that the accepted bid was determined to be the lowest and best bid, including the dollar amount of the accepted bid and the dollar amount of the lowest bid. No agency or governing authority shall accept a bid based on items not included in the specifications.

(iv) Construction project negotiations authority. If the lowest and best bid is not more than ten percent (10%) above the amount of funds allocated for a public construction or renovation project, then the agency or governing authority shall be permitted to negotiate with the lowest bidder in order to enter into a contract for an amount not to exceed the funds allocated.

(e) Lease-purchase authorization. For the purposes of this section, the term "equipment" shall mean equipment, furniture and, if applicable, associated software and other applicable direct costs associated with the acquisition. Any lease-purchase of equipment which an agency is not required to lease-purchase under

the master lease-purchase program pursuant to Section 31-7-10 and any lease-purchase of equipment which a governing authority elects to lease-purchase may be acquired by a lease-purchase agreement under this paragraph (e). Lease-purchase financing may also be obtained from the vendor or from a third-party source after having solicited and obtained at least two (2) written competitive bids, as defined in paragraph (b) of this section, for such financing without advertising for such bids. Solicitation for the bids for financing may occur before or after acceptance of bids for the purchase of such equipment or, where no such bids for purchase are required, at any time before the purchase thereof. No such lease-purchase agreement shall be for an annual rate of interest which is greater than the overall maximum interest rate to maturity on general obligation indebtedness permitted under Section 75-17-101, and the term of such lease-purchase agreement shall not exceed the useful life of equipment covered thereby as determined according to the upper limit of the asset depreciation range (ADR) guidelines for the Class Life Asset Depreciation Range System established by the Internal Revenue Service pursuant to the United States Internal Revenue Code and regulations thereunder as in effect on December 31, 1980, or comparable depreciation guidelines with respect to any equipment not covered by ADR guidelines. Any lease-purchase agreement entered into pursuant to this paragraph (e) may contain any of the terms and conditions which a master lease-purchase agreement may contain under the provisions of Section 31-7-10(5), and shall contain an annual allocation dependency clause substantially similar to that set forth in Section 31-7-10(8). Each agency or governing authority entering into a lease-purchase transaction pursuant to this paragraph (e) shall maintain with respect to each such lease-purchase transaction the same information as required to be maintained by the Department of Finance and Administration pursuant to Section 31-7-10(13). However, nothing contained in this section shall be construed to permit agencies to acquire items of equipment with a total acquisition cost in the aggregate of less than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) by a single lease-purchase transaction. All equipment, and the purchase thereof by any lessor, acquired by lease-purchase under this paragraph and all lease-purchase payments with respect thereto shall be exempt from all Mississippi sales, use and ad valorem taxes. Interest paid on any lease-purchase agreement under this section shall be exempt from State of Mississippi income taxation.

(f) Alternate bid authorization. When necessary to ensure ready availability of commodities for public works and the timely completion of public projects, no more than two (2) alternate bids may be accepted by a governing authority for commodities. No purchases may be made through use of such alternate bids procedure unless the lowest and best bidder cannot deliver the commodities contained in his bid. In that event, purchases of such commodities may be made from one (1) of the bidders whose bid was accepted as an alternate.

(g) Construction contract change authorization. In the event a determination is made by an agency or governing authority after a construction contract is let that changes or modifications to the original contract are necessary or would better serve the purpose of the agency or the governing authority, such agency or governing authority may, in its discretion, order such changes pertaining to the construction that are necessary under the circumstances without the necessity of further public bids; provided that such change shall be made in a commercially reasonable manner and shall not be made to circumvent the public purchasing statutes. In addition to any other authorized person, the architect or engineer hired by an agency or governing authority with respect to any public construction contract shall have the authority, when granted by an agency or governing authority, to authorize changes or modifications to the original contract without the necessity of prior approval of the agency or governing authority when any such change or modification is less than one percent (1%) of the total contract amount. The agency or governing authority may limit the number, manner or frequency of such emergency changes or modifications.

(h) Petroleum purchase alternative. In addition to other methods of purchasing authorized in this chapter, when any agency or governing authority shall have a need for gas, diesel fuel, oils and/or other petroleum products in excess of the amount set forth in paragraph (a) of this section, such agency or governing authority may purchase the commodity after having solicited and obtained at least two (2) competitive written bids, as defined in paragraph (b) of this section. If two (2) competitive written bids are not

obtained, the entity shall comply with the procedures set forth in paragraph (c) of this section. In the event any agency or governing authority shall have advertised for bids for the purchase of gas, diesel fuel, oils and other petroleum products and coal and no acceptable bids can be obtained, such agency or governing authority is authorized and directed to enter into any negotiations necessary to secure the lowest and best contract available for the purchase of such commodities.

(i) Road construction petroleum products price adjustment clause authorization. Any agency or governing authority authorized to enter into contracts for the construction, maintenance, surfacing or repair of highways, roads or streets, may include in its bid proposal and contract documents a price adjustment clause with relation to the cost to the contractor, including taxes, based upon an industry-wide cost index, of petroleum products including asphalt used in the performance or execution of the contract or in the production or manufacture of materials for use in such performance. Such industry-wide index shall be established and published monthly by the Mississippi Department of Transportation with a copy thereof to be mailed, upon request, to the clerks of the governing authority of each municipality and the clerks of each board of supervisors throughout the state. The price adjustment clause shall be based on the cost of such petroleum products only and shall not include any additional profit or overhead as part of the adjustment. The bid proposals or document contract shall contain the basis and methods of adjusting unit prices for the change in the cost of such petroleum products.

(j) State agency emergency purchase procedure. If the governing board or the executive head, or his designees, of any agency of the state shall determine that an emergency exists in regard to the purchase of any commodities or repair contracts, so that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive bidding would be detrimental to the interests of the state, then the head of such agency, or his designees, shall file with the Department of Finance and Administration (i) a statement explaining the conditions and circumstances of the emergency, which shall include a detailed description of the events leading up to the situation and the negative impact to the entity if the purchase is made following the statutory requirements set forth in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of this section, and (ii) a certified copy of the appropriate minutes of the board of such agency requesting the emergency purchase, if applicable. Upon receipt of the statement and applicable board certification, the State Fiscal Officer, or his designees, may, in writing, authorize the purchase or repair without having to comply with competitive bidding requirements.

If the governing board or the executive head, or his designees, of any agency determines that an emergency exists in regard to the purchase of any commodities or repair contracts, so that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive bidding would threaten the health or safety of any person, or the preservation or protection of property, then the provisions in this section for competitive bidding shall not apply, and any officer or agent of the agency having general or specific authority for making the purchase or repair contract shall approve the bill presented for payment, and he shall certify in writing from whom the purchase was made, or with whom the repair contract was made.

Total purchases made under this paragraph (j) shall only be for the purpose of meeting needs created by the emergency situation. Following the emergency purchase, documentation of the purchase, including a description of the commodity purchased, the purchase price thereof and the nature of the emergency shall be filed with the Department of Finance and Administration. Any contract awarded pursuant to this paragraph (j) shall not exceed a term of one (1) year.

Purchases under the grant program established under Section 37-68-7 in response to COVID-19 and the directive that school districts create a distance learning plan and fulfill technology needs expeditiously shall be deemed an emergency purchase for purposes of this paragraph (j).

(k) Governing authority emergency purchase procedure. If the governing authority, or the governing authority acting through its designee, shall determine that an emergency exists in regard to the purchase of any commodities or repair contracts, so that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive bidding would be detrimental to the interest of the governing authority, then the provisions herein for competitive bidding shall not apply and any officer or agent of such governing authority

having general or special authority therefor in making such purchase or repair shall approve the bill presented therefor, and he shall certify in writing thereon from whom such purchase was made, or with whom such a repair contract was made. At the board meeting next following the emergency purchase or repair contract, documentation of the purchase or repair contract, including a description of the commodity purchased, the price thereof and the nature of the emergency shall be presented to the board and shall be placed on the minutes of the board of such governing authority. Purchases under the grant program established under Section 37-68-7 in response to COVID-19 and the directive that school districts create a distance learning plan and fulfill technology needs expeditiously shall be deemed an emergency purchase for purposes of this paragraph (k).

(l) Hospital purchase, lease-purchase and lease authorization.

(i) The commissioners or board of trustees of any public hospital may contract with such lowest and best bidder for the purchase or lease-purchase of any commodity under a contract of purchase or lease-purchase agreement whose obligatory payment terms do not exceed five (5) years.

(ii) In addition to the authority granted in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (l), the commissioners or board of trustees is authorized to enter into contracts for the lease of equipment or services, or both, which it considers necessary for the proper care of patients if, in its opinion, it is not financially feasible to purchase the necessary equipment or services. Any such contract for the lease of equipment or services executed by the commissioners or board shall not exceed a maximum of five (5) years' duration and shall include a cancellation clause based on unavailability of funds. If such cancellation clause is exercised, there shall be no further liability on the part of the lessee. Any such contract for the lease of equipment or services executed on behalf of the commissioners or board that complies with the provisions of this subparagraph (ii) shall be excepted from the bid requirements set forth in this section.

(m) Exceptions from bidding requirements. Excepted from bid requirements are:

(i) Purchasing agreements approved by department. Purchasing agreements, contracts and maximum price regulations executed or approved by the Department of Finance and Administration.

(ii) Outside equipment repairs. Repairs to equipment, when such repairs are made by repair facilities in the private sector; however, engines, transmissions, rear axles and/or other such components shall not be included in this exemption when replaced as a complete unit instead of being repaired and the need for such total component replacement is known before disassembly of the component; however, invoices identifying the equipment, specific repairs made, parts identified by number and name, supplies used in such repairs, and the number of hours of labor and costs therefor shall be required for the payment for such repairs.

(iii) In-house equipment repairs. Purchases of parts for repairs to equipment, when such repairs are made by personnel of the agency or governing authority; however, entire assemblies, such as engines or transmissions, shall not be included in this exemption when the entire assembly is being replaced instead of being repaired.

(iv) Raw gravel or dirt. Raw unprocessed deposits of gravel or fill dirt which are to be removed and transported by the purchaser.

(v) Governmental equipment auctions. Motor vehicles or other equipment purchased from a federal agency or authority, another governing authority or state agency of the State of Mississippi, or any governing authority or state agency of another state at a public auction held for the purpose of disposing of such vehicles or other equipment. Any purchase by a governing authority under the exemption authorized by this subparagraph (v) shall require advance authorization spread upon the minutes of the governing authority to include the listing of the item or items authorized to be purchased and the maximum bid authorized to be paid for each item or items.

(vi) Intergovernmental sales and transfers. Purchases, sales, transfers or trades by governing authorities or state agencies when such purchases, sales, transfers or trades are made by a private treaty agreement or through means of negotiation, from any federal agency or authority, another governing authority or state agency of the State of Mississippi, or any state agency or governing authority of

another state. Nothing in this section shall permit such purchases through public auction except as provided for in subparagraph (v) of this paragraph (m). It is the intent of this section to allow governmental entities to dispose of and/or purchase commodities from other governmental entities at a price that is agreed to by both parties. This shall allow for purchases and/or sales at prices which may be determined to be below the market value if the selling entity determines that the sale at below market value is in the best interest of the taxpayers of the state. Governing authorities shall place the terms of the agreement and any justification on the minutes, and state agencies shall obtain approval from the Department of Finance and Administration, prior to releasing or taking possession of the commodities.

(vii) Perishable supplies or food. Perishable supplies or food purchased for use in connection with hospitals, the school lunch programs, homemaking programs and for the feeding of county or municipal prisoners.

(viii) Single-source items. Noncompetitive items available from one (1) source only. In connection with the purchase of noncompetitive items only available from one (1) source, a certification of the conditions and circumstances requiring the purchase shall be filed by the agency with the Department of Finance and Administration and by the governing authority with the board of the governing authority. Upon receipt of that certification the Department of Finance and Administration or the board of the governing authority, as the case may be, may, in writing, authorize the purchase, which authority shall be noted on the minutes of the body at the next regular meeting thereafter. In those situations, a governing authority is not required to obtain the approval of the Department of Finance and Administration. Following the purchase, the executive head of the state agency, or his designees, shall file with the Department of Finance and Administration, documentation of the purchase, including a description of the commodity purchased, the purchase price thereof and the source from whom it was purchased.

(ix) Waste disposal facility construction contracts. Construction of incinerators and other facilities for disposal of solid wastes in which products either generated therein, such as steam, or recovered therefrom, such as materials for recycling, are to be sold or otherwise disposed of; however, in constructing such facilities, a governing authority or agency shall publicly issue requests for proposals, advertised for in the same manner as provided herein for seeking bids for public construction projects, concerning the design, construction, ownership, operation and/or maintenance of such facilities, wherein such requests for proposals when issued shall contain terms and conditions relating to price, financial responsibility, technology, environmental compatibility, legal responsibilities and such other matters as are determined by the governing authority or agency to be appropriate for inclusion; and after responses to the request for proposals have been duly received, the governing authority or agency may select the most qualified proposal or proposals on the basis of price, technology and other relevant factors and from such proposals, but not limited to the terms thereof, negotiate and enter contracts with one or more of the persons or firms submitting proposals.

(x) Hospital group purchase contracts. Supplies, commodities and equipment purchased by hospitals through group purchase programs pursuant to Section 31-7-38.

(xi) Information technology products. Purchases of information technology products made by governing authorities under the provisions of purchase schedules, or contracts executed or approved by the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services and designated for use by governing authorities.

(xii) Energy efficiency services and equipment. Energy efficiency services and equipment acquired by school districts, community and junior colleges, institutions of higher learning and state agencies or other applicable governmental entities on a shared-savings, lease or lease-purchase basis pursuant to Section 31-7-14.

(xiii) Municipal electrical utility system fuel. Purchases of coal and/or natural gas by municipally owned electric power generating systems that have the capacity to use both coal and natural gas for the generation of electric power.

(xiv) Library books and other reference materials. Purchases by libraries or for libraries of books and periodicals; processed film, videocassette tapes, filmstrips and slides; recorded audiotapes, cassettes and diskettes; and any such items as would be used for teaching, research or other information distribution; however, equipment such as projectors, recorders, audio or video equipment, and monitor televisions are not exempt under this subparagraph.

(xv) Unmarked vehicles. Purchases of unmarked vehicles when such purchases are made in accordance with purchasing regulations adopted by the Department of Finance and Administration pursuant to Section 31-7-9(2).

(xvi) Election ballots. Purchases of ballots printed pursuant to Section 23-15-351.

(xvii) Multichannel interactive video systems. From and after July 1, 1990, contracts by Mississippi Authority for Educational Television with any private educational institution or private nonprofit organization whose purposes are educational in regard to the construction, purchase, lease or lease-purchase of facilities and equipment and the employment of personnel for providing multichannel interactive video systems (ITSF) in the school districts of this state.

(xviii) Purchases of prison industry products by the Department of Corrections, regional correctional facilities or privately owned prisons. Purchases made by the Mississippi Department of Corrections, regional correctional facilities or privately owned prisons involving any item that is manufactured, processed, grown or produced from the state's prison industries.

(xix) Undercover operations equipment. Purchases of surveillance equipment or any other high-tech equipment to be used by law enforcement agents in undercover operations, provided that any such purchase shall be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration.

(xx) Junior college books for rent. Purchases by community or junior colleges of textbooks which are obtained for the purpose of renting such books to students as part of a book service system.

(xxi) Certain school district purchases. Purchases of commodities made by school districts from vendors with which any levying authority of the school district, as defined in Section 37-57-1, has contracted through competitive bidding procedures for purchases of the same commodities.

(xxii) Garbage, solid waste and sewage contracts. Contracts for garbage collection or disposal, contracts for solid waste collection or disposal and contracts for sewage collection or disposal.

(xxiii) Municipal water tank maintenance contracts. Professional maintenance program contracts for the repair or maintenance of municipal water tanks, which provide professional services needed to maintain municipal water storage tanks for a fixed annual fee for a duration of two (2) or more years.

(xxiv) Purchases of Mississippi Industries for the Blind products or services. Purchases made by state agencies or governing authorities involving any item that is manufactured, processed or produced by, or any services provided by, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind.

(xxv) Purchases of state-adopted textbooks. Purchases of state-adopted textbooks by public school districts.

(xxvi) Certain purchases under the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Act. Contracts entered into pursuant to the provisions of Section 57-75-9(2), (3) and (4).

(xxvii) Used heavy or specialized machinery or equipment for installation of soil and water conservation practices purchased at auction. Used heavy or specialized machinery or equipment used for the installation and implementation of soil and water conservation practices or measures purchased subject to the restrictions provided in Sections 69-27-331 through 69-27-341. Any purchase by the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission under the exemption authorized by this subparagraph shall require advance authorization spread upon the minutes of the commission to include the listing of the item or items authorized to be purchased and the maximum bid authorized to be paid for each item or items.

(xxviii) Hospital lease of equipment or services. Leases by hospitals of equipment or services if the leases are in compliance with paragraph (l)(ii).

(xxix) Purchases made pursuant to qualified cooperative purchasing agreements. Purchases made by certified purchasing offices of state agencies or governing authorities under cooperative purchasing agreements previously approved by the Office of Purchasing and Travel and established by or for any municipality, county, parish or state government or the federal government, provided that the notification to potential contractors includes a clause that sets forth the availability of the cooperative purchasing agreement to other governmental entities. Such purchases shall only be made if the use of the cooperative purchasing agreements is determined to be in the best interest of the governmental entity.

(xxx) School yearbooks. Purchases of school yearbooks by state agencies or governing authorities; however, state agencies and governing authorities shall use for these purchases the RFP process as set forth in the Mississippi Procurement Manual adopted by the Office of Purchasing and Travel.

(xxxi) Design-build method of contracting and certain other contracts. Contracts entered into under the provisions of Section 31-7-13.1, 37-101-44 or 65-1-85.

(xxxii) Toll roads and bridge construction projects. Contracts entered into under the provisions of Section 65-43-1 or 65-43-3.

(xxxiii) Certain purchases under Section 57-1-221. Contracts entered into pursuant to the provisions of Section 57-1-221.

(xxxiv) Certain transfers made pursuant to the provisions of Section 57-105-1(7). Transfers of public property or facilities under Section 57-105-1(7) and construction related to such public property or facilities.

(xxxv) Certain purchases or transfers entered into with local electrical power associations. Contracts or agreements entered into under the provisions of Section 55-3-33.

(xxxvi) Certain purchases by an academic medical center or health sciences school. Purchases by an academic medical center or health sciences school, as defined in Section 37-115-50, of commodities that are used for clinical purposes and 1. intended for use in the diagnosis of disease or other conditions or in the cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease, and 2. medical devices, biological, drugs and radiation-emitting devices as defined by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

(xxxvii) Certain purchases made under the Alyce G. Clarke Mississippi Lottery Law. Contracts made by the Mississippi Lottery Corporation pursuant to the Alyce G. Clarke Mississippi Lottery Law.

(xxxviii) Certain purchases made by the Department of Health and the Department of Revenue. Purchases made by the Department of Health and the Department of Revenue solely for the purpose of fulfilling their respective responsibilities under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act. This subparagraph shall stand repealed on June 30, 2026.

(n) Term contract authorization. All contracts for the purchase of:

(i) All contracts for the purchase of commodities, equipment and public construction (including, but not limited to, repair and maintenance), may be let for periods of not more than sixty (60) months in advance, subject to applicable statutory provisions prohibiting the letting of contracts during specified periods near the end of terms of office. Term contracts for a period exceeding twenty-four (24) months shall also be subject to ratification or cancellation by governing authority boards taking office subsequent to the governing authority board entering the contract.

(ii) Bid proposals and contracts may include price adjustment clauses with relation to the cost to the contractor based upon a nationally published industry-wide or nationally published and recognized cost index. The cost index used in a price adjustment clause shall be determined by the Department of Finance and Administration for the state agencies and by the governing board for governing authorities. The bid proposal and contract documents utilizing a price adjustment clause shall contain the basis and method of adjusting unit prices for the change in the cost of such commodities, equipment and public construction.

(o) Purchase law violation prohibition and vendor penalty. No contract or purchase as herein authorized shall be made for the purpose of circumventing the provisions of this section requiring competitive bids, nor shall it be lawful for any person or concern to submit individual invoices for amounts within those authorized for a contract or purchase where the actual value of the contract or commodity purchased exceeds the authorized amount and the invoices therefor are split so as to appear to be authorized as purchases for which competitive bids are not required. Submission of such invoices shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment for thirty (30) days in the county jail, or both such fine and imprisonment. In addition, the claim or claims submitted shall be forfeited.

(p) Electrical utility petroleum-based equipment purchase procedure. When in response to a proper advertisement therefor, no bid firm as to price is submitted to an electric utility for power transformers, distribution transformers, power breakers, reclosers or other articles containing a petroleum product, the electric utility may accept the lowest and best bid therefor although the price is not firm.

(q) Fuel management system bidding procedure. Any governing authority or agency of the state shall, before contracting for the services and products of a fuel management or fuel access system, enter into negotiations with not fewer than two (2) sellers of fuel management or fuel access systems for competitive written bids to provide the services and products for the systems. In the event that the governing authority or agency cannot locate two (2) sellers of such systems or cannot obtain bids from two (2) sellers of such systems, it shall show proof that it made a diligent, good-faith effort to locate and negotiate with two (2) sellers of such systems. Such proof shall include, but not be limited to, publications of a request for proposals and letters soliciting negotiations and bids. For purposes of this paragraph (q), a fuel management or fuel access system is an automated system of acquiring fuel for vehicles as well as management reports detailing fuel use by vehicles and drivers, and the term "competitive written bid" shall have the meaning as defined in paragraph (b) of this section. Governing authorities and agencies shall be exempt from this process when contracting for the services and products of fuel management or fuel access systems under the terms of a state contract established by the Office of Purchasing and Travel.

(r) Solid waste contract proposal procedure. Before entering into any contract for garbage collection or disposal, contract for solid waste collection or disposal or contract for sewage collection or disposal, which involves an expenditure of more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), a governing authority or agency shall issue publicly a request for proposals concerning the specifications for such services which shall be advertised for in the same manner as provided in this section for seeking bids for purchases which involve an expenditure of more than the amount provided in paragraph (c) of this section. Any request for proposals when issued shall contain terms and conditions relating to price, financial responsibility, technology, legal responsibilities and other relevant factors as are determined by the governing authority or agency to be appropriate for inclusion; all factors determined relevant by the governing authority or agency or required by this paragraph (r) shall be duly included in the advertisement to elicit proposals. After responses to the request for proposals have been duly received, the governing authority or agency shall select the most qualified proposal or proposals on the basis of price, technology and other relevant factors and from such proposals, but not limited to the terms thereof, negotiate and enter into contracts with one or more of the persons or firms submitting proposals. If the governing authority or agency deems none of the proposals to be qualified or otherwise acceptable, the request for proposals process may be reinitiated. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this paragraph, where a county with at least thirty-five thousand (35,000) nor more than forty thousand (40,000) population, according to the 1990 federal decennial census, owns or operates a solid waste landfill, the governing authorities of any other county or municipality may contract with the governing authorities of the county owning or operating the landfill, pursuant to a resolution duly adopted and spread upon the minutes of each governing authority involved, for garbage or solid waste collection or disposal services through contract negotiations.

(s) Minority set-aside authorization. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, any agency or governing authority, by order placed on its minutes, may, in its discretion, set aside not more than twenty percent (20%) of its anticipated annual expenditures for the purchase of commodities from minority businesses; however, all such set-aside purchases shall comply with all purchasing regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration and shall be subject to bid requirements under this section. Set-aside purchases for which competitive bids are required shall be made from the lowest and best minority business bidder. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "minority business" means a business which is owned by a majority of persons who are United States citizens or permanent resident aliens (as defined by the Immigration and Naturalization Service) of the United States, and who are Asian, Black, Hispanic or Native American, according to the following definitions:

(i) "Asian" means persons having origins in any of the original people of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands.

(ii) "Black" means persons having origins in any black racial group of Africa.

(iii) "Hispanic" means persons of Spanish or Portuguese culture with origins in Mexico, South or Central America, or the Caribbean Islands, regardless of race.

(iv) "Native American" means persons having origins in any of the original people of North America, including American Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts.

(t) Construction punch list restriction. The architect, engineer or other representative designated by the agency or governing authority that is contracting for public construction or renovation may prepare and submit to the contractor only one (1) preliminary punch list of items that do not meet the contract requirements at the time of substantial completion and one (1) final list immediately before final completion and final payment.

(u) Procurement of construction services by state institutions of higher learning. Contracts for privately financed construction of auxiliary facilities on the campus of a state institution of higher learning may be awarded by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning to the lowest and best bidder, where sealed bids are solicited, or to the offeror whose proposal is determined to represent the best value to the citizens of the State of Mississippi, where requests for proposals are solicited.

(v) Insurability of bidders for public construction or other public contracts. In any solicitation for bids to perform public construction or other public contracts to which this section applies, including, but not limited to, contracts for repair and maintenance, for which the contract will require insurance coverage in an amount of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), bidders shall be permitted to either submit proof of current insurance coverage in the specified amount or demonstrate ability to obtain the required coverage amount of insurance if the contract is awarded to the bidder. Proof of insurance coverage shall be submitted within five (5) business days from bid acceptance.

(w) Purchase authorization clarification. Nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing any purchase not authorized by law.

(x) Mississippi Regional Pre-Need Disaster Clean Up Act. (i) The Department of Finance and Administration shall enter into nine (9) contracts for the pre-need purchase of labor, services, work, materials, equipment, supplies or other personal property for disaster-related solid waste collection, disposal or monitoring. One (1) contract shall be entered into for each of the nine (9) Mississippi Emergency Management Association districts:

1. Coahoma, DeSoto, Grenada, Panola, Quitman, Tallahatchie, Tate, Tunica and Yalobusha Counties;

2. Alcorn, Benton, Itawamba, Lafayette, Lee, Marshall, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Tippah, Tishomingo and Union Counties;

3. Attala, Bolivar, Carroll, Holmes, Humphreys, Leflore, Montgomery, Sunflower and Washington Counties;

4. Calhoun, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Clay, Lowndes, Monroe, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Webster and Winston Counties;
5. Claiborne, Copiah, Hinds, Issaquena, Madison, Rankin, Sharkey, Simpson, Warren and Yazoo Counties;
6. Clarke, Jasper, Kemper, Lauderdale, Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott, and Smith Counties and the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians;
7. Adams, Amite, Franklin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Pike, Walthall and Wilkinson Counties;
8. Covington, Forrest, Greene, Jefferson Davis, Jones, Lamar, Marion, Perry and Wayne Counties; and
9. George, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Pearl River and Stone Counties.

Any such contract shall set forth the manner of awarding such a contract, the method of payment, and any other matter deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of the agreement. Such contract may be entered into only for a term of one (1) year, with an option for an additional one-year extension after the conclusion of the first year of the contract, and only after having solicited bids or proposals, as appropriate, which shall be publicly advertised by posting on a web page maintained by the Department of Finance and Administration through submission of such advertisement to the Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program under the Mississippi Development Authority. The bid opening shall not occur until after the submission has been posted for at least ten (10) consecutive days. The state's share of expenditures for solid waste collection, disposal or monitoring under any contract shall be appropriated and paid in the manner set forth in the contract and in the same manner as for other solid waste collection, disposal, or monitoring expenses of the state. Any contract entered into under this paragraph shall not be subject to the provisions of Section 17-13-11.

(ii) Any board of supervisors of any county or any governing authority of any municipality may opt in to the benefits and services provided under the appropriate and relevant contract established in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph at the time of a disaster event in that county or municipality. At the time of opt in, the county or municipality shall assume responsibility for payment-in-full to the contractor for the disaster-related solid waste collection, disposal or monitoring services provided. Nothing in this subparagraph (ii) shall be construed as requiring a county or municipality to opt in to any such contract established in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI REGIONAL PRE-NEED DISASTER CLEAN UP ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 31-7-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED BY HOUSE BILL NO. 249, 2023 REGULAR SESSION, TO AUTHORIZE COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO OPT IN TO REGIONAL PRE-NEED CONTRACTS FOR DISASTER CLEAN-UP SERVICES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: John A. Polk, Angela Burks Hill (No Signature), Bart Williams

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Randy P. Boyd, Stacey Hobgood-Wilkes (No Signature), Noah Sanford

On motion of Rep. Boyd (19th) the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin,

Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Taylor. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson, Turner, Walker.
Total-5.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Boyd (19th) called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2673: Mississippi Real Estate Appraisal Board; make independent from Mississippi Real Estate Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2673: Mississippi Real Estate Appraisal Board; make independent from Mississippi Real Estate Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: John A. Polk, Mike Thompson, Rita Potts Parks

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Randy P. Boyd, Jerry R. Turner, Joseph Tubb

On motion of Rep. Boyd (19th) the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.
Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Boyd (19th) called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2844: Bureau of Fleet Management; revise duties thereof.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2844: Bureau of Fleet Management; revise duties thereof.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: John A. Polk, Kevin Blackwell, Angela Burks Hill

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Randy P. Boyd, Joseph Tubb, Charles Young, Jr.

On motion of Rep. Boyd (19th) the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Brown, B. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eure, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. McCarty called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2167: Early Intervention Task Force; establish.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2167: Early Intervention Task Force; establish.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) There is hereby established the "Early Intervention Task Force to Study the IDEA Part C Early Intervention System in Mississippi and Mississippi's Laws Regarding Early Intervention." The goal of the task force shall be to develop a recommendation to the Legislature on reforming the current early intervention system and laws in Mississippi, with a goal of increasing access to services for children from birth to age three (3) through a robust First Steps Early Intervention Program. The task force may propose legislation and rule changes based upon its recommendation.

(2) The members of the task force shall be as follows:

(a) The Chairmen of the Public Health Committees of the Mississippi Senate and the Mississippi House of Representatives, or his or her designee from their respective committee membership;

(b) The Chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Mississippi Senate and the Mississippi House of Representatives, or his or her designee from their respective committee membership;

(c) The Chairmen of the Education Committees of the Mississippi Senate and the Mississippi House of Representatives, or his or her designee from their respective committee membership;

(d) One (1) member of the Mississippi State Senate, to be named by the Lieutenant Governor; and one (1) member of the Mississippi House of Representatives, to be named by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, who are interested in early intervention issues;

(e) The State Health Officer of the Mississippi Department of Health or a designated deputy;

(f) One (1) designee that is a direct service provider in the First Steps Early Intervention Program, to be named by the State Health Officer;

(g) One (1) faculty member from the Social Science Research Center (SSRC) at Mississippi State University, to be named by the Director of the SSRC;

(h) One (1) developmental-behavioral pediatrician with expertise in early childhood systems building, to be named by the Vice Chancellor of the University of Mississippi Medical Center;

(i) One (1) general pediatrician, to be named by the Mississippi Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics;

(j) One (1) clinical psychologist with expertise in social-emotional health of infants and toddlers, to be named by the Vice Chancellor of the University of Mississippi Medical Center;

(k) One (1) school psychologist, to be named by the Mississippi Association of Psychologists in the Schools;

(l) One (1) early interventionist/development therapist, to be named by the State Health Officer;

(m) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Early Learning Alliance;

(n) One (1) family advocacy representative to be appointed by the Executive Director of the Mississippi Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities;

(o) One (1) parent representative with current experience with early intervention to be appointed by the Executive Director of the Mississippi Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities;

(p) One (1) faculty member from the College of Health Sciences at Jackson State University, to be named by the president of such university; and

(q) One (1) pediatrician, to be named by the Mississippi Region of the National Medical Association.

(3) A faculty member from each of the universities within the institutions of higher learning with an early childhood development program or early intervention program may be named by the president of each university to assist the task force.

(4) The task force shall meet within forty-five (45) days of the effective date of this act and shall evaluate the current early intervention laws in Mississippi. Specifically, the task force shall:

(a) Evaluate early intervention infrastructure in Mississippi and in states with better performance outcomes as compared to Mississippi, study the employment structures of early intervention systems and evaluate eligibility requirements to support serving more children within the early intervention system;

(b) Review billing and reimbursement processes and rates for early intervention services in Mississippi and in other states, to ensure a timely receipt of payment to providers;

(c) Explore options for an ideal location where early intervention services should be housed to reduce barriers to implementation;

(d) Study early intervention service delivery models used in surrounding states, including a university-based hub model and evaluate how this model may impact the training of students and future professionals;

(e) Access the efficiency of telemedicine for initial evaluations and therapeutic services deemed clinically appropriate;

(f) Explore the benefits of including additional service providers within the early intervention service delivery system;

(g) Review the Comprehensive Systems of Personnel Development (CSPD) and the quantity, quality and effectiveness of the early intervention workforce; explore the feasibility of funding a CSPD Coordinator within a state agency to assist in ensuring all early intervention providers meet competencies for serving young children;

(h) Explore the feasibility of developing an Office of Early Childhood and provide recommendations on this approach; and

(i) Review any other matters related to the above issues or related to early intervention services.

(5) The task force may request the assistance of the Mississippi Department of Health, the Social Sciences Research Center at Mississippi State University, the Mississippi Early Learning Alliance or any other related entity or organization with expertise in early intervention services.

(6) The members of the task force shall elect a Chair from among the members. The task force shall develop and report its findings and recommendations for proposed legislation to the Legislature and proposed rule changes to the Mississippi Department of Health on or before December 1, 2023. A quorum of the membership shall be required to approve any final report and recommendation. Members of the task force shall be reimbursed for necessary travel expense in the same manner as public employees are reimbursed for official duties from any available funds and members of the Legislature shall be reimbursed in the same manner as for attending out-of-session committee meetings.

(7) The Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review shall provide necessary clerical support for the meetings of the task force and the preparation of the report. Proposed legislation shall be prepared by the Legislative Services Offices of the Senate and House as requested.

(8) The task force shall be dissolved upon presentation of its report.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EARLY INTERVENTION TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE IDEA PART C EARLY INTERVENTION SYSTEM IN MISSISSIPPI AND MISSISSIPPI'S LAWS REGARDING EARLY INTERVENTION; TO PROVIDE FOR THE GOALS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TASK FORCE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE TASK FORCE; TO REQUIRE THE TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP AND REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO THE LEGISLATURE ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2023; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Hob Bryan, Chris Johnson, Nicole Boyd

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Richard Bennett, Kent McCarty, Kevin Felsher (No Signature)

On motion of Rep. McCarty the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, White, Yancey, Yates, Young. Total--101.

Nays--Bailey, Blackmon, Bomgar, Clarke, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Johnson, Owen, Taylor, Williamson. Total--11.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett, Brown, C, Huddleston, Osborne, Robinson, Walker, Weathersby, Zuber. Total--8.

Present--Stamps. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Felsher called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2586: Computer science curriculum; clarify terminology to specify who may provide instruction in.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2586: Computer science curriculum; clarify terminology to specify who may provide instruction in.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Dennis DeBar, Jr., Scott DeLano, John A. Polk

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Richard Bennett, Kent McCarty, Kevin Felsher

On motion of Rep. Felsher the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice,

Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-4.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2073: Age of majority; lower to 18 for securing loans and entering contracts for real property.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2073: Age of majority; lower to 18 for securing loans and entering contracts for real property.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 93-19-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

93-19-13. (1) All persons eighteen (18) years of age or older, if not otherwise disqualified, or prohibited by law, shall have the capacity to enter into binding contractual relationships affecting personal property, mortgages, and real property. In addition, all persons eighteen (18) years of age or older shall have the capacity to enter into binding contractual relationships for the purpose of investing in mutual funds, stocks, bonds and any other publicly traded equities. Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect any contracts entered into prior to July 1, 1976.

(2) Any person who, upon attaining eighteen (18) years of age, but not having reached the age of majority, * * * if not otherwise disqualified or prohibited by law, shall have the capacity to enter into binding agreements to lease real property to be occupied by the person as the actual place of residence, and to secure the necessary utility services necessary to make such place of residence habitable, including, but not limited to, electricity, natural gas, propane, water, sewage, garbage disposal and Internet services.

(3) In any legal action founded on a contract entered into by a person eighteen (18) years of age or older, the said person may sue in his own name as an adult and be sued in his own name as an adult and be served with process as an adult.

SECTION 2. Section 1-3-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

1-3-27. The term "minor," when used in * * * statute, except as otherwise provided by law shall include any person, male or female, under twenty-one (21) years of age. If a statute refers to the ability to enter into a contract affecting personal property or real property, "minor" shall mean any person, male or female, under eighteen (18) years of age.

SECTION 3. Section 15-3-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

15-3-11. An action shall not be maintained whereby to charge any person upon any promise made after full age to pay any debt contracted during infancy, or upon any ratification after full age of any promise or contract made during infancy, unless such promise or ratification shall be made by some writing, signed by the person to be charged therewith. The full age of ratification shall be eighteen (18) years of age.

SECTION 4. Section 11-5-115, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

11-5-115. When a decree shall be made for the sale or conveyance of the real estate of an infant, such decree shall be binding on the infant unless he shall, within one year after attaining the age of * * * eighteen (18) years, show to the court good cause to the contrary; and it shall not be necessary to insert the saving in the decree, but the saving shall not extend to decrees for the sale of the property of deceased persons, authorizing sales by guardians, or enforcing deeds of trust or mortgages.

SECTION 5. Section 89-1-301, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

89-1-301. The provisions of Sections 89-1-301 through 89-1-329 shall apply only in the event that the President of the United States has declared that an emergency or major disaster exists in this state and shall apply only to persons or property directly damaged in an enemy attack, or a man-made, technological or natural disaster declared by the Governor in which Sections 89-1-301 through 89-1-329 * * * were specifically included as a relief measure for those counties covered by such disaster declaration. The provisions of Sections 89-1-301 through 89-1-329 shall apply to any mortgage or deed of trust on real property executed prior to the date of the disaster declaration by the Governor, and to any such instruments executed after the date of the disaster declaration by the Governor which renewed or extended any mortgage or deed of trust executed prior to the date of the disaster declaration by the Governor. When the mortgagee, or owner, or holder, or trustee, or other person having like power shall hereafter determine to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust on real estate covered by the provisions of Sections 89-1-301 through 89-1-329, he may proceed by bill in chancery, and in the same manner as in proceedings to foreclose under existing statutes in cases where the mortgage or deed of trust contains no provisions for sale by a trustee or otherwise. Any stipulations in the mortgage or deed of trust as to the manner of foreclosure thereunder shall not preclude proceedings to foreclose any mortgage or deed of trust under the provisions of Sections 89-1-301 through 89-1-329. If any mortgagee, holder, owner, trustee, or other person shall attempt to foreclose otherwise than as herein provided, such proceedings may be enjoined by the mortgagor or owner in possessing of the mortgaged premises, or anyone claiming under the mortgagor, or anyone liable for the mortgage debt. Upon the filing of a sworn petition which affirmatively sets forth that neither the petitioner nor any other person owning an interest in the legal title to the mortgaged premises is able to pay the sums in arrears on the mortgaged debt, that no such person or persons have been able to secure a refinancing of the mortgaged debt up to the date of the filing of the petition, after diligent effort, and that because of the destruction of or damage to improvements on the mortgaged premises or because of economic conditions brought about by the effects of such an enemy attack or man-made, technological or natural disaster declared by the Governor, the mortgaged property has depreciated in value as a proximate result of said disaster in an amount in excess of fifteen percent (15%) of its fair market value prior to said disaster, the chancellor of any chancery court of competent jurisdiction shall issue a preliminary injunction enjoining any foreclosure proceedings which have been commenced. The chancellor shall likewise issue a preliminary injunction enjoining any foreclosure proceedings which have been commenced if a sworn petition shall be filed which affirmatively sets forth that as a direct and proximate result of said disaster the petitioner or any other person owning an interest in the legal title to the

mortgaged premises is unable to pay the sums in arrears on the mortgage debt, that the petitioner or such other person or persons have not been able to secure the refinancing of the mortgage debt up to the date of the filing of the petition after diligent effort, and that the petitioner has actually sustained a loss in income derived from the mortgaged property, or is presently threatened with such loss as a proximate result of such disaster, in an amount in excess of fifteen percent (15%) of the average annual income from the mortgaged property for the three (3) years immediately prior to said disaster; provided, however, for mortgages or deeds of trust on real property leased or rented for residential purposes from the mortgagor to a third party or parties, the provisions of Sections 89-1-301 through 89-1-329 shall apply only if the mortgagor or landlord has made or is making a good-faith effort to rehabilitate the property to a reasonable standard of habitability.

Upon the issuance of any such preliminary injunction, the mortgagee may file a motion to dissolve said injunction, which motion shall be heard in termtime or in vacation, at a time to be fixed by the court not less than thirty (30) days from the date of the filing thereof. The mortgagor may implead any and all persons owning or claiming an interest in the legal title to said property and all persons who may be primarily or secondarily liable on the mortgaged indebtedness. Process shall be issued for all parties so impleaded in the manner now provided by law in suits to confirm titles and the cause shall be triable five (5) days after completion of service of process on all parties. The court may grant such continuances as may be necessary for the completion of service of process on all parties.

Upon the hearing of the motion to dissolve, unless the petitioner shall prove all of the material allegations of his petition by a preponderance of the evidence, the preliminary injunction shall be dissolved. No injunction bond shall be required for the issuance of the preliminary injunction. If the court shall find the petition was filed solely for the purpose of hindering and delaying collection of the mortgaged debt and without reasonable grounds therefor, reasonable attorney's fees shall be allowed as in other cases upon dissolution of preliminary injunctions, but not otherwise.

If, upon hearing of the motion to dissolve, it shall be determined that said motion should not be granted, then the hearing shall continue in the same manner as provided for in Section 89-1-303, and the court shall enter its order granting the relief provided for by Sections 89-1-301 through 89-1-329 in the case of bills to foreclose. All the terms and provisions of Sections 89-1-301 through 89-1-329 relating to the proceedings had on, or to relief granted under, bills to foreclose shall be applicable.

Provided, however, if a deed of trust be foreclosed according to the provisions therein contained, and the sale be actually consummated without the mortgagor or his heirs or assigns availing themselves of the right to enjoin said sale as provided in Sections 89-1-301 through 89-1-329, the foreclosure and the title resting thereon, if otherwise regular, shall not be controverted on account of any of the provisions of Sections 89-1-301 through 89-1-329, and this limitation shall also apply to minors who are younger than eighteen (18) years of age, and all others under legal disability. The provisions of this section shall apply to advertisements for sales already published at the time of the disaster declaration by the Governor in which he specifically included the relief provided for in Sections 89-1-301 through 89-1-329, but in which the sale has not been made; provided that in such case the costs of the advertisement be tendered in cash with the bill for injunction.

SECTION 6. Section 93-19-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

93-19-1. The chancery court of the county in which a minor resides, or the chancery court of a county in which a resident minor owns real estate in matters pertaining to such real estate, may remove the disability of minority of such minor. In cases of married minors, the residence of the husband shall be the residence of the parties. The chancery court of a county in which a nonresident minor of the State of Mississippi owns real estate or any interest in real estate may remove the disability of minority of such minor as to such real estate, so as to enable said minor to do and perform all acts with reference to such real estate, to sell and convey, to mortgage, to lease, and to make deeds of trust and contracts, including promissory notes, concerning said real estate, or any interest therein which may be owned by such minor, as fully and effectively as if said minor

were * * * eighteen (18) years of age. The jurisdiction thus exercised shall be that of a court of general equity jurisdiction, and all presumptions in favor of that adjudged shall be accorded at all times.

SECTION 7. Section 93-19-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

93-19-9. The decree may be for the partial removal of the disability of the minor so as to enable him to do some particular act proposed to be done and specified in the decree; or it may be general, and empower him to do all acts in reference to his property, and making contracts, and suing and being sued, and engaging in any profession or avocation, which he could do if he were * * * eighteen (18) years of age; and the decree made shall distinctly specify to what extent the disability of the minor is removed, and what character of acts he is empowered to perform notwithstanding his minority, and may impose such restrictions and qualifications as the court may adjudge proper.

SECTION 8. Section 91-20-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

91-20-3. In this chapter:

(a) "Adult" means an individual who has attained the age of * * * eighteen (18) years.

(b) "Benefit plan" means an employer's plan for the benefit of an employee or partner.

(c) "Broker" means a person lawfully engaged in the business of effecting transactions in securities or commodities for the person's own account or for the account of others.

(d) "Conservator" means a person appointed or qualified by a court to act as general, limited or temporary guardian of a minor's property or a person legally authorized to perform substantially the same functions.

(e) "Court" means the chancery court of the county in which the parties reside.

(f) "Custodial property" means (i) any interest in property transferred to a custodian under this chapter and (ii) the income from and proceeds of that interest in property.

(g) "Custodian" means a person so designated under Section 91-20-19 or a successor or substitute custodian designated under Section 91-20-37.

(h) "Financial institution" means a bank, trust company, savings institution or credit union, chartered and supervised under state or federal law.

(i) "Legal representative" means an individual's personal representative or conservator.

(j) "Member of the minor's family" means the minor's parent, stepparent, spouse, grandparent, brother, sister, uncle or aunt, whether of the whole or half blood or by adoption.

(k) "Minor" means an individual who has not attained the age of * * * eighteen (18) years.

(l) "Person" means an individual, corporation, organization or other legal entity.

(m) "Personal representative" means an executor, administrator, successor personal representative or special administrator of a decedent's estate or a person legally authorized to perform substantially the same functions.

(n) "State" includes any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and any territory or possession subject to the legislative authority of the United States.

(o) "Transfer" means a transaction that creates custodial property under Section 91-20-19.

(p) "Transferor" means a person who makes a transfer under this chapter.

(q) "Trust company" means a financial institution, corporation or other legal entity authorized to exercise general trust powers.

SECTION 9. Section 91-20-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

91-20-41. The custodian shall transfer in an appropriate manner the custodial property to the minor or to the minor's estate upon the earlier of:

- (a) The minor's attainment of * * * eighteen (18) years of age with respect to custodial property transferred under Section 91-20-9 or 91-20-11;
- (b) The minor's attainment of eighteen (18) years of age with respect to custodial property transferred under Section 91-20-13 or 91-20-15; or
- (c) The minor's death.

SECTION 10. Section 15-1-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

15-1-17. The owner, mortgagee or other person interested in any land which has been sold or forfeited to the state for delinquent taxes may bring a suit or action to cancel the title of the state, or its patentees, or to recover said land from the state, or its patentees, on account of any defect, irregularity or illegality in the assessment, levy or sale of such land for delinquent taxes within two (2) years after the period of redemption shall have expired, and not thereafter. However, the limitations herein fixed shall not apply when the taxes on such land had been paid prior to the time it was sold for taxes.

If any person entitled to bring any such suit or action shall, at the time at which the cause of action accrues, be under the disability of infancy, or unsoundness of mind, he may bring the suit or action within the time in this section respectively limited after his disability shall be removed but the saving of persons under disability shall never extend longer than eighteen (18) years if the disability is infancy, or twenty-one (21) years if the disability is unsoundness of mind.

The completion of the limitation herein prescribed to bar any action shall defeat and extinguish all the right, title and interest, including the right of possession in and to such land, of any and all persons whatsoever, except the State of Mississippi and its patentees, and it shall vest in the state, and its patentees, a fee simple title to such lands.

SECTION 11. Section 93-3-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, which is the provision of law that removes the disability of minority for certain married persons solely with respect to homestead transactions, is repealed.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 93-19-13, 1-3-27, 15-3-11, 11-5-115, 89-1-301, 93-19-1, 93-19-9, 91-20-3, 91-20-41 AND 15-1-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO LOWER THE AGE OF MAJORITY TO EIGHTEEN FOR SECURING HOME LOANS AND ENTERING CONTRACTS FOR REAL PROPERTY; TO REPEAL SECTION 93-3-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH IS THE PROVISION OF LAW THAT REMOVES THE DISABILITY OF MINORITY FOR CERTAIN MARRIED PERSONS SOLELY WITH RESPECT TO HOMESTEAD TRANSACTIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Brice Wiggins, Tyler McCaughn, Angela Burks Hill
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Angela Cockerham, Thomas U. Reynolds, Kevin Felsher

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor,

Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-4.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2082: Child support; administratively suspend obligations for incarcerated individuals.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2082: Child support; administratively suspend obligations for incarcerated individuals.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The court may not consider incarceration as intentional or voluntary unemployment or underemployment when establishing or modifying a child-support order.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT A COURT FROM CONSIDERING INCARCERATION AS INTENTIONAL OR VOLUNTARY UNEMPLOYMENT OR UNDEREMPLOYMENT WHEN ESTABLISHING OR MODIFYING A CHILD-SUPPORT ORDER; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Brice Wiggins, Juan Barnett, Jeremy England

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Angela Cockerham, Mark Tullos, Thomas U. Reynolds

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty,

McCray, McGee, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Anderson, B, Crawford, Hopkins, McKnight, McLeod, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Reynolds, Robinson, Walker.
Total-5.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2140: National Security on State Devices and Networks Act; create.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2140: National Security on State Devices and Networks Act; create.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 1 with the following exception(s):

AMEND on lines 34-35 by striking subsection (4) in SECTION 1 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

(4) The Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services, or any other appropriate state agency, shall restrict the download, access or use of prohibited technologies on state-operated networks. The Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services shall maintain and timely update a publicly available list of such prohibited technologies on its website.

FURTHER, AMEND after line 120 by inserting the following and renumbering subsequent subsections accordingly:

(*) Employees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall be exempt from the provisions of this section when incurring international usage charges for the business-related use of their personal wireless communication devices during business-related international travel. Such exemption shall only apply after a determination by the employer-institution that reimbursement to the employee for the use of his or her personal wireless communication device is the lowest-cost option to prevent business interruption during such travel.

2. That the House concur in the above exception(s).

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Scott DeLano, Bart Williams, Nicole Boyd

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Angela Cockerham, Lee Yancey, Shane Aguirre

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A,

Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-4.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2729: Limitation of liability requirements for information technology contracts; clarify.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2729: Limitation of liability requirements for information technology contracts; clarify.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Scott DeLano, Bart Williams, W. Briggs Hopson III

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Angela Cockerham, Kevin Felsher, Chris Brown

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Newman, Robinson, Walker.
Total-5.

Present--Evans, B, Watson. Total--2.
Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 995: Rape; revise elements for the crime of and remove spousal exception.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 995: Rape; revise elements for the crime of and remove spousal exception.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 97-3-69, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-3-69. In the trial of all cases under * * * Section 97-3-68, no person shall be convicted upon the uncorroborated testimony of the injured * * * person.

SECTION 2. Section 97-3-99, Mississippi Code of 1972, which provides for spousal rape, is repealed.

SECTION 3. Section 97-3-65, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-3-65. (1) The crime of statutory rape is committed when:

(a) Any person seventeen (17) years of age or older has sexual intercourse with a child who:

- (i) Is at least fourteen (14) but under sixteen (16) years of age;
- (ii) Is thirty-six (36) or more months younger than the person; and

(iii) Is not the person's spouse; or

(b) A person of any age has sexual intercourse with a child who:

- (i) Is under the age of fourteen (14) years; and
- (ii) Is twenty-four (24) or more months younger than the

person * * *.

* * *

(2) Neither the victim's consent nor the victim's lack of chastity is a defense to a charge of statutory rape.

(3) Upon conviction for statutory rape, the defendant shall be sentenced as follows:

(a) If eighteen (18) years of age or older, but under twenty-one (21) years of age, and convicted under subsection (1)(a) of this section, to imprisonment for

not more than five (5) years in the State Penitentiary or a fine of not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both;

(b) If twenty-one (21) years of age or older and convicted under subsection (1)(a) of this section, to imprisonment of not more than thirty (30) years in the State Penitentiary or a fine of not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or both, for the first offense, and not more than forty (40) years in the State Penitentiary for each subsequent offense;

(c) If eighteen (18) years of age or older and convicted under subsection (1)(b) of this section, to imprisonment for life in the State Penitentiary or such lesser term of imprisonment as the court may determine, but not less than twenty (20) years;

(d) If thirteen (13) years of age or older but under eighteen (18) years of age and convicted under subsection (1)(a) or (1)(b) of this section, such imprisonment, fine or other sentence as the court, in its discretion, may determine.

(4) (a) Every person who shall have forcible sexual intercourse with any person, or who shall have sexual intercourse not constituting forcible sexual intercourse or statutory rape with any person without that person's consent by administering to such person any substance or liquid which shall produce such stupor or such imbecility of mind or weakness of body as to prevent effectual resistance, upon conviction, shall be imprisoned for life in the State Penitentiary if the jury by its verdict so prescribes; and in cases where the jury fails to fix the penalty at life imprisonment, the court shall fix the penalty at imprisonment in the State Penitentiary for any term as the court, in its discretion, may determine.

(b) This subsection (4) shall apply whether the perpetrator is married to the victim or not.

(5) In all cases where a victim is under the age of sixteen (16) years, it shall not be necessary to prove penetration where it is shown the genitals, anus or perineum of the child have been lacerated or torn in the attempt to have sexual intercourse with the child.

(6) (a) Upon conviction under this section, the court may issue a criminal sexual assault protection order prohibiting the offender from any contact with the victim, without regard to the relationship between the victim and offender. The court may include in a criminal sexual assault protection order any relief available under Section 93-21-15. The term of a criminal sexual assault protection order shall be for a time period determined by the court, but all orders shall, at a minimum, remain in effect for a period of two (2) years after the expiration of any sentence of imprisonment and subsequent period of community supervision, conditional release, probation, or parole. Upon issuance of a criminal sexual assault protection order, the clerk of the issuing court shall enter the order in the Mississippi Protection Order Registry within twenty-four (24) hours of issuance, with no exceptions for weekends or holidays as provided in Section 93-21-25, and a copy must be provided to both the victim and offender.

(b) Criminal sexual assault protection orders shall be issued on the standardized form developed by the Office of the Attorney General.

(c) It is a misdemeanor to knowingly violate any condition of a criminal sexual assault protection order. Upon conviction for a violation, the defendant shall be punished by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six (6) months, or both. Any sentence imposed for the violation of a criminal sexual assault protection order shall run consecutively to any other sentences imposed on the offender. The court shall also be empowered to extend the criminal sexual assault protection order for a period of one (1) year for each violation. The incarceration of a person at the time of the violation is not a bar to prosecution under this section. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit the imposition of any other penalties or disciplinary action otherwise allowed by law or policy.

(7) For the purposes of this section, "sexual intercourse" shall mean a joining of the sexual organs of a male and female human being in which the penis of the male is inserted into the vagina of the female or the penetration of the sexual organs of a male or female human being in which the penis or an object is inserted into the genitals, anus or perineum of a male or female.

SECTION 4. Section 97-3-68, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-3-68. (1) In any prosecution for rape under Section 97-3-65 * * * or 97-3-71, if evidence of sexual conduct of the complaining witness is offered to attack the credibility of said complaining witness, the following procedure shall be followed:

(a) A written motion shall be made by the defendant to the court and prosecutor stating that the defense has an offer of proof of the relevancy of evidence of the sexual conduct of the complaining witness proposed to be presented and its relevancy in attacking the credibility of the complaining witness.

(b) The written motion shall be accompanied by an affidavit in which the offer of proof shall be stated.

(c) If the court finds that the offer of proof is sufficient, the court shall order a closed hearing in chambers, out of the presence of the jury, if any, and at such closed hearing allow the questioning of the complaining witness regarding the offer of proof made by the defendant.

(d) At the conclusion of the hearing, if the court finds that evidence proposed to be offered by the defendant regarding the sexual conduct of the complaining witness is relevant and otherwise admissible, the court may make an order stating what evidence may be introduced by the defendant, and the nature of the questions to be permitted. The defendant may then offer evidence pursuant to the order of the court.

(2) As used in this section and Section 97-3-70, "complaining witness" means the alleged victim of the crime charged, the prosecution of which is subject to this section.

SECTION 5. Section 97-3-71, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-3-71. Every person who shall be convicted of an assault with intent * * * of forcible sexual penetration of any person shall be punished by imprisonment in the Penitentiary for life, or for such shorter time as may be fixed by the jury, or by the court upon the entry of a plea of guilty.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-3-69, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE EVIDENTIARY REQUIREMENTS FOR RAPE TRIALS; TO REPEAL SECTION 97-3-99, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES FOR SPOUSAL RAPE; TO AMEND SECTION 97-3-65, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING SECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 97-3-68, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES THE EVIDENTIARY PROCEDURES FOR RAPE PROSECUTIONS TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING PROVISIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 97-3-71, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THE ELEMENTS OF THE CRIME OF RAPE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Angela Cockerham, Donnie Scoggin, Bryant W. Clark
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Daniel H. Sparks, Brice Wiggins

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor,

Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-4.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Owen called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2812: Board for administration of certain failing school district; extend date of repeal.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2812: Board for administration of certain failing school district; extend date of repeal.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Dennis DeBar, Jr., David Blount, John A. Polk

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Richard Bennett, Kent McCarty, Rob Roberson

On motion of Rep. Owen the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--92.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Banks, Bell, C, Clarke, Denton, Faulkner, Harness, Karriem, McCray, Paden, Rosebud, Sanders, Stamps, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Young. Total--18.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Clark, Huddleston, Robinson, Scott, Walker. Total-6.

Present--Brown, B, Crudup, Evans, B, Hulum, Jackson. Total--5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Powell called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2339: Provision of law establishing energy efficiency standards for building construction; extend repealer on.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2339: Provision of law establishing energy efficiency standards for building construction; extend repealer on.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 1 with the following exception(s):

AMEND on line 91 by deleting the following:
, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023

2. That the House concur in the above exception(s).

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joel R. Carter, Jr., Chuck Younger, Rita Potts Parks
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Brent Powell, Jeff Hale, Ronnie C. Crudup

On motion of Rep. Powell the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bell (21st) called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2371: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Nurse/Allied Health Workforce Development and Retention Act; create.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2371: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Nurse/Allied Health Workforce Development and Retention Act; create.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) This article shall be known and may be cited as the "American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Nurse/Allied Health Workforce Development and Retention Act." Under this article, the Legislature creates the "Accelerate Mississippi Nursing/Allied Health Grant Program," the "Accelerate Mississippi Physician Residency and Fellowship Start-Up Grant Program" and the "Mississippi Allied Health College and Career Navigator Grant Program."

(2) As used in this article, "office" means the Office of Workforce Development established in Section 37-153-7.

SECTION 2. (1) The Mississippi Legislature finds that:

(a) The public health crisis related to COVID-19 resulted in a general disruption in the Mississippi economy and workforce, particularly in hospitals, clinics, long-term care facilities and other health care facilities across the state;

(b) Workforce shortages exist in the health care industry; and

(c) The availability of unprecedented federal funding to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the workforce and economy has created a unique opportunity for the office, working with community colleges, to provide education and training to help Mississippians find employment in the nursing, allied health and other health care fields, including paramedics.

(2) Therefore, the intent of the Mississippi Legislature is:

(a) To provide funding for outreach efforts to connect citizens seeking employment in nursing, allied health, and other health care fields, including paramedics, with the education and training required to obtain necessary skills for relevant employment in the state;

(b) To provide funding for new and increased capacity in existing nursing and allied health training programs, including accredited paramedic programs, or to help retain and graduate nursing and allied health students, including students in an accredited paramedic program, to include any required equipment or supplies, at community and junior colleges or through other entities facilitating healthcare-focused workforce training programs across the state;

(c) To provide funding for new and increased capacity in physician residency and fellowship programs in hospitals across the state; and

(d) To gauge the effectiveness of these programs by gathering data related to participation and wage and employment outcomes in order to replicate successful efforts in future workforce development programs.

SECTION 3. (1) There is established the Accelerate Mississippi Nursing/Allied Health Grant Program, which shall be directed by the office for the purpose of increasing capacity in nursing and allied health training programs, including accredited paramedic programs, job sectors which were severely impacted by the disruption to the economy and workforce caused by COVID-19.

(2) For purposes of this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context requires otherwise:

(a) "Grant program" means the program established in this section, which provides funding, as determined by the office, from federal COVID-19 relief funds to sustain and increase capacity in nursing and allied health education and training

programs, including accredited paramedic programs, or to help retain and graduate nursing and allied health students, at community and junior colleges or other entities facilitating healthcare-focused training programs as determined by the office.

(b) "Recipient" means a community or junior college or other entities facilitating healthcare-focused training programs as determined by the office.

(c) "Trainee" means an individual receiving training or other services through the grant program under this article with the goal of becoming employed in the nursing or allied health field, including as a licensed paramedic.

(d) "COVID-19" means the Coronavirus Disease 2019.

(e) "Federal COVID-19 relief funds" means funds allocated to the State of Mississippi from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund in Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law No. 117-2).

(f) "High-wage, high-demand industry" means those nursing or allied health jobs, including paramedics, paying above Mississippi's median annual income and prioritized by the office.

(g) "Eligible expenses" means a cost incurred by a recipient under this article, to include:

(i) Necessary equipment or other supplies to sustain or increase capacity in nursing or allied health training programs, including accredited paramedic programs;

(ii) Necessary infrastructure, including building renovation or construction, for increasing capacity in nursing or allied health training programs, including accredited paramedic programs;

(iii) Curricula or other academic or training materials to sustain or increase capacity in nursing or allied health training programs, including accredited paramedic programs;

(iv) Remote learning or other classroom technology to sustain or increase capacity in nursing or allied health training programs, including accredited paramedic programs;

(v) Job placement services for nursing or allied health students and graduates, including those in accredited paramedic programs;

(vi) Recruitment programs for nursing or allied health students and graduates, including those in accredited paramedic programs;

(vii) Other services aimed at helping retain and graduate current nursing and allied health students, including those in accredited paramedic programs.

(3) The Department of Employment Security shall serve as fiscal agent in administering the funds.

(4) Subject to appropriation by the Legislature, allocations to recipients shall be awarded by the office through an application process, which shall require the applicant to provide:

(a) A detailed explanation of the program the applicant intends to use awarded funds to create or expand, to include:

(i) A description of the nursing or allied health workforce shortage the program is intended to address, including specific information from hospitals, clinics, long-term care facilities or other health care providers in the region;

(ii) Any relevant waitlist or other information demonstrating high demand for graduates from the relevant nursing or allied health program;

(iii) The number of nursing or allied health students who will be served by the program; and

(iv) The average wage rate for nursing or allied health students receiving employment after completing the program;

(b) A proposed budget on how awarded funds will be expended, including a plan to consistently report expenditures to the office throughout the funding commitment;

(c) A plan to provide data on participation and outcomes of the program, including a plan to report outcomes to the office throughout the funding commitment; and

(d) Other relevant information as determined appropriate by the office.

(5) Applicants agreeing to commit a portion of their federal COVID-19 relief funds, if they received federal COVID-19 relief funds directly, or other state, federal or private funds as supplemental matching funds to offset the total cost of the approved program will be prioritized for approval.

(6) The office shall:

(a) Inform each recipient of its portion of the funds appropriated to the grant program;

(b) Develop regulations and procedures to govern the administration of the grant program;

(c) Prioritize jobs within the nursing or allied health fields which are currently experiencing staffing shortages in hospitals, clinics, long-term care facilities and other health care providers across the state; and

(d) Prioritize jobs which are high-wage, high-demand jobs within the nursing and allied health fields, including the paramedic field.

(7) Seventy-five percent (75%) of the funds provided through the appropriations process for this program shall be reserved for community and junior colleges. A maximum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the funds provided through the appropriations process for this program may be awarded to recipients other than a community or junior college which facilitate healthcare-focused training programs as determined by the office.

SECTION 4. (1) There is established the Accelerate Mississippi Physician Residency and Fellowship Start-Up Grant Program, which shall be directed by the office for the purpose of creating new or increasing capacity in existing physician residency and fellowship programs in hospitals, which were severely impacted by the disruption to the economy and workforce caused by COVID-19.

(2) For purposes of this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context requires otherwise:

(a) "Grant program" means the program established in this section, which provides funding, as determined by the office, from federal COVID-19 relief funds to create new or increase capacity in existing physician residency and fellowship programs at general acute care hospitals in the State of Mississippi which are licensed by the Mississippi State Department of Health.

(b) "Recipient" means a general acute care hospital in the State of Mississippi which is licensed by the Mississippi State Department of Health.

(c) "Residency and fellowship programs" means advanced training programs in medical or surgical specialty areas which are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education or a similar accreditation body.

(d) "COVID-19" means the Coronavirus Disease 2019.

(e) "Federal COVID-19 relief funds" means funds allocated to the State of Mississippi from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund in Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law No. 117-2).

(f) "Eligible expenses" means a cost incurred by a recipient, pursuant to this article, to include:

(i) Equipment or other supplies necessary for accreditation;

(ii) Necessary infrastructure, including building, renovation or construction, for accreditation;

(iii) Curricula or other academic or training materials necessary for accreditation;

(iv) Stipends for the recruitment, hiring and development of program directors, program coordinators, faculty and/or teaching staff and clinic staff necessary for accreditation; and

(v) Remote learning or other classroom technology.

(3) The Department of Employment Security shall serve as fiscal agent in administering the funds.

(4) Subject to appropriation by the Legislature, allocations to recipients shall be awarded by the office through an application process, which shall require the applicant to provide:

(a) Evidence that the applicant is in the process of preparing for accreditation, has applied for accreditation or has received accreditation for a new residency or fellowship program, or increased capacity in an existing residency or fellowship program;

(b) A detailed explanation of the residency or fellowship program the applicant intends to use awarded funds to create or expand, to include:

(i) A description of the workforce shortage the residency or fellowship program is intended to address, including specific information from health care providers in the region;

(ii) Any relevant waitlist or other information demonstrating high demand for medical school graduates to enter the residency or fellowship program;

(iii) The number of residents who will be served by the residency or fellowship program;

(iv) The budget for the residency or fellowship program, including a plan showing sustainability after accreditation and any required federal approval of the program; and

(v) The average wage rate for residents or fellows receiving employment after completing the program;

(c) A proposed budget on how awarded funds will be expended, including a plan to consistently report expenditures to the office throughout the funding commitment;

(d) A plan to provide data on participation and outcomes of the residency or fellowship program, including a plan to report outcomes to the office throughout the funding commitment; and

(e) Other relevant information as determined appropriate by the office.

(5) Applicants agreeing to commit a portion of their federal COVID-19 relief funds, if they received federal COVID-19 relief funds directly, or other state, federal or private funds as supplemental matching funds to offset the total cost of the approved program shall be prioritized for approval.

(6) The office shall:

(a) Inform each recipient of its portion of the funds appropriated to the grant program;

(b) Develop regulations and procedures to govern the administration of the grant program;

(c) Prioritize residency or fellowship programs within medical or surgical specialties which are currently experiencing staffing shortages in hospitals, clinics, long-term care facilities and other health care providers across the state;

(d) Prioritize residency or fellowship programs which produce graduates in high-demand medical and surgical fields;

(e) Establish a schedule of application deadlines and a system for considering applications on a rotating basis; and

(f) Ensure that every effort be made, in accordance with the priorities in this subsection, to provide funds for the placement of one (1) resident with each recipient before considering awarding funds for the placement of additional residents in the same round of consideration.

SECTION 5. (1) There is established the Mississippi Allied Health College and Career Navigator Grant Program, which shall be directed by the office for the purpose of hiring professionals, or navigators, to provide individual assistance and guidance to students to assist them in many areas, from maneuvering challenges while enrolled in college programs and understanding the job market to working through course challenges, and to help retain and graduate nursing and allied health students, at community and junior colleges. Such navigators must be at least a registered nurse with at least two (2) years of experience in nursing. The grant program shall be funded from monies appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose.

(2) The office shall prescribe the terms and conditions of the grant program. To be eligible to receive a grant from the office under the grant program, a community college shall provide the following information:

(a) The number of nursing or allied health students who will be served by the program;

(b) A plan to provide data on participation and outcomes of the program, including a plan to report outcomes to the office throughout the funding commitment; and

(c) Any other information that the office determines is necessary.

SECTION 6. The office may use a maximum of two percent (2%) of funds appropriated for the administrative expenses of the grant programs authorized in Sections 3, 4 and 5 of this act, to the extent permissible under federal law. The office shall try to minimize any expense of administrative funds by establishing policies and procedures mirroring past programs utilizing federal COVID-19 relief funds.

SECTION 7. The office shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to the office under this article is in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund in Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law No. 117-1).

SECTION 8. The office shall provide a comprehensive report on the use and effectiveness of funds distributed under the grant programs created in this article, to include wage data and employment outcomes for residents, to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, Chairs of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees, Chair of the Senate Economic and Workforce Development Committee, and Chair of the House Workforce Development Committee by October 1 of each year of the existence of the program and for at least three (3) years after the program ceases.

SECTION 9. Grant funds shall be available under this article through December 31, 2026, or on the date of the fund expenditure deadline provided by the federal government, whichever occurs later. Each grant recipient shall certify, for any project for which a grant is awarded, that if the project is not completed by December 31, 2026, and the United States Congress does not enact an extension of the deadline on the availability of ARPA funds, then the grant recipient will complete the project through other funds.

SECTION 10. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or part of this article is declared to be in conflict with federal law, or if for any reason is declared to be invalid or of no effect, the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases or parts thereof shall be in no matter affected thereby but shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 11. Sections 1 through 9 of this act shall be codified as a new article in Title 37, Chapter 153, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO CREATE THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) NURSE/ALLIED HEALTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND RETENTION ACT; TO STATE LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; TO ESTABLISH THE ACCELERATE MISSISSIPPI NURSING/ALLIED HEALTH GRANT PROGRAM; TO ESTABLISH THE ACCELERATE MISSISSIPPI PHYSICIAN RESIDENCY AND FELLOWSHIP START-UP GRANT PROGRAM; TO ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER THE MISSISSIPPI ALLIED HEALTH COLLEGE AND CAREER NAVIGATOR GRANT PROGRAM; TO OUTLINE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE APPLICATIONS AND FOR THE GRANT AWARDS; TO ALLOW THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TO USE A MAXIMUM OF 2% OF FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF THE GRANT PROGRAMS, TO THE EXTENT PERMISSIBLE UNDER FEDERAL LAW; TO DIRECT THE OFFICE TO TRY TO MINIMIZE ANY EXPENSE OF ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS BY ESTABLISHING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MIRRORING PAST PROGRAMS UTILIZING FEDERAL COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDS; TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TO CERTIFY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION THAT EACH EXPENDITURE APPROPRIATED TO THE OFFICE IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE

TREASURY CRITERIA REGARDING THE USE OF MONIES FROM THE CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND; TO PROVIDE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE BY OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR; TO PROVIDE THAT GRANT FUNDS SHALL BE AVAILABLE THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026, OR ON THE DATE OF THE FUND EXPENDITURE DEADLINE PROVIDED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WHICHEVER OCCURS LATER; TO PROVIDE THAT EACH GRANT RECIPIENT SHALL CERTIFY, FOR ANY PROJECT FOR WHICH A GRANT IS AWARDED, THAT IF THE PROJECT IS NOT COMPLETED BY DECEMBER 31, 2026, AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS DOES NOT ENACT AN EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE ON THE AVAILABILITY OF ARPA FUNDS, THEN THE GRANT RECIPIENT WILL COMPLETE THE PROJECT THROUGH OTHER FUNDS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: David Parker, Chad McMahan, Lydia Graves Chassaniol

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Donnie Bell, Kevin Felsher, Otis Anthony

On motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2512: Counties; authorize to designate ARPA funds to rural water and sewer associations for infrastructure projects.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2512: Counties; authorize to designate ARPA funds to rural water and sewer associations and municipalities for infrastructure projects.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) The boards of supervisors of any county in the State are hereby authorized to directly allocate Local Fiscal Recovery Funds made available under the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to rural water associations, water supply districts, regional utility districts or regional utility authorities, and all other publicly constituted bodies which supply water, sewer, or storm water services to the people of the county for the purposes of funding water and sewer infrastructure projects.

(2) The boards of supervisors are further authorized to directly allocate such funds to incorporated municipalities for the purposes of funding water, sewer and storm water infrastructure projects.

(3) If the recipient association, district, authority or municipality serves customers in two (2) or more counties, the majority of water meters for the association, district, authority or municipality must be located in the county allocating such funds.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this act shall be codified in Title 19, Chapter 5, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS TO DIRECTLY ALLOCATE CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 TO ANY PUBLICLY-CONSTITUTED WATER OR SEWER ASSOCIATION, DISTRICT OR AUTHORITY AND TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: John A. Polk, Angela Burks Hill, Chuck Younger

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: C. Scott Bounds, Brent Anderson, Randy Rushing

On motion of Rep. Bounds the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Ladner called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2530: "Secretary of State Eric Clark Coastal Preserve" and "Gollott Island/Godfather Point"; Department of Marine Resources designate.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2530: "Secretary of State Eric Clark Coastal Preserve" and "Gollott Island/Godfather Point"; Department of Marine Resources designate.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Philip Moran, Mike Thompson, Scott DeLano

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Timmy Ladner, Kevin Felsher, Carolyn Crawford

On motion of Rep. Ladner the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Ladner called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2544: Department of Marine Resources; update authority regarding regulation of oyster beds and water bottoms.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2544: Regulation of oyster beds and water bottoms by the MS Department of Marine Resources; bring forward authority.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 49-15-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-15-3. As used in this chapter, the term:

(a) "Commission" means the Mississippi Advisory Commission on Marine Resources.

(b) "Department" means the Department of Marine Resources.

(c) "Domicile" means a person's principal or primary place of abode in which a person's habitation is fixed and to which the person, whenever absent, has the present intention of returning after a departure of absence therefrom, regardless of the duration of the absence. The burden of proving domicile in the State of Mississippi shall be on the person claiming that status. A person holding a current driver's license shall be deemed to be domiciled within the state issuing the license. If a person does not hold a current driver's license the following evidence may be considered in establishing, but is not necessarily determinative of domicile: residence for income or other tax purposes, homestead exemption receipt or other means prescribed by the * * * department. In the case of minors, domicile of the parents shall be used as evidence of the minor's domicile.

(d) "Game fish" means cobia, also known as ling or lemonfish (rachycentron canadum). The cobia is classified as game fish.

(e) "Illegal oysters" means:

(i) All untagged shell stock;

(ii) Shell oysters obtained from uncertified shops or dealers or from an unlicensed catcher;

(iii) Oysters obtained from waters not declared safe and sanitary by the department, except those oysters caught by the * * * department for re-laying or under private leases pursuant to Section 49-15-27;

(iv) Shucked oysters obtained from uncertified shops or repackers.

(f) "Inspector" means the chief inspector, the assistant chief inspector, deputy inspector, bureau director and certified enforcement officer employed by the department.

(g) "Natural reefs" means any bottom under the jurisdiction of the * * * department of one or more acres on which oysters grow naturally, or have grown naturally, in a quantity sufficient to warrant commercial fishing as a means of livelihood, or have been used in such a manner within a period of ten (10) years next preceding the time the bottoms may come up for determination by the * * * department.

(h) "Resident" means a person, firm or corporation that is domiciled in this state.

(i) "Seafood" means all oysters, saltwater fish, saltwater shrimp, diamondback terrapin, sea turtle, crabs and all other species of marine or saltwater animal life existing or living in the waters within the territorial jurisdiction of the State of Mississippi.

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SECTION 2. Section 49-15-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-15-5. All seafoods existing or living in waters within the territorial jurisdiction of the State of Mississippi not held in private ownership legally acquired, and all beds and bottoms of rivers, streams, bayous, lagoons, lakes, bays, sounds and inlets bordering on or connecting with the Gulf of Mexico or Mississippi Sound within such territorial jurisdiction, including all oysters and other shell fish and parts thereof grown thereon, either naturally or cultivated, shall be, continue, and remain the property of the State of Mississippi, to be held in trust for the people thereof until title thereto shall be legally divested in the manner and form hereinafter authorized, and the same shall be under the exclusive control of the * * * department until the right of private ownership shall vest therein as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 3. Section 49-15-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-15-7. All shells of dead oysters, clams and other shellfish; and all of the oyster shells, clam shells, mussel shells, dead reef shells, and cay shells, being upon or under the bottom of, or under the tidewaters within the territorial jurisdiction of the State of Mississippi, and all beds, banks and accumulations of such shells within such territorial jurisdiction on or under the bottoms of such waters, or surrounded by such waters, being the property of the State of Mississippi are hereby further declared to be the property of the State of Mississippi under the jurisdiction of the * * * department.

SECTION 4. Section 49-15-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-15-9. The sole right of planting, cultivating in racks or other structures, and gathering oysters and erecting bathhouses and other structures in front of any land bordering on the Gulf of Mexico or Mississippi Sound or waters tributary thereto belongs to the riparian owner and extends not more than seven hundred fifty (750) yards from the shore, except for state-owned lands on Deer Island, which shall be not more than four hundred (400) yards from shore, measuring from the average low water mark, but where the distance from shore to shore is less than fifteen hundred (1500) yards, the owners of either shore may plant and gather to a line equidistant between the two (2) shores, but no person shall plant in any natural channel so as to interfere with navigation, and such riparian rights shall not include any reef or natural oyster bed and does not extend beyond any channel. A riparian owner shall comply with the Coastal Wetlands Protection Act in exercising the use of these riparian rights. Stakes of such frail materials as will not injure any watercraft may be set up to designate the bounds of the plantation, but navigation shall not be impeded thereby. The riparian owner shall clearly mark such cultivation racks and other structures. The * * * department may adopt regulations to require that the racks are adequately marked to ensure the safety of users of public waters. Any oysters planted by such riparian owner are the private property of such riparian owner, subject to the right of the * * * department to adopt reasonable rules and regulations as to the planting and gathering of such oysters. All bathhouses, piers, wharfs, docks and pavilions, or other structures owned by the riparian owner are likewise the private property of such owner, who shall be entitled to the exclusive use, occupancy and possession thereof, and may abate any private or public nuisance committed by any person or persons in the area of his riparian ownership and may, for such purposes, resort to any remedial action authorized by law. The governing authorities of any municipality and the board of supervisors of any county are authorized to adopt reasonable rules and regulations to protect riparian owners in the enjoyment of their riparian rights, and for such purposes may regulate the use of beaches, landings, and riparian areas abutting or fronting on roads, streets or highways.

SECTION 5. Section 49-15-16, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-15-16. The * * * department may develop a limited entry fisheries management program for all resource groups. The * * * department may require a license for each resource group and shall establish the fees for such licenses. The * * * department may establish a means test or any other criteria to determine eligibility for licenses under the limited entry program. The * * * department may impose a moratorium on the issuance of licenses for a fishery resource.

SECTION 6. Section 49-15-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-15-17. (1) (a) All monies received or obtained by the * * * department under the provisions of this chapter shall be paid over by the * * * department to the State Treasurer and shall be deposited into the fund known as the "Seafood Fund." All revenues collected through the department, to include, but not limited to, commercial saltwater licenses and taxes, permits, fines and penalties, and confiscated catches, shall be deposited into the department operating account (Seafood Fund) and expended for the operation of the department, as authorized by the Legislature.

(b) There is established a special account to be known as the "Artificial Reef Program Account" within the Seafood Fund. Any funds received from any public or private source for the purpose of promoting, constructing, monitoring or

maintaining artificial reefs in the marine waters of the state or in federal waters adjacent to the marine waters of the state shall be credited to the account. Any unexpended funds remaining in the account at the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse into the Seafood Fund, but shall remain in the account. The department may expend any funds in the account, subject to appropriation by the Legislature, to accomplish the purpose of the account.

(c) There is established a special account to be known as the "Coastal Preserve Account" within the Seafood Fund. Any funds received from any public or private source for the purpose of management, improvement and acquisition of coastal preserves in the state and money required to be deposited pursuant to Sections 27-19-56.10 and 27-19-56.27, shall be credited to the account. Any unexpended funds remaining in the account at the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse into the Seafood Fund, but shall remain in the account. The department may expend any funds in the account, subject to appropriation by the Legislature, for the management, improvement and acquisition of coastal preserves.

(d) There is established a special account to be known as the "Mississippi Seafood Marketing Program Account" within the Seafood Fund. Monies required to be deposited into the account under Section 27-19-56.27 and any funds received from any public or private source for the purpose of promoting the Mississippi seafood industry must be credited to the account. Any unexpended funds remaining in the account at the end of the fiscal year do not lapse into the Seafood Fund, but remain in the account. The department may expend any funds in the account, subject to appropriation by the Legislature, to accomplish the purposes of this account, including, but not limited to, providing funds for cobia stock enhancement programs.

(e) There is established a special account to be known as the "Oyster Production Preserve Account" within the Seafood Fund. Monies required to be deposited from oyster leasing and licensing payments under Section 27-15-27, sack fees, money required to be deposited pursuant to Sections 27-19-56.10 and 27-19-56.27, and any funds received from any public or private source for the purpose of oyster production and propagation in this state, which includes plantings of oysters and cultch materials, shall be credited to the account. Any unexpended funds remaining in the account at the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse into the Seafood Fund, but shall remain in the account. The department may expend any funds in the account, subject to specific appropriation by the Legislature, for the management, improvement and acquisition of permissible property for oyster production and propagation in the state, which includes plantings of oysters and cultch materials. The Department of Marine Resources shall develop an annual report to the Legislature which describes the annual expenditures from this fund for the purpose of furthering oyster production and propagation in this state to be included in the department's annual budget request to the Legislative Budget Office and to be transmitted to the Chairmen of the Senate and House Committees on Ports and Marine Resources.

(2) The fund shall be treated as a special trust fund and interest earned on the principal shall be credited to the fund.

(3) The *** department shall keep accurate reports of monies handled as a part of the permanent records of the *** department, and the State Treasurer shall furnish the *** department such forms as may be needed, and the *** department shall account for such forms in *** reports to the Treasurer.

SECTION 7. Section 49-15-18, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-15-18. The executive director of the department shall publish an abstract copy of this chapter and all subsequent amendments to this chapter and all rules and regulations promulgated by the *** department under this chapter. The department may distribute the publication to all persons requesting a copy and to each licensee at the time of issuance of the license. New regulations and amendments to this chapter may be supplied to each licensee within a reasonable time after their promulgation or passage. The department may charge a reasonable fee not to exceed actual cost for its publications.

SECTION 8. Section 49-15-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-15-23. (1) (a) The Mississippi * * * Department of Marine Resources and the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks are hereby authorized and empowered to establish the dividing line between salt and fresh waters, and when such line has been established and notice thereof given as provided herein, it shall be recognized in the courts in connection with any proceedings under the game and fish laws of this state. Such line may be changed from time to time by the Mississippi * * * Department of Marine Resources and the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks on proper publication of such changes.

(b) In establishing the dividing line between salt and fresh waters, no part of the Bay of St. Louis shall be declared to be fresh water.

(c) In establishing the dividing line between salt and fresh waters, none of the waters within the municipal boundaries of the City of Pascagoula, as they existed on January 1, 1981, shall be declared to be fresh water.

(d) In establishing the dividing line between salt and fresh waters, no part of Bayou Cassotte and its tributaries, Bang Bayou and its tributaries, Bayou Cumbest and its tributaries, Crooked Bayou, Middle Bayou and that part of Heron Bayou with its tributaries which lie in the State of Mississippi shall be declared to be fresh water.

(2) Whenever any dividing line is established or changed as above provided, notice shall be given to the public by publication for three (3) weeks in a newspaper published and having general circulation in the county or counties affected thereby, and a description of the dividing line shall be filed in the office of the chancery clerk of such counties or county.

SECTION 9. Section 49-15-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-15-27. The department is hereby granted full and complete authority to lease the bottoms within its jurisdiction upon the following terms and conditions:

(1) All areas within the department's jurisdiction, not designated * * * state-owned reefs by this chapter, * * * including natural reefs and all areas not within the boundaries of riparian property owners may be leased by the department.

(2) All individual lessees shall be residents of the State of Mississippi, or if a firm or corporation, such firm or corporation shall be organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi and owned by a resident of the State of Mississippi.

(3) No individual, corporation, partnership or association may lease less than one (1) acre nor more than * * * two thousand five hundred (2,500) acres total; however, in the case of an individual there shall * * * be counted towards such limitation any lands leased by a corporation, partnership or association in which such individual owns ten percent (10%) or less interest and, in the case of a corporation, partnership or association, there shall * * * be counted toward such limitation any lands leased by an individual stockholder, partner or associate thereof who owns ten percent (10%) or less interest in such corporation, partnership or association.

(4) Individuals, firms or corporations desiring to lease bottoms shall make application to the department in writing, describing the area to be leased. Applications must include a plat showing the proposed lease area and description of cultch material type and amount to be deployed on the leased area.

(5) * * * (a) Any person who qualifies and who desires to lease a part of the bottom or bed of any of the waters of this state as provided in this section shall present to the department a written application, and pay an application fee in the amount of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). This application shall contain the name and address of the applicant and a reasonably definite description of the location and amount of land covered by water desired by the applicant. Upon receipt of the application, the department shall then register the application with date and time stamped thereon, shall order an examination to determine whether the water bottoms applied for are leasable, and shall determine the acreage upon which the rental of the lease shall be fixed. If the area is found to be leasable, the department shall either make a lease with the applicant or issue a written notice declining the application with reasons for same within * * * thirty (30) days * * * of the date of the application. Such lease * * * shall be for the area described in the application upon payment of the prorated annual rent in advance for the remainder of the calendar year.

(b) When applications are made by two (2) or more persons for the same water bottoms, the applicant or the heirs or transferors of a deceased applicant who files the first application has prior claim.

(c) The department shall require that the bottoms of water areas to be leased be as definable as possible, taking into consideration such factors as the shape of the body of water, and the condition of the bottom as to hardness or softness which would render it desirable or undesirable for the purpose of oyster cultivation.

(d) The provisions of this subsection shall apply only to the initial application for an oyster lease, and not to the renewal of a lease.

(e) The department may not execute a lease until the department has posted notice of the application for the lease on its website for thirty (30) consecutive days.

(f) Any person claiming ownership of or interest in the water bottoms to be leased may protest the issuance of the lease on the grounds that the protesting party owns the water bottoms, but only by delivering via certified mail notice of the protest in writing to the Secretary of State, and the lease applicant on or before the thirtieth day after notice of the application was posted. The notice of protest shall include all information and documentation that the protesting party believes is relevant to the question of ownership. The right to protest issuance of the lease pursuant to this section shall expire if a protest is not made on or before the ninetieth day after notice of the application was posted.

(g) If a protest is timely made, the Secretary of State shall review the claim to ownership of the contested water bottoms and issue a preliminary determination to the protesting party, and the lease applicant within ninety (90) days of receiving the notice of protest. Any applicant shall have the right to appeal any decision of the department related to such protest to the circuit court with proper venue.

(h) A lease applicant may withdraw a lease application and receive a full refund from the department of all application fees, by submitting a written request for withdrawal to the department within ninety (90) days after the department posts notice of the application on its website.

(6) Such leases shall be for an initial term of *** fifteen (15) years, with the *** lessee *** having the right of first renewal of the lease for an additional *** fifteen (15) years, and continue to renew at *** fifteen-year intervals, at the same ground rental rate so long as lessee actively cultivates and gathers oysters, and complies with the provisions of this chapter. No lease may be transferred without approval by the department of the transfer.

(7) The terms of every lease issued hereunder shall ensure the maximum cultivation and propagation of oysters. Throughout the term of every lease issued hereunder, each lessee shall add cultch and make other necessary efforts to ensure the maximum cultivation and propagation of oysters. The department shall promulgate regulations to set forth guidelines for lessees to follow to ensure the maximum cultivation and propagation of oysters under the lease. The lessee shall submit a written report with supporting documentation to the department of efforts to cultivate and propagate oysters for the previous year. If the department finds a lessee is not making efforts to cultivate and propagate oysters, and the lessee fails to take remedial steps to address same, such lease shall be subject to termination as provided for hereunder.

(***8) The department shall fix a ground rental rate at *** Three Dollars (\$3.00) per acre per year. The annual rental payments shall be due by December 31 for the next calendar year.

(9) Any lessee who pays the rent on or after the first day of January shall pay the rent due plus an additional ten percent (10%) penalty. The failure of the lessee to pay the rent punctually on or before the first of each March, ipso facto and without demand or putting in default, terminates and cancels the lease and forfeits to the department all the works, improvements, betterments, and oysters on the leased water bottom. The department may at once enter on the water bottom and take possession thereof. Such water bottom shall then be open for lease in accordance with subsections (5) through (8) of this section. Ten (10) days thereafter the department shall enter the termination, cancellation, and forfeiture on its books and give public notice thereof by publication in one (1) local paper in the county where the formerly leased water bottoms are located.

On or before the first day of each February, the department shall issue a written notice of delinquency by certified mail to each lessee who has not yet paid the rent. The department shall also publish notice of such delinquency on its website.

(** *10) The department shall keep an accurate chart of the areas within its jurisdiction and shall mark on such chart those areas which are under lease. All leases shall be marked by appropriate poles, stakes or buoys of such material as will not injure watercraft, at the expense of the leaseholder. The department shall keep an accurate book, designated "Mississippi Oyster Farms" which shall contain copies of all leases. The department shall maintain a map of designated state-owned, leased areas, and areas available for lease on the department's website. If any lease be cancelled or expire, such fact shall be noted on the face of such lease. Lessees shall be "oyster farmers" for the purposes of any grants, aid, subsidies or other assistance from the federal government or other governmental or private agencies.

(** *11) All funds derived from leasing shall be paid into the Seafood Fund under Section 49-15-17, for use by the department to further oyster production in this state, which includes plantings of oysters and cultch materials.

(** *12) All leases made by the department under the authority of this section shall be subject to the paramount right of the state and any of its political subdivisions authorized by law, to promote and develop ports, harbors, channels, industrial or recreational projects, and all such leases shall contain a provision that in the event such authorized public body shall require the area so leased or any part thereof for such public purposes, that the lease shall be terminated on reasonable notice fixed by the department in such lease. On the termination of any lease, the lessees shall have the right to remove any oysters within the leased area within such time as may be fixed by the department and in accordance with such reasonable rules and regulations as the department may adopt.

Any person convicted of taking oysters from leased land or from waters that are not of a safe sanitary quality without a permit as provided in Section 49-15-37 shall, on the first offense, forfeit all equipment used, exclusive of any boat or boats; and be fined not to exceed Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) or sentenced not to exceed one (1) year in the county jail, or both. Subsequent convictions shall be punishable by forfeiture of all equipment, including any boat or boats; and a fine not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or not to exceed two (2) years in prison, or both such fine and imprisonment.

The department is enjoined to cooperate with the Jackson County Port Authority, the Harrison County Development Commission, the municipal port commission and other port and harbor agencies, so that oyster beds shall not be planted in close proximity to navigable channels. The department or lessee shall have no right of action as against any such public body for damages accruing to any natural reef or leased reef by any necessary improvement of such channel in the interest of shipping, commerce, navigation or other purpose authorized by law.

(13) A lessee has the exclusive use of the water bottoms leased and all oysters and cultch grown or placed thereon. However, this exclusive right is subordinate to the rights and responsibilities of the state, any political subdivision of the state, the United States, or any agency or agent thereof, to take action in furtherance of coastal protection, conservation or restoration.

(14) In order to protect the health and safety of the residents of the State of Mississippi, the terms and conditions relating to the leasing of bottoms provided in this section shall be fully applicable to any lease executed by the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources prior to the passage of this act, and the department shall revise any lease issued prior to the passage of this act as necessary in order to comply with the provisions of this section.

SECTION 10. Section 49-15-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-15-29. (1) The ** * department shall assess and collect license fees and taxes as authorized under this chapter.

(2) All commercial licenses provided for under this chapter that relate to seafood shall be purchased from May 1 through April 30 at the fees provided in this chapter. The licenses shall expire on April 30 following the date of issuance.

(3) When an application for an original or renewal license of any kind authorized by this chapter is received by the *** department, the *** department shall determine whether the vessel or related equipment subject to that license is owned and operated in compliance with applicable federal and state laws. If the *** department determines that a vessel or its owner is not in compliance with applicable federal and state laws, then no license shall be issued or renewed for the operation of that vessel for a period of one (1) year. All licenses shall be made available for purchase at any building which is regularly operated by the department *** on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

(4) The *** department may authorize any person, other than a salaried employee of the state to issue any license under this chapter which the *** department deems appropriate. The authorized person may collect and retain for issuance of the license the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) in addition to the license fee provided in this chapter. The *** department shall establish the qualifications of persons authorized to issue licenses under this section and shall also establish the procedure for the issuance of that license by the authorized person and the procedure for collection of license fees by and from the authorized person.

(5) The *** department may design, establish, and administer a program to provide for the purchase, by electronic means, of any license, permit, registration or reservation issued by the *** department. Any actual costs associated to provide these documents electronically may be added to the cost of the electronic program.

SECTION 11. Section 49-15-30, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-15-30. (1) The *** department may promulgate rules and regulations for nonresident permits in order to promote reciprocal agreements with other states.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in Section 49-15-46, the *** department shall provide that residents of other states bordering on the Gulf of Mexico who are applicants for a commercial fishing license of any type as provided for in this chapter shall pay the same fee or fees that a resident of this state pays in this state for that license if the respective applicant's domicile state does not charge a greater fee or fees for a Mississippi resident than for a resident of any other state to engage in a like activity in the other state. If the applicant's domicile state does charge a greater fee or fees for residents of Mississippi than for a resident of the applicant's domicile state, then that applicant shall pay the same fee or fees that the applicant's domicile state charges residents of Mississippi.

(3) The *** department shall require a nonresident to purchase the same type and number of licenses and pay the same fees that are required of Mississippi residents to engage in like activity in the nonresident's state.

(4) (a) If an applicant applies for a nonresident commercial fishing license to engage in a certain activity and the applicant's state does not issue a nonresident commercial fishing license for that activity, then the *** department shall not issue such license to the applicant.

(b) If the applicant's domicile state has additional mandatory licensing requirements, the applicant must meet those requirements before receiving a nonresident commercial fishing license.

(5) Any nonresident who engages in the commercial taking of seafood within the territorial waters of Mississippi without having the required nonresident commercial license is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) and shall forfeit any equipment, gear or nets used in the offense.

SECTION 12. Section 49-15-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-15-31. (1) The *** department may construct, maintain and operate all patrol stations, camps and related facilities as may be deemed necessary by the *** department.

(2) If a regulatory agency of a foreign state establishes a station or checkpoint through which Mississippi residents must pass for license, permit or catch inspection, or otherwise, the department shall establish similar stations or checkpoints through which residents of the foreign states shall be required to pass.

SECTION 13. Section 49-15-34, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-15-34. (1) The *** department shall require all boats used under regulation of this chapter which are also used in waters of other states and required by those states to pay licenses or fees for the same purposes as licenses and fees are required under this chapter to purchase a license which reflects that the licensed boats are used inside and outside the territorial waters of Mississippi. Upon the issuance of that license, the licensed boat, if used exclusively for commercial fishing or charter boats which have been licensed and authorized by the United States Coast Guard under 46 CFR Sections 24-26 and 46 CFR Sections 175-187, shall be deemed to be in the business of interstate transportation, but this shall in no way affect the collection of other licenses and fees by the *** department which would otherwise be due under this chapter. The *** department shall assess and collect an annual license fee of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) on each boat engaged in operations under this subsection.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, the *** department shall establish a transport permit to land seafood in this state which is legally taken outside of the Mississippi territorial waters without obtaining a license under this chapter. The *** department by regulation shall require the registration of those landings. The *** department may establish a permit fee in an amount not to exceed the amount of the license fee established in Section 49-15-28(1). This subsection shall not be construed to supersede Section 49-15-71.

SECTION 14. Section 49-15-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-15-35. Upon the request of the boards of supervisors of the respective coastal counties, the *** department may adopt ordinances prohibiting the taking and catching of menhaden within certain limits of the coast line of the county so requesting, but the *** department shall not fix such limits except upon request of the board of supervisors, and such limit shall not exceed two (2) miles from the shore line, or two (2) miles from the corporate limit boundaries of any municipality bordering on the Mississippi Sound.

SECTION 15. Section 49-15-36, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-15-36. (1) The Department of Marine Resources shall have full jurisdiction and control of all *** designated state-owned reefs and oyster bottoms of the State of Mississippi. In no event shall the department designate more than twenty percent (20%) of the permitted areas available as state-owned reefs.

(2) *** State-owned reefs may be opened for harvest of oysters during the season on a rotating basis. If the department determines that a particular reef has been overharvested or that a high percentage of sublegal size oysters exist on a particular reef and that harvest could damage future oyster crops, the department may close designated reef areas and keep them closed during the season.

(3) The department shall promulgate regulations regarding the closing of oyster reefs to protect the public health. When that testing indicates the oysters on the closed reef are suitable for consumption, the reef shall be opened for the taking of oysters as soon as notice of that opening may be made to interested parties. The authority to open or close oyster reefs under this chapter shall be solely within the discretion of the department. The Gulf Coast Research Laboratory or other certified laboratory shall cooperate with the department and shall conduct necessary tests to determine the condition of oyster reefs at the request of the department. The department may limit the sale of oysters for human consumption.

(4) (a) The department may issue special permits for the purpose of catching oysters outside the open season or in areas not normally open to harvest to those nonprofit organizations that are tax exempt under Section 501(c) of the United States Internal Revenue Code and which have on file with the Department of Revenue a tax exemption letter issued by the United States Internal Revenue Service.

(b) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations governing the taking of oysters by the nonprofit organization and shall issue such regulations to all organizations upon request and at the issuance of the special permit.

(5) The department shall establish a reasonable period of time for depuration of oysters replanted from restricted waters. That period of time shall be consistent with

the maintenance of the public health and may vary from time to time and from one reef to another in accordance with environmental conditions.

SECTION 16. Section 49-15-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-15-37. *** The department may employ boats, crews and laborers *** to cultivate the *** state-owned reefs of the state, and *** dredge the oysters in the Mississippi Sound from places where they are too thick, and *** spread them on reefs where they are too thin, and *** carry shells from the factories and spread them in places where the oyster beds can be improved and enlarged. The department may open state-owned reefs to the public for harvest. The department may purchase other materials as may be equally suitable for the propagation of oysters. The department in cultivating the reefs, transplanting and spreading oysters and shells and other suitable materials, may expend any funds available for that purpose, as provided by Section 49-15-17(1)(e). In taking seed oysters, care shall be used to not injure or destroy the merchantable oysters on the reefs from which they are taken. The seed oysters shall be tonged from the "conner" or seed reefs, unless it is practicable and safe to dredge those oysters. The *** department may *** establish new bedding grounds at those places within the boundaries of the state as it may determine, on advice of the director, or on advice of technical governmental experts, or competent aquatic biologists. On existing *** state-owned reefs in which oysters exist and in waters not of a safe sanitary quality as determined by the department, the *** department shall prohibit any person, firm or corporation from taking oysters from those areas. The *** department shall from time to time remove the oysters from the areas and relay or replant them in an approved area for a period of time under Section 49-15-36 before they may be harvested. *** Any funds received from the sale of the oysters shall be used in a like manner as those funds received under Section 49-15-38.

The *** department may issue permits to persons to remove oysters by dredging or otherwise from water bottoms which are not of a safe sanitary quality for oysters for human consumption ***. These areas *** may be designated as seed grounds, and permits to persons shall be issued only for the purpose of transplanting oysters to privately leased Mississippi territorial waters. The *** department may permit the transplanting of these seed oysters by a duly authorized public agency.

The *** department may, upon *** determining the water bottom from which oysters are to be removed is not of a safe, sanitary quality for oyster production for human consumption and has been unsafe for a period of at least one (1) year immediately preceding certification, and upon complying with the following requirements, permit the dredging of oysters from restricted public areas and relaying the oysters to private leased grounds in the State of Mississippi:

- (a) Permittee must hold valid lease of oyster bedding grounds in the State of Mississippi;
- (b) Permittee must be bonded in compliance with the permit system established by the *** department;
- (c) Permittee must fulfill all permit requirements as established by the *** department;
- (d) Permittee shall not move oysters from one restricted area to another restricted area;
- (e) Permittee shall move oysters only to an area leased by the *** department; and
- (f) Permittee shall not move oysters from the restricted area without the presence of an employee of the department at all times, from the dredging of the oysters from the restricted areas to their deposit on private leased grounds or to an onshore, molluscan depuration facility.

Harvesting of oysters shall be permitted only during daylight hours and with the most efficient gear possible consistent with conservation requirements of not damaging the reefs. This shall include permission to use two (2) dredges per boat on restricted areas and on private leased grounds.

Any person obtaining a permit to remove oysters from seed grounds shall post a penal bond of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per leased acre with the * * * department to be forfeited upon any violation of this section. The bond may be approved by the director of the department if the director finds the bond to be secured by sufficient property or sureties.

The * * * department shall regulate the amount and time of taking of oysters from seed areas and shall supervise the removal, planting and harvesting of oysters from the areas. The time set for the taking of oysters from restricted seed areas for relaying or replanting and the time set for the taking of oysters from private leased grounds shall be separated by not less than a period of time determined under Section 49-15-36 during which neither activity may be allowed.

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SECTION 17. Section 49-15-38, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-15-38. (1) (a) Unless otherwise permitted by the * * * department, no oysters shall be taken from * * * state-owned reefs * * * unless culled * * *, and all oysters less than three (3) inches from end to end, and all dead shells, shall be replaced, scattered and broadcast immediately on the * * * reefs from which they are taken. It is unlawful for any captain or person in charge of any vessel, or any canner, packer, commission man, dealer or other person to purchase, sell or to have in that person's possession or under that person's control any oysters off the * * * state-owned reefs or private bedding grounds not culled according to this section, or any oysters under the legal size. A ten percent (10%) tolerance shall be allowed in relation to any culling.

(b) The * * * department may authorize the culling of oysters of a lesser measure. That authorization shall be in response to special circumstances or extreme natural conditions affecting the habitat, including, but not limited to, flooding. The department may establish checkpoints in any area within its jurisdiction to conduct inspections, collect fees and issue tags in the enforcement of this chapter and regulations adopted by the commission.

(2) The * * * department shall acquire and replant shells, seed oysters and other materials, when funding is available, for the purpose of growing oysters.

(3) Any person, firm or corporation failing or refusing to pay the shell retention fee required under Section 49-15-46 to the department when called for by the department, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each barrel of shells for which they fail or refuse to tender the shell retention fee. In addition to the fine, the violator shall pay the reasonable value of the oyster shells and shall be ineligible to be licensed for any activity set forth in this chapter for a period of two (2) years from the date of conviction.

(4) The planting of oyster shells as provided under this chapter shall be under the direction and supervision of the executive director of the department. * * *

SECTION 18. Section 49-15-40, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-15-40. * * * The * * * department may support projects in the nature of digging or constructing canals or ditches to bring additional water to existing oyster reefs or beds in need of that water, or for the purpose of creating or establishing new oyster reefs or beds. * * * The * * * department may also enter into interstate or intrastate efforts to support these projects and may seek and utilize aid from all federal, state and local sources in this endeavor. * * *

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SECTION 19. Section 49-15-44, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-15-44. The * * * department shall prohibit the sale or possession of illegal oysters. It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to possess or to engage in the sale of oysters not certified in this state, or to shuck or repack for sale any illegal oysters, unless that person, firm or corporation possesses a bill of sale, valid permit or affidavit of another state, properly dated, evidencing the legality of the sale or possession of the oysters in that state. Any person in possession of illegal oysters shall be subject to civil or criminal prosecution and shall be fined not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or punished as provided in Section 49-15-63.

SECTION 20. Section 49-15-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-15-45. * * * Any municipality bounded by the Gulf of Mexico or Mississippi Sound, which has wholly or partly within its corporate limits, or in the waters adjacent thereto, a public oyster reef reserved for catching oysters exclusively by use of hand tongs, is hereby authorized to aid and cooperate with the * * * department in enforcing all laws regulating the catching, taking and transporting of oysters, including all of the provisions of this chapter, and all regulations and ordinances of such * * * department relating to such oyster reefs.

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SECTION 21. Section 49-15-46, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-15-46. (1) Each vessel used to catch, take, carry or transport oysters from the reefs of the State of Mississippi, or engaged in transporting any oysters in any of the waters within the territorial jurisdiction of the State of Mississippi, for commercial use, shall annually, before beginning operations, be licensed by the department and pay the following license fee:

(a) Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) on each in-state vessel or boat used for tonging oysters or gathering oysters by hand;

(b) One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) on each in-state vessel or boat used for dredging oysters;

(c) One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) on each out-of-state vessel or boat used for tonging oysters or gathering oysters by hand, or the license fee charged by the out-of-state licensing entity to Mississippi vessels or boats for tonging or gathering oysters, whichever is greater; or

(d) Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) on each out-of-state vessel or boat used for dredging oysters, or the license fee charged by the out-of-state licensing entity to Mississippi vessels or boats for dredging oysters, whichever is greater.

(2) Each molluscan shellfish aquaculture operation shall annually, before beginning operations, be licensed by the department and pay the following license fee:

(a) Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) on each resident molluscan shellfish aquaculture operation; or

(b) One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) on each nonresident molluscan shellfish aquaculture operation.

(3) The department may authorize the transfer of a vessel license to a different vessel provided that the owner of both vessels is the same titled owner.

(4) All oysters harvested in the State of Mississippi shall be tagged. Tags shall be issued by the department and shall bear the catcher's name, the date and origin of the catch, the shell stock dealer's name and permit number. The department shall number all tags issued and shall maintain a record of those tags. The department, in its discretion, may adopt any regulations regarding the tagging of oysters and other shellfish.

(5) Each person catching or taking oysters from the waters of the State of Mississippi for personal use shall obtain a permit from the department and pay an annual recreational oyster permit fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00). Oysters caught under a recreational permit shall not be offered for sale. The limits on the allowable catch of oysters for recreational purposes shall be three (3) sacks per week. The department shall issue tags of a distinguishing color to designate recreationally harvested oysters, which shall be tagged on the same day of harvest in the manner prescribed in subsection (4) of this section for commercially harvested oysters or by regulation of the department.

(6) The department shall assess and collect a shell retention fee for the shells taken from waters within the territorial jurisdiction of the State of Mississippi as follows:

(a) Commercial and recreational harvesters - Fifteen Cents (15¢) per sack paid to the department on the day of harvest;

(b) Initial oyster processor, dealer or factory first purchasing the oysters - Fifteen Cents (15¢) per sack paid to the department no later than the tenth day of the month following the purchase, on forms submitted by the department;

(c) Commercial harvesters transporting their catch out of the state - Fifty Cents (50¢) per sack paid to the department on the day of harvest, in addition to the fees paid in paragraph (a) of this subsection; and

(d) Commercial harvesters not selling their oysters to a Mississippi dealer - Fifteen Cents (15¢) per sack paid to the department on the day of harvest, in addition to fees paid in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

Funds received from the shell retention fee shall be paid into a special fund in the State Treasury to be appropriated by the Legislature for use by the department to further oyster production in this state, which includes plantings of oysters and/or cultch materials.

(7) During open seasons, oysters may be taken only by hands, tongs and dredges.

(8) Vessels licensed under Section 49-15-46 may keep in whole, for personal consumption up to thirty-six (36) blue crabs (portunidae family), per day. This exemption for personal consumption does not apply to fish or crabs that are otherwise illegal to possess or catch.

SECTION 22. Section 49-15-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-15-47. (1) It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to discharge solid or human waste from any vessel while the vessel is used to harvest or transport oysters in the marine waters of the state.

(2) Each vessel used to harvest or transport oysters is required to have an approved functional marine sanitation device (MSD), portable toilet or other sewage disposal receptacle designed to contain human sewage. The approved marine sanitation device (MSD), portable toilet or other sewage disposal receptacle shall:

(a) Be used only for the purpose intended.

(b) Be secured while on board and located to prevent contamination of shell stock by spillage or leakage.

(c) Be emptied only into an approved sewage disposal system.

(d) Be cleaned before being returned to the vessel.

(e) Not be cleaned with equipment used for washing or processing food.

(3) The use of other receptacles for sewage disposal may be approved by the department if the receptacles are:

(a) Constructed of impervious, cleanable materials and have tight-fitting lids; and

(b) Meet the requirements listed in subsection (2).

(4) The * * * department shall promulgate administrative penalties for violations of this section, which may include, but not be limited to, revocation of the license of the oyster vessel for up to one (1) year for the first offense, revocation up to two (2) years for the second offense, and permanent revocation for the third offense.

(5) Upon issuance of a citation for a violation of this section, the vessel shall be removed from the oyster reef and any oysters on board the vessel shall be confiscated and disposed of by the department. The vessel shall not be permitted to harvest from any * * * state-owned or private reefs until the vessel is properly equipped as determined by an inspection by the department.

SECTION 23. Section 49-15-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, which regulates tonging reefs and prescribes certain criminal penalties related to tonging reefs and Section 49-15-40.1, Mississippi Code of 1972, which authorizes the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources to conduct a pilot program for bottom land leasing for oyster production in waters adjacent to Hancock County, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 24. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF SEAFOOD AND OYSTERS BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 49-15-3, 49-15-5, 49-15-7, 49-15-9, 49-15-16, 49-15-17, 49-15-18, 49-15-23, 49-15-27, 49-15-29, 49-15-30, 49-15-31, 49-15-34, 49-15-35, 49-15-36, 49-15-37, 49-15-38, 49-15-40, 49-15-44, 49-15-45, 49-15-46 AND 49-15-47, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF

MARINE RESOURCES TO LEASE REEFS AND BOTTOM LAND FOR OYSTER GROWING/HARVESTING AND TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT TO REGULATE THE TAKING OF OYSTERS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW OYSTER BEDS; TO REQUIRE ALL LESSEES TO BE RESIDENTS OF THE STATE; TO ESTABLISH THE "OYSTER PRODUCTION PRESERVE ACCOUNT" WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT'S SEAFOOD FUND, WHICH IS EARMARKED FOR OYSTER PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT AND TO REQUIRE ANNUAL REPORTS ON EXPENDITURES; TO CLARIFY THE FIRST RIGHT OF RENEWAL OF EXISTING LESSEES; TO PRESCRIBE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INITIAL APPLICATION FOR LEASE; TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES AND PROCEDURES IN THE EVENT OF DEFAULT IN PAYMENT OF RENT; TO PROVIDE FOR CANCELLATION AND FOR FORFEITURES; TO PROVIDE A RIGHT OF APPEAL; TO DELETE CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO DEPURATION TECHNOLOGY; TO DELETE CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO RESTRICTED SEED AREAS; TO PROVIDE RECIPROCITY FOR CERTAIN NONRESIDENT VESSEL OYSTER DREDGING AND TONGING FEES; TO DELETE THE AUTHORITY OF LOCAL GOVERNING AUTHORITIES TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT IN PLANTING OYSTER SHELLS; TO DELETE THE PROVISIONS THAT ALL REEFS ARE PUBLIC; TO PRESCRIBE CERTAIN CONDITIONS FOR STATE-OWNED REEFS; TO DELETE THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT TO EXERCISE EMINENT DOMAIN IN CONSTRUCTING CANALS; TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF MUNICIPALITIES RELATIVE TO THE WATERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI SOUND; TO REPEAL SECTION 49-15-39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH REGULATES TONGING REEFS AND PRESCRIBES CERTAIN CRIMINAL PENALTIES RELATED TO TONGING REEFS AND TO REPEAL SECTION 49-15-40.1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH AUTHORIZES THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES TO CONDUCT A PILOT PROGRAM FOR BOTTOM LAND LEASING FOR OYSTER PRODUCTION IN WATERS ADJACENT TO HANCOCK COUNTY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Philip Moran, Mike Thompson, Jeremy England

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Timmy Ladner, Kevin Felsher, Carolyn Crawford

On motion of Rep. Ladner the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--71

On motion of Rep. Ladner unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

S. B. No. 2544: Department of Marine Resources; update authority regarding regulation of oyster beds and water bottoms.

Rep. Felsher called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2551: Department of Marine Resources, Office of Marine Patrol; cooperate with federal law enforcement.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2551: Department of Marine Resources, Office of Marine Patrol; cooperate with federal law enforcement.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Philip Moran, Jeremy England, Mike Thompson

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Timmy Ladner, Kevin Felsher, Carolyn Crawford

On motion of Rep. Felsher the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Kinkade called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2534: Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; require additional regulation of freshwater fishing guides.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2534: Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; require additional regulation of freshwater fishing guides.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 49-4-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-4-39. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Boat" means a vessel used by a guide or outfitter for taking paying customers on recreational freshwater fishing excursions.

(b) "Guide" means a person who advises or shows the way to others on a boat.

(c) "Outfitter" means an establishment that sells freshwater fishing services.

(d) "Captain" or "skipper" means a person who is at the helm, controls or steering of a boat.

(e) "Boat mate" and "crew" mean one or more employees assisting the guide, outfitter, captain or skipper on a boat.

(2) The commission may regulate hunting, fishing and wildlife viewing, guide and outfitter services. The commission shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) Prescribe the form and type of licenses;

(b) Prescribe an annual distinguishable decal for each boat;

(** *c) Except as otherwise provided in this section, establish fees for the types of licenses; the fee for guide and outfitter services annual licenses * * * shall not be less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for residents and shall not be less than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for nonresidents; * * *

(d) Require one-year proof of residency and a valid sportsman's license for residents;

(e) Require a valid nonresident fishing license for nonresidents;

(f) Require First Aid/CPR certification; and

(g) Exercise all powers to make regulations for enforcement and safety of such services.

(3) A fishing guide, outfitter, skipper or captain that uses a boat to provide fishing guide services shall obtain an annual boat license and decal for a fee of at least Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00). In order to obtain a boat license and decal, an applicant must register the boat being used with the department and provide to the department a copy of the driver's license of the guide, outfitter, skipper or captain and proof of liability insurance and such other information as the department may require by regulation.

(4) A violation of this section or any regulation created by the commission exercising its powers to regulate safety and services is a Class II violation and is punishable as provided in Section 49-7-143.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-4-39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE A FRESHWATER FISHING GUIDE OR SERVICE THAT USES A BOAT TO OBTAIN A FISHING GUIDE BOAT LICENSE AND DECAL; TO PROVIDE THE FEE FOR SUCH LICENSE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Neil S. Whaley, Benjamin Suber, Joseph M. Seymour

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Bill Kinkade, Shane Barnett, Jeff Hale

On motion of Rep. Kinkade the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Calvert, Currie, Haney, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-7.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Kinkade called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2556: Qualifications for appointment as a conservation officer; clarify.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2556: Qualifications for appointment as a conservation officer; clarify.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 49-39-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-39-5. (1) There is established the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund, which shall consist of the following members:

- (a) Four (4) members appointed by the Governor * * * from geographically diverse areas;
- (b) Three (3) members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor * * * from geographically diverse areas;
- (c) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission, as an ex officio, nonvoting member;
- (d) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, as an ex officio, nonvoting member;

- (e) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, as an ex officio, nonvoting member;
- (f) The Secretary of State, as an ex officio, nonvoting member;
- (g) The Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce, as an ex officio, nonvoting member;
- (h) The Chairs of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees, as ex officio, nonvoting members;
- (i) The Chairs of the Senate Finance Committee and House Ways and Means Committee, as ex officio, nonvoting members; and
- (j) The Chairs of the Senate and House Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Committees, as ex officio, nonvoting members.

One (1) of the members to be appointed by the Governor shall be appointed only after consideration of recommendations for those appointments made by the Speaker of the House of Representatives to the Governor. One (1) of the members to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor shall be appointed only after consideration of recommendations for those appointments made by the Speaker of the House of Representatives to the Lieutenant Governor.

(2) The members of the board appointed by the Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall be appointed from the following private sectors: forestry, conservation, agriculture, business, marine resources, hunting or fishing. Such members shall be and shall remain Mississippi residents during their tenure on the board and shall possess a demonstrated knowledge of and commitment to public lands, land conservation and outdoor recreation. These seven (7) appointments shall be subject to the advice and consent of the Mississippi State Senate.

(3) (a) Two (2) persons initially appointed by the Governor and two (2) persons initially appointed by the Lieutenant Governor shall serve terms ending June 30, 2025. The other two (2) persons initially appointed by the Governor and the remaining person initially appointed by the Lieutenant Governor shall serve terms ending June 30, 2026.

After the expiration of the initial terms, each such appointment shall be for a term of four (4) years from the expiration of the previous term.

(b) A majority of the voting members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of meetings, and all actions of the board shall require a majority vote of the voting members of the board.

(c) The board shall annually elect one (1) voting member to serve as chairman and one (1) voting member to serve as vice chairman. The vice chairman shall act as chairman in the absence or disability of the chairman, or if there is a vacancy in the office of chairman.

(4) The members of the board appointed by the Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall receive a per diem as provided in Section 25-3-69, plus travel and necessary expenses incidental to the attendance at each board meeting, including mileage, as provided in Section 25-3-41.

(5) No board member shall use his official position to obtain, or attempt to obtain, pecuniary benefit for himself other than that compensation provided for by law, or to obtain, or attempt to obtain, pecuniary benefit for any relative or any business with which he is associated, as provided in Section 25-4-105.

(6) The board shall not approve any funding to any entity of which a voting member of the board is an executive, member or employee.

(7) The Department of Finance and Administration shall provide the office space, staff and other support necessary for the board to perform its duties.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-39-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE GEOGRAPHIC STANDARDS FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MISSISSIPPI OUTDOOR STEWARDSHIP TRUST FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Neil S. Whaley, Benjamin Suber, Chuck Younger

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Bill Kinkade, Jeff Hale, Vince Mangold

On motion of Rep. Kinkade the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

On request of Rep. Oliver, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in conference reports **H. B. No. 1641**, **H. B. No. 1617**, **H. B. No. 1640** and **S. B. No. 3022**:

HB 1641: Amend on line 220 by deleting the words "Section 10" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Section 11".

HB 1617: Amend on line 50 by deleting the number "49" and inserting in lieu thereof the number "51".

HB 1640: Amend on line 89 by deleting the number "40" and inserting in lieu thereof the number "48".

SB 3022: Amend on line 31 by deleting the number "668" and inserting in lieu thereof the number "704".

At 4:54 PM on motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 6:04 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Representative Lamar called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on **S. B. No. 2842**: (Use tax; revise provisions regarding special infrastructure assistance funds for municipalities and counties.), and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Lamar moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. C. R. No. 61: Legislature; extend 2023 Regular Session, suspend deadlines for certain bills, and set date of sine die adjournment.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eubanks, Huddleston, Robinson, Walker. Total-5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--78

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. C. R. No. 61: Legislature; extend 2023 Regular Session, suspend deadlines for certain bills, and set date of sine die adjournment.

Representative Stamps entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on the following bill:

H. B. No. 1310: Elections; revise provisions related to the integrity of.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 164: Representative Lynn Wright; commend life and legacy of service and express sympathy upon his passing.

H. R. No. 172: Tougaloo College "Bulldogs" Men's Basketball Team; commend on winning back-to-back GCAC Regular Season and Tournament Championships.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 1697: City of Farmington; authorize the use of low-speed vehicles and golf carts on certain public streets with certain restrictions.

H. B. No. 1816: City of Clinton; extend repeal date on additional tourism tax on hotels and motels.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 165: Anna Katherine Adams; commend and congratulate upon induction in the 2023 Class of Extraordinary Educators.

H. R. No. 166: Representative Robin Robinson; commend legislative service of.

H. R. No. 167: Ingomar Attendance Center Lady Falcons Volleyball Team; commend for winning 2022 MHSAA Class 1A State Championship.

H. R. No. 168: Representative Jerry Darnell; commend distinguished legislative career of.

H. R. No. 169: Angie Thomas; recognize and commend accomplishments of.

H. R. No. 171: Caledonia High School Volleyball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 4A State Volleyball Championship.

H. R. No. 173: Representative Randall H. Patterson; commend esteemed legislative career and public service upon his retirement.

H. R. No. 174: Representative Steve Hopkins; commend for distinguished legislative career.

H. R. No. 175: Dr. Daphine Hill; commend accomplishments of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 176: Layla Carter; commend upon being named Miss Basketball for the MHSAA Class 5A and 2023 Vicksburg Post Girls Player of the Year.

H. R. No. 177: Shanise Batiste LeFlore; commend exceptional service and commitment provided to Blackmon & Blackmon, PLLC.

H. R. No. 178: Dr. William "Bill" Myers; commend esteemed career upon his retirement.

H. R. No. 179: Tombigbee Chapter of the National Society of the DAR and Seth Burnett and Levi Burnett; commend.

H. R. No. 180: Stacy and Mable Austin; commend upon 75th wedding anniversary.

H. R. No. 181: Presley Seals; commend upon being named as an inductee of the Curriculum Associates 2023 Class of Extraordinary Educators.

H. R. No. 182: McEvans School Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning the MHSAA Class 1A State Championship.

H. R. No. 183: David Tadlock; commend outstanding career and contributions of.

H. R. No. 184: Mary Elizabeth Lee Dowdell; commend upon the occasion of her 90th birthday.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 186: Northeast Jones High School "Gold Horizons" Show Choir; commend for many outstanding achievements.

H. R. No. 187: Representative Tom Miles; commend distinguished legislative career of.

H. R. No. 188: Coach Troy Stewart; commend for outstanding 2022-2023 season as head coach of the Vicksburg High School Missy Gators.

H. R. No. 189: Viola Allen; commend career success of.

H. R. No. 190: Pastor Dr. Joe May; commend upon occasion of his retirement from pastoral duties.

H. R. No. 191: Dr. Cindy Ayers Elliott; commend for being named USA Today's 2023 Woman of the Year Honoree for Mississippi.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative McLean moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dewitt T. Hicks, Jr., and Katherine Searcy Horton, which motion prevailed.

Representative Tullos moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Billy Ralph Sullivan, which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dusty Bates, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bennett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sandra S. Dixon, Perry Martin Oberg, Doris "Dot" Elizabeth Bealer Mayer, and Denella O'Brien Hodgins, which motion prevailed.

Representative Felsher moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jacqueline Spires, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hulum moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Callie Jones, which motion prevailed.

Representative Ford (73rd) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Joe Surkin, which motion prevailed.

Representative Banks moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Chief Rebecca J. Coleman, which motion prevailed.

Representative Smith moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jacob Cameron Touchstone, Kayla Elizabeth Early Davis, Sue Carol Atwood, and Charles Alton Riley, Sr., which motion prevailed.

Representative McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Michael Levi Crawford, Molly Monje Jimenez, Bertie Necaize, Willie Necaize, Jr. , James Luther Gaines, III, Carolyn Ann Ladner Adam, Lisa Gail Bobinger, Matthew Henry Babin, Gerald Clinton Welder, Sr. , Nicole Deas, George Alexander Baker, Marty Jeryl Ladner, and Angelo Joseph Paola, Jr., which motion prevailed.

Representatives Eure and McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ella Mae Hoda Flynn, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Deweese and Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Judy Randall, which motion prevailed.

At 6:17 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Wednesday, March 29, 2023, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTY-FOURTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023

(EIGHTY-SIXTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Pastor Steven Owen, New Hope Methodist Church, DeKalb.

Rep. Evans (45th) led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Representative Robinson introduced special guests, the Northeast Jones High School Choir, as they led the House in the National Anthem.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Home, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Walker. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Huddleston and Walker.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

H. B. No. 400: Election crimes; revise the penalties for certain.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. C. R. No. 61: Legislature; extend 2023 Regular Session, suspend deadlines for certain bills, and set date of sine die adjournment.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 1819: City of Eupora; authorize conveyance of certain property located within city's industrial park.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

H. B. No. 266: Department of Public Safety Headquarters Office; name in honor of Commissioner David R. Huggins.

H. B. No. 405: Bribery of a candidate; revise statute of limitations.

H. B. No. 485: Sexual assault evidence kit; regulate the processing of.

H. B. No. 529: Department of Public Safety; revise various provisions.

H. B. No. 535: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

H. B. No. 602: District Attorneys; increase the operating allowance of.

H. B. No. 691: Memorial highway; designate a portion of U.S. Highway 45 in Wayne County, MS, as the "Army Sergeant Eric C. Newman Memorial Highway."

H. B. No. 704: Television series production; provide incentives for certain.

H. B. No. 769: Harvey Moss Wildlife Management Area at Tuscumbia; designate Tuscumbia Wildlife Management Area as.

H. B. No. 795: Shoplifting; require to calculate total price of all shoplifting items for fine.

H. B. No. 799: Inmate Welfare Fund; increase portion of the fund that is utilized to fund Inmate Incentive to Work Program.

H. B. No. 912: Firearm suppressors; authorizing manufacture and possession in Mississippi and prohibit enforcement of federal laws governing.

H. B. No. 923: Bob Tyler Fish Hatchery; designate the fish hatchery located in North Mississippi as.

H. B. No. 995: Rape; revise elements for the crime of and remove spousal exception.

H. B. No. 1089: State budget; revise provisions of several FY 23 bills and create special funds.

H. B. No. 1111: County court jurisdiction for termination of parental rights; authorize for both involuntary and voluntary termination.

H. B. No. 1136: Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of the Mississippi Road Builders Association.

H. B. No. 1310: Elections; revise provisions related to the integrity of.

Adopted: 03/28/23

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

S. B. No. 2002: Memorial highways; designate segments of highways to Bradford C. Freeman and Douglas Anderson.

S. B. No. 2053: Deficit Prevention Act; require state agencies to notify certain officials when likelihood of a deficit exists.

S. B. No. 2054: Appointed state officers; provide for the removal of for certain forms of willful neglect.

S. B. No. 2082: Child support; administratively suspend obligations for incarcerated individuals.

S. B. No. 2101: Criminal law; revise crimes of fleeing a law enforcement officer, resisting arrest and carjacking.

S. B. No. 2140: National Security on State Devices and Networks Act; create.

S. B. No. 2239: State law enforcement officers; authorize use of uniforms, weapons and vehicles off duty while performing security services.

S. B. No. 2297: Forensics laboratory; require approval of model of intoxilyzer equipment that is readily available to law enforcement agencies.

S. B. No. 2346: Material harmful to minors; provide for liability for any entity that distributes on the internet without age verification.

S. B. No. 2353: Elections; increase wage range for poll workers.

S. B. No. 2359: Tourism; Mississippi Main Street Revitalization Grant Program.

S. B. No. 2372: Mississippi Hospital Sustainability Grant Program; establish and provide eligibility for funds.

S. B. No. 2495: State inmates; require MDOC to pay increased rate to house inmates in county jails.

S. B. No. 2512: Counties; authorize to designate ARPA funds to rural water and sewer associations and municipalities for infrastructure projects.

S. B. No. 2514: Secretary of State; clarify authority to transfer land records to Department of Archives and History.

S. B. No. 2534: Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; require additional regulation of freshwater fishing guides.

S. B. No. 2538: Mississippi Regional Pre-Need Disaster Clean Up Act; create.

S. B. No. 2556: Qualifications for appointment as a conservation officer; clarify.

S. B. No. 2559: Transportation; extend repealer on harvest permit authorization and fees.

S. B. No. 2616: Real Estate Commission; decrease fees charged by.

S. B. No. 2673: Mississippi Real Estate Appraisal Board; make independent from Mississippi Real Estate Commission.

S. B. No. 2729: Limitation of liability requirements for information technology contracts; clarify.

S. B. No. 2812: Board for administration of certain failing school district; extend date of repeal.

S. B. No. 2842: Use tax; revise standards for municipality's eligibility to receive monies from special infrastructure assistance fund.

S. B. No. 2844: Bureau of Fleet Management; revise duties thereof.

S. B. No. 2853: Small unmanned aircraft systems; require state purchase and servicing of from American companies only.

S. B. No. 2887: State Treasurer; modify certain provisions concerning the deposit and investment of excess state funds.

Adopted: 03/28/23

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. C. R. No. 571: Israel; commend 75th Anniversary of independence of. Rules.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. C. R. No. 62: (Representative Roberson) Representative Tom Weathersby; commend distinguished legislative career and public service of upon the occasion of his retirement. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 63: (Representative Holloway) Representative Alyce G. Clarke; commend distinguished legislative career and public service upon the special occasion of her retirement. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 64: (Representatives Roberson, Johnson) Speaker Philip Gunn; commend on the esteemed and laudable legislative career of. Rules.

H. R. No. 192: (Representative Roberson) Representative Alyce G. Clarke; commend distinguished legislative career and public service upon the special occasion of her retirement. Rules.

H. R. No. 193: (Representative Arnold) Booneville High School Boys and Girls Basketball Head Coach Michael Smith; commend for being only coach to win consecutive state titles in both girls and boys basketball. Rules.

H. R. No. 194: (Representative Creekmore IV) Ingomar Attendance Center Lady Falcons Basketball Team; commend and congratulate upon winning Class 1A State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 195: (Representative Holloway) Representative Alyce G. Clarke; commend distinguished legislative career and public service upon the special occasion of her retirement. Rules.

H. R. No. 196: (Representative Busby) Dr. Rana Walley; commend for being selected as 2023 Teacher of the Year, representing Health Sciences and The Centers at MGCCC. Rules.

H. R. No. 197: (Representative Busby) Dr. James Gruich; commend for being selected as 2023 Instructor of the Year at MGCCC, Harrison County Campus. Rules.

H. R. No. 198: (Representative Busby) Carin Platt; commend for being selected as 2023 Instructor of the Year at MGCCC, Jackson County Campus. Rules.

H. R. No. 199: (Representative Busby) Ryan Schilling; commend for being named 2023 Instructor of the Year at MGCCC, Perkinston Campus. Rules.

H. R. No. 200: (Representative Miles) Andre Hollis; commend outstanding career with the Mississippi State Parks. Rules.

H. R. No. 201: (Representative Roberson) Representative Michael T. Evans; commend esteemed legislative career of. Rules.

H. R. No. 202: (Representative Roberson) Representative Chris Brown; commend esteemed legislative career of. Rules.

H. R. No. 203: (Representative Roberson) Representative Dana Criswell; commend distinguished legislative career of. Rules.

H. R. No. 204: (Representative Roberson) Dr. Mac Huddleston; commend esteemed legislative career of. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. C. R. No. 62: Representative Tom Weathersby; commend distinguished legislative career and public service of upon the occasion of his retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 63: Representative Alyce G. Clarke; commend distinguished legislative career and public service upon the special occasion of her retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 192: Representative Alyce G. Clarke; commend distinguished legislative career and public service upon the special occasion of her retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 193: Booneville High School Boys and Girls Basketball Head Coach Michael Smith; commend for being only coach to win consecutive state titles in both girls and boys basketball. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 194: Ingomar Attendance Center Lady Falcons Basketball Team; commend and congratulate upon winning Class 1A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 195: Representative Alyce G. Clarke; commend distinguished legislative career and public service upon the special occasion of her retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 196: Dr. Rana Walley; commend for being selected as 2023 Teacher of the Year, representing Health Sciences and The Centers at MGCCC. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 197: Dr. James Gruich; commend for being selected as 2023 Instructor of the Year at MGCCC, Harrison County Campus. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 198: Carin Platt; commend for being selected as 2023 Instructor of the Year at MGCCC, Jackson County Campus. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 199: Ryan Schilling; commend for being named 2023 Instructor of the Year at MGCCC, Perkinston Campus. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 200: Andre Hollis; commend outstanding career with the Mississippi State Parks. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 201: Representative Michael T. Evans; commend esteemed legislative career of. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 202: Representative Chris Brown; commend esteemed legislative career of. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 203: Representative Dana Criswell; commend distinguished legislative career of. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 571: Israel; commend 75th Anniversary of independence of. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. C. R. No. 64: Speaker Philip Gunn; commend on the esteemed and laudable legislative career of. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 204: Dr. Mac Huddleston; commend esteemed legislative career of. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

Representative Robinson introduced special guests, Dr. William Bill Myers and the Northeast Jones High School Choir, H. R. No. 178 and H. R. No. 186.

Representative Summers introduced special guest, Dr. Cindy Ayers Elliott, H. R. No. 191.

Representative Foster introduced special guests, the Tougaloo College "Bulldogs" Men's Basketball Team, H. R. No. 172.

Representative Summers introduced special guests, Women for Progress of Mississippi for their 45th Year of Community Service Legacy.

Representative Rosebud introduced special guests, the McEvans School Warriors Boys Basketball Team, H. R. No. 182.

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2842: Use tax; revise provisions regarding special infrastructure assistance funds for municipalities and counties.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2842: Use tax; revise standards for municipality's eligibility to receive monies from special infrastructure assistance fund.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 27-67-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-67-35. (1) (a) There is hereby created a special fund in the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. The fund shall consist of monies deposited therein under Section 27-67-31(e) and monies from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. Monies in the fund shall be expended by the department * * * to provide funds to assist municipalities in this state in paying costs associated with (i) repair, maintenance and/or reconstruction of roads, streets and bridges in municipalities, (ii) repair, maintenance and/or other improvements to water infrastructure and sewer infrastructure, including storm water and drainage improvements, and/or (iii) as a pledge to pay all or a portion of debt service on debt issued by a municipality for * * * the purposes provided in this subsection (1)(a). These monies shall not be used for salaries, benefits or any form of compensation for employees, or for contract employees, administrative costs, debt service except as provided in this subsection (1)(a), personal property or equipment (other than equipment to be permanently installed as part of a road or bridge), or for the construction or maintenance of public buildings or other structures that are not integral to the system of roads and

bridges. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

(b) (i) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph (b) and Section 65-21-31, funds provided to municipalities under this subsection (1) shall be allocated and distributed to municipalities as follows:

1. Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) shall be allocated to all municipalities in equal shares, and

2. The remainder of the funds allocated as follows:

a. One-half (1/2) shall be allocated to municipalities based on the proportion that the population of a municipality according to the most recent federal decennial census bears to the total population of all municipalities in the state according to the most recent federal decennial census, and

b. One-half (1/2) shall be allocated to municipalities based on the proportion that the amount of sales tax revenue distributed to a municipality during the preceding fiscal year under Section 27-65-75(1)(a) bears to the total amount of sales tax revenue distributed to all municipalities during the preceding fiscal year under Section 27-65-75(1)(a). The department * * * shall distribute funds under this subsection (1) on a semiannual basis with distributions being made in the months of January and July.

(ii) In order to be eligible to receive the full amount of funds allocated for distribution to a municipality during a year under this subsection (1), the municipality must have expended an amount not less than the amount of base expenditures during the previous municipal fiscal year for the purposes described in paragraph (a) of this subsection (1). If a municipality fails to expend such required amount, then the amount of funds allocated for distribution to the municipality shall be reduced by the percentage by which the municipality failed to expend the amount of base expenditures. For the purposes of this subsection (1), "base expenditures" means the average annual expenditures made by a municipality for purposes described in paragraph (a) of this subsection (1) for the * * * two-year period beginning October 1, * * * 2020, and ending September 30, * * * 2022. * * * Expenditure of grant proceeds, loan proceeds, or the proceeds of bonds issued by a municipality for the purposes described in paragraph (a) of this subsection (1) shall not be considered when calculating the base period. Beginning July 1, * * * 2023, and each succeeding July 1 thereafter, the amount of the base expenditures shall be adjusted and compounded annually by increasing or decreasing such amount by a percentage amount that is equal to the lesser of one-half percent (0.5%) or to the United States inflation rate for the previous calendar year ending on December 31 as certified by the department * * * and provided to the municipalities thereby within thirty (30) days of such certification. The United States inflation rate for a calendar year shall be the Consumer Price Index for the calendar year for urban consumers as calculated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.

(c) The department * * * and the * * * Office of the State Auditor shall have all powers necessary to ensure the proper implementation of this subsection (1).

(2) (a) There is hereby created a special fund in the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. The fund shall consist of monies deposited therein under Section 27-67-31(f) and monies from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. Monies in the fund shall be expended by the department * * * to provide funds to assist counties in this state in paying costs associated with (i) the repair, maintenance and/or reconstruction of roads, streets and bridges in counties, and/or (ii) as a pledge to pay all or a portion of debt service on debt issued by a county for * * * the purposes provided in this subsection (2)(a). These monies shall not be used for salaries, benefits or any form of compensation for employees, or for contract employees, administrative costs, debt service except as provided in this subsection (2)(a), personal property or equipment (other than equipment to be permanently installed as part of a road or bridge), or for the construction or maintenance of public buildings or other structures that are not integral to the system of roads and bridges. Unexpended amounts remaining

in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

(b) (i) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph (b) and Section 65-21-31, funds provided to counties under this subsection (2) shall be allocated and distributed to counties in the following proportions:

1. One-third (1/3) shall be allocated to all counties in equal shares,

2. One-third (1/3) shall be allocated to counties based on the proportion that the total number of rural road miles in a county bears to the total number of rural road miles in all counties of the state, and

3. One-third (1/3) shall be allocated to counties based on the proportion that the rural population of a county bears to the total rural population in all counties of the state, according to the latest federal decennial census.

The department * * * shall distribute funds under this subsection (2) on a semiannual basis with distributions being made in the months of January and July. Rural road miles and rural road population in the counties shall be determined in the same manner as they are determined for the purposes of the distribution formula in Section 65-9-3.

(ii) From and after July 1, 2020, of the funds allocated for distribution to a county during a year under this subsection (2), the maximum amount of such funds that may be distributed to the county during that year shall not exceed the amount of county funds expended by the county during the previous county fiscal year for purposes described in paragraph (a) of this subsection (2). Expenditure of the proceeds of bonds issued by a county to pay costs associated with the repair, maintenance and/or reconstruction of roads, streets and bridges shall not be considered when determining the amount of county funds expended by the county during the previous county fiscal year.

(c) The department * * * and the * * * Office of the State Auditor shall have all powers necessary to ensure the proper implementation of this subsection (2).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-67-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATES SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY TO BE USED TO PROVIDE MONIES TO ASSIST MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ROAD AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS AND, FOR MUNICIPALITIES, WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, TO REQUIRE THAT THESE MONIES NOT BE USED FOR SALARIES, BENEFITS OR ANY FORM OF COMPENSATION FOR EMPLOYEES, OR FOR CONTRACT EMPLOYEES, ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, DEBT SERVICE EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN THE SECTION, PERSONAL PROPERTY OR EQUIPMENT EXCEPT EQUIPMENT PERMANENTLY INSTALLED AS PART OF A ROAD OR BRIDGE, OR FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS OR OTHER STRUCTURES THAT ARE NOT INTEGRAL TO THE SYSTEM OF ROADS AND BRIDGES; TO REVISE THE TIME PERIOD REFERENCED IN THE DEFINITION OF "BASE EXPENDITURES" THAT MUST BE MET BY A MUNICIPALITY IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE FULL AMOUNT OF MONIES ALLOCATED FOR DISTRIBUTION FROM THE SPECIAL FUND; TO PROVIDE THAT THE AMOUNT OF BASE EXPENDITURES SHALL BE ADJUSTED AND COMPOUNDED ANNUALLY BY INCREASING OR DECREASING SUCH AMOUNT BY A PERCENTAGE THAT IS THE LESSER OF 0.5% OR THE UNITED STATES INFLATION RATE FOR THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Chris Johnson, Scott DeLano
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Steve Massengill (No Signature)

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Evans, B, Huddleston, Walker. Total-4.

Present--Hines. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Owen called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 400: Election crimes; revise the penalties for certain.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 400: Election crimes; revise the penalties for certain.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 97-13-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-13-3. If any person shall offer or give a gift, money, financial award, reward or other promise thereof to another for the purpose of inducing him, by any unlawful means not amounting to bribery, to procure any person to vote at any election for or against any person or measure, the person so giving or offering such reward shall, upon conviction thereof, be imprisoned in the * * * State Penitentiary not more than * * * ten (10) years, or fined not more than * * * Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

SECTION 2. Section 97-13-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-13-5. Any such manager who shall proceed to any election without having the ballot box locked and secured in the manner directed by law, or who shall open and read or consent to any other person opening and reading any ballot given him to be deposited in the box at such election, before it is put into the box, shall, upon conviction, be imprisoned in the * * * State Penitentiary not more than * * * ten (10) years, or be fined not more than * * * Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

SECTION 3. Section 97-13-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-13-7. Any manager of an election who, before the votes are counted, shall dispose of or deposit the ballot box in a manner not authorized by law, or shall, at any time after the election has begun and before the ballots are counted, give access to the ballot box with which he is entrusted to any other, shall, upon conviction, be imprisoned in the *** State Penitentiary not more than *** ten (10) years, or be fined not more than *** Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

SECTION 4. Section 97-13-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-13-9. If any manager or clerk of any election shall knowingly make or consent to any false entry on the list of persons voting, or shall permit to be put in the ballot box any ballot not given by a voter, or shall take out of such box, or permit to be so taken out, any ballot deposited therein except in the manner prescribed by law, or shall, by any other act or omission, designedly destroy or change the ballots given by the electors, he shall, upon conviction, be punished by imprisonment in the State Penitentiary for a term not *** more than twenty (20) years, or be fined not more than *** Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

SECTION 5. Section 97-13-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-13-35. (1) Any person who shall vote at any election, not being legally qualified, or who shall vote in more than one (1) county, or at more than one (1) place in any county or in any city, town, or village entitled to separate representation, or who shall vote out of the district of his legal domicile, or who shall vote or attempt to vote in the primary election of one (1) party when he shall have voted on the same date in the primary election of another party, shall, upon conviction, be imprisoned in the *** State Penitentiary not more than *** twenty (20) years, or be fined not more than *** Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

(2) Any person who shall vote in the second primary election of one (1) party when he voted in the first primary election of another party preceding the same regular, special, or general election shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a *** felony and be imprisoned in the *** State Penitentiary not *** more than twenty (20) years, or be fined not more than *** Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

SECTION 6. Section 97-13-36, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-13-36. Any person who shall knowingly vote at any election in more than one (1) county or at more than one (1) place in any county, municipality or other political subdivision with the intent to have more than one (1) vote counted in any election shall be guilty of the crime of multiple voting and, upon conviction, shall be imprisoned in the State Penitentiary not more than *** twenty (20) years, or be fined not more than *** Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or both ***.

SECTION 7. Section 97-13-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-13-37. Whoever shall procure, or endeavor to procure, the vote of any elector, or the influence of any person over other electors, at any election, for himself or any candidate, by means of violence, threats of violence, or threats of withdrawing custom, or dealing in business or trade, or of enforcing the payment of a debt, or of bringing a suit or criminal prosecution, or by any other threat or injury to be inflicted by him, or by his means, or shall violate any provision of Section 23-15-871 or 23-15-874, shall, upon conviction, be imprisoned in the county jail not more than *** twenty (20) years, or be fined not more than *** Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

SECTION 8. Section 97-13-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-13-43. Any person who willfully tampers with or damages any voting machine or tabulating computer or device to be used or being used at or in connection with any election or who prevents or attempts to prevent the correct operation of any voting machine or tabulating computer or device shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, be punished by imprisonment for not more than *** twenty (20) years, or be fined *** Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

SECTION 9. Section 23-15-93, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-93. If any election commissioner or registrar shall refuse or neglect to perform any of the duties imposed upon him or her by this chapter regarding the registration of electors, or shall knowingly permit any person to sign a false affidavit or otherwise knowingly permit any person to violate any provision of this chapter regarding the registration of electors, or shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter regarding the registration of electors, or if any officer taking the affidavits as provided in this chapter regarding registration of electors shall make any false statement in his or her certificate thereto attached, he or she shall be deemed guilty of a crime and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding * * * Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or by imprisonment in the State Penitentiary not exceeding * * * ten (10) years, or both, and shall be removed from office.

SECTION 10. Section 23-15-561, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-561. (1) It shall be unlawful during any primary or any other election for any candidate for any elective office or any representative of such candidate or any other person to publicly or privately put up or in any way offer any prize, cash award or other item of value to be raffled, drawn for, played for or contested for in order to encourage persons to vote or to refrain from voting in any election.

(2) Any person who shall violate the provisions of subsection (1) of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine in an amount not to exceed * * * Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00).

(3) Any candidate who shall violate the provisions of subsection (1) of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, in addition to the fine prescribed above, be punished by:

(a) Disqualification as a candidate in the race for the elective office;

or

(b) Removal from the elective office, if the offender has been elected

thereto.

SECTION 11. Section 23-15-627, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-627. Any elector described in Section 23-15-713 may request an absentee ballot application and vote in person at the office of the registrar in the county in which he or she resides. The registrar shall be responsible for furnishing an absentee ballot application form to any elector authorized to receive an absentee ballot. Except as otherwise provided in Section 23-15-625, absentee ballot applications shall be furnished to a person only upon the oral or written request of the elector who seeks to vote by absentee ballot; however, the parent, child, spouse, sibling, legal guardian, those empowered with a power of attorney for that elector's affairs or agent of the elector, who is designated in writing and witnessed by a resident of this state who shall write his or her physical address on such designation, may orally request an absentee ballot application on behalf of the elector. The written designation shall be valid for one (1) year after the date of the designation. An absentee ballot application must have the seal of the circuit or municipal clerk affixed to it and be initialed by the registrar or his or her deputy in order to be used to obtain an absentee ballot. A reproduction of an absentee ballot application shall not be valid unless it is a reproduction provided by the office of the registrar of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held and which contains the seal and initials required by this section. Such application shall be substantially in the following form:

"OFFICIAL APPLICATION FOR ABSENT ELECTOR'S BALLOT

I, _____, duly qualified and registered in the ____ Precinct of the County of _____, and State of Mississippi, coming within the purview of the definition 'ABSENT ELECTOR' will be absent from the county of my residence on election day, or unable to vote in person because (check appropriate reason):

() (PRESIDENTIAL APPLICANT ONLY:) I am currently a resident of Mississippi or have moved therefrom within thirty (30) days of the coming presidential election.

() I am an enlisted or commissioned member, male or female, of any component of the United States Armed Forces and am a citizen of Mississippi, or spouse or dependent of such member.

() I am a member of the Merchant Marine or the American Red Cross and am a citizen of Mississippi or spouse or dependent of such member.

() I am a disabled war veteran who is a patient in any hospital and am a citizen of Mississippi or spouse or dependent of such veteran.

() I am a civilian attached to and serving outside of the United States with any branch of the Armed Forces or with the Merchant Marine or American Red Cross, and am a citizen of Mississippi or spouse or dependent of such civilian.

() I am a citizen of Mississippi temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States and the District of Columbia.

() I am a student, teacher or administrator at a college, university, junior or community college, high, junior high, elementary or grade school, whose studies or employment at such institution necessitates my absence from the county of my voting residence or spouse or dependent of such student, teacher or administrator who maintains a common domicile outside the county of my voting residence with such student, teacher or administrator.

() I will be outside the county on election day.

() I have a temporary or permanent physical disability * * *.

() I am sixty-five (65) years of age or older.

() I am the parent, spouse or dependent of a person with a temporary or permanent physical disability who is hospitalized outside his or her county of residence or more than fifty (50) miles away from his or her residence, and I will be with such person on election day.

() I am a member of the congressional delegation, or spouse or dependent of a member of the congressional delegation.

() I am required to be at work on election day during the times which the polls will be open.

I hereby make application for an official ballot, or ballots, to be voted by me at the election to be held in _____, on _____.

Mail 'Absent Elector's Ballot' to me at the following address _____.

() I wish to receive an absentee ballot for the runoff election _____.

I realize that I can be fined up to * * * Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) and sentenced up to * * * ten (10) years in the Penitentiary for making a false statement in this application and for selling my vote and violating the Mississippi Absentee Voter Law. (This sentence is to be in bold print.)

If you are temporarily or permanently disabled, you are not required to have this application notarized or signed by an official authorized to administer oaths for absentee balloting. You are required to sign this application in the proper place and have a person eighteen (18) years of age or older witness your signature and sign this application in the proper place.

DO NOT SIGN WITHOUT READING. (This sentence is to be in bold print.)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the ____ day of _____, 2____.

(Signature of absent elector)
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this the ____ day of _____, 2____.

(Official authorized to administer oaths
for absentee balloting.)

TO BE SIGNED BY WITNESS FOR VOTERS TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY DISABLED:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this application for an absent elector's ballot was signed by the above-named elector in my presence and that I am at least eighteen (18) years of age, this the ____ day of _____, 2____.

(Signature of witness)

CERTIFICATE OF DELIVERY

I hereby certify that _____ (print name of voter) has requested that I, _____ (print name of person delivering application), deliver to the voter this absentee ballot application.

(Signature of person delivering application)

(Address of person delivering application)"

SECTION 12. Section 23-15-635, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-635. (1) The form of the elector's certificate, attesting witness certification and certificate of person providing voter assistance on the back of the envelope used by absentee voters who are not absent voters as defined in Section 23-15-673, shall be as follows:

"ELECTOR'S CERTIFICATE

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

I, _____, under penalty of perjury do solemnly swear that this envelope contains the ballot marked by me indicating my choice of the candidates or propositions to be submitted at the election to be held on the ___ day of _____, 2____, and I hereby authorize the registrar to place this envelope in the ballot box on my behalf, and I further authorize the election managers to open this envelope and place my ballot among the other ballots cast before such ballots are counted, and record my name on the poll list as if I were present in person and voted.

I further swear that I marked the enclosed ballot in secret.

Penalties for vote fraud are up to * * * ten (10) years in prison and a fine of up to * * * Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00). (Miss. Code. Ann. Section 23-15-753.) Penalties for voter intimidation are * * * not more than twenty (20) years in jail and a fine of up to * * * Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). (Miss. Code. Ann. Section 97-13-37.)

(Signature of voter)

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING WITNESS

Under penalty of perjury I affirm that the above named voter personally appeared before me, on this the ___ day of _____, 2____, and is known by me to be the person named, and who, after being duly sworn or having affirmed, subscribed the foregoing oath or affirmation. That the voter exhibited to me his or her blank ballot; that the ballot was not marked or voted before the voter exhibited the ballot to me; that the voter was not solicited or advised by me to vote for any candidate, question or issue, and that the voter, after marking his or her ballot, placed it in the envelope, closed and sealed the envelope in my presence, and signed and swore or affirmed the above certificate.

(Attesting witness)

(Address)

(Official title)

(City and State)

CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PROVIDING VOTER ASSISTANCE

(To be completed only if the voter has received assistance in marking the enclosed ballot.) I, under penalty of perjury, hereby certify that the above-named voter declared to me that he or she is blind, temporarily or permanently physically disabled, or cannot read or write, and that the voter requested that I assist the voter in marking the enclosed absentee ballot. I hereby certify that the ballot preferences on the enclosed ballot are those communicated by the voter to me, and that I have marked the enclosed ballot in accordance with the voter's instructions.

Penalties for vote fraud are up to *** ten (10) years in prison and a fine of up to *** Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00). (Miss. Code. Ann. Section 23-15-753.) Penalties for voter intimidation are *** not more than twenty (20) years in jail and a fine of up to *** Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). (Miss. Code. Ann. Section 97-13-37.)

Signature of person providing assistance

Printed name of person providing assistance

Address of person providing assistance

Date and time assistance provided

Family relationship to voter (if any)"

(2) The envelope shall have printed on the flap on the back of the envelope in bold print and in a distinguishing color, the following: "YOUR VOTE WILL BE REJECTED AND NOT COUNTED IF THIS ENVELOPE IS NOT SIGNED ACROSS THE FLAP OF THIS ENVELOPE BY YOU AND AN ATTESTING WITNESS."

SECTION 13. Section 23-15-751, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-751. If any registrar or commissioner of elections shall refuse or neglect to perform any of the duties prescribed by Sections 23-15-621 through 23-15-735, or shall knowingly permit any person to sign a false affidavit or otherwise knowingly permit any person to violate Sections 23-15-621 through 23-15-735, or shall violate any of the provisions thereof, or if any officer taking the affidavits as provided in said acts shall make any false statement in his certificate thereto attached, he shall, upon conviction, be deemed guilty of a crime and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding *** Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or by imprisonment in the Penitentiary not exceeding *** ten (10) years, and shall be removed from office.

SECTION 14. Section 23-15-753, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-753. (1) Any person who willfully, unlawfully and feloniously procures, seeks to procure, or seeks to influence the vote of any person voting by absentee ballot, by the payment of money, the promise of payment of money, or by the delivery of any other item of value or promise to give the voter any item of value, or by promising or giving the voter any favor or reward in an effort to influence his vote, or any person who aids, abets, assists, encourages, helps, or causes any person voting an absentee ballot to violate any provision of law pertaining to absentee voting, or any person who sells his vote for money, favor, or reward, has been paid or promised money, a reward, a favor or favors, or any other item of value, or any person who shall willfully swear falsely to any affidavit provided for in Sections 23-15-621 through 23-15-735, shall be guilty of the crime of "vote fraud" and, upon conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not *** more than *** Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or by imprisonment in the *** State Penitentiary for *** not more than *** ten (10) years, or by both fine and imprisonment ***.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person who pays or compensates another person for assisting voters in marking their absentee ballots to base the pay or compensation on the number of absentee voters assisted or the number of absentee ballots cast by persons who have received the assistance. Any person who violates this section, upon conviction, shall *** be fined not *** more than *** Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00), or imprisoned in the State Penitentiary not *** more than *** ten (10) years, or both.

SECTION 15. Any person who shall deny a person the right to vote for a reason that is not provided in law shall be deemed guilty of a crime and punished by a fine not

exceeding Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or by imprisonment in the Department of Corrections not exceeding ten (10) years, or both.

SECTION 16. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 97-13-3, 97-13-5, 97-13-7, 97-13-9, 97-13-35, 97-13-36, 97-13-37, 97-13-43, 23-15-93, 23-15-561, 23-15-627, 23-15-635, 23-15-751 AND 23-15-753, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR COMMITTING CERTAIN ELECTION CRIMES; TO CREATE A NEW SECTION OF LAW TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PERSON WHO SHALL DENY A PERSON THE RIGHT TO VOTE SHALL BE DEEMED GUILTY OF A CRIME; TO PROVIDE THE PENALTIES FOR THE CRIME; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Nick Bain, Jansen Owen, Jill Ford

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Jeremy England, Dennis DeBar, Jr.

On motion of Rep. Owen the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--80.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Criswell, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Sanders, Scott, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--37.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Crudup, Huddleston, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bain called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1315: Pornographic online and digital/resources for K-12 students; prohibit.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1315: Pornographic media materials; regulate access to minors and require age verification.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section 37-11-81, Mississippi Code of 1972:

37-11-81. (1) The state, or any of its agencies, a school district, charter school, the Mississippi School of the Arts, the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science, the Mississippi Virtual Public School, the Mississippi School for the Deaf or the Mississippi School for the Blind (hereafter, "the contracting party") may offer digital or online resources or databases to students in kindergarten through twelfth grade only if the vendor or other person or entity providing the resources verifies that all the resources will comply with the provisions of subsection (2) of this section.

(2) A vendor or other person or entity providing digital or online resources or databases under the authority of this section must have safety policies and technology protection measures that:

(a) Prohibit and prevent a person from sending, receiving, viewing or downloading materials that are:

(i) Child pornography;

(ii) Materials that depict or promote child sexual exploitation or trafficking;

(iii) Obscene materials, as defined in this act;

(iv) Inappropriate materials depicting or dealing with matters of sex, cruelty and violence in a manner likely to be injurious or harmful to a child; or

(v) Materials that are sexually oriented, as defined in Section 97-5-27(2); and

(b) Block, or otherwise prohibit and prevent, access to obscene materials, inappropriate materials, materials that are sexually oriented or materials that depict, describe or promote child pornography or child sexual exploitation.

(c) For the purposes of this act, material is obscene, if:

(i) To the average person, applying contemporary community standards, taken as a whole, it appeals to the prurient interest, that is, a lustful, erotic, shameful, or morbid interest in nudity, sex or excretion; and

(ii) The material taken as a whole lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value; and

(iii) The material depicts or describes in a patently offensive way, sexual contact specifically defined in items 1 through 5 below:

1. Acts of sexual intercourse of any kind, normal or perverted, actual or simulated;

2. Acts of masturbation;

3. Acts involving excretory functions or lewd exhibition of the genitals;

4. Acts of bestiality or the fondling of sex organs

of animals; or

5. Sexual acts of flagellation, torture or other violence indicating a sadomasochistic sexual relationship.

(3) (a) The provisions of this section shall take precedence over any other provision of law to the contrary in a contract between the contracting party and a vendor or other person or entity providing digital or online resources or databases. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in a contract between the contracting party and a provider to the contrary, if a provider of digital or online resources or databases fails to comply with the requirements of this section, the contracting party shall withhold further payments, if any, to the provider pending verification of compliance.

(b) No Internet service provider, or its affiliates or subsidiaries, search engine, or cloud service provider shall be held to have violated the provisions of this act solely for providing services that do not constitute the direct provision of digital or online resources or databases to students in kindergarten through twelfth grade.

(c) The provisions of this section do not apply to the use of digital or online resources or databases by a student enrolled in a Mississippi institution of higher education or a Mississippi community or junior college, including dual-enrolled students.

(d) Upon a first uncured occurrence by a provider of digital or online resources or databases of noncompliance with subsection (2) of this section and failure to verify within thirty (30) days of receiving notice of the noncompliance from the contracting party that the provider is in compliance with this section, the contracting party shall consider the provider's noncompliance to be a breach of contract.

(e) Upon a second uncured occurrence by a provider of noncompliance with subsection (2) and failure to verify within thirty (30) days of receiving notice of the noncompliance from the contracting party that the provider is in compliance with the requirements of this section, the contracting party is entitled to a reduction in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the agreed upon price in the contract to be paid by the contracting party to the provider. The contracting party shall adjust any future payments due to the provider under the contract accordingly to effectuate the ten percent (10%) reduction. However, if the contract price has been paid in full, or if the balance owed on the contract price is equal to less than ten percent (10%) of the contract price, the provider must return to the contracting party such amount that is required to effectuate a ten percent (10%) reduction of the contract price.

(f) Upon a third uncured occurrence by a provider of noncompliance with subsection (2) and failure to verify within thirty (30) days of receiving notice of the noncompliance from the contracting party that the provider is in compliance with the requirements of this section, the contract must be considered terminated and the contracting party is entitled to a complete refund of the agreed upon price in the contract to be paid by the contracting party to the provider. The contracting party shall withhold any future payments that may be due to the provider, and the provider must return to the contracting party all amounts previously paid to the provider under the contract.

(4) The Attorney General may investigate compliance with this section. The contracting party must report to the Attorney General a provider's failure to comply with subsection (2) of this section no later than thirty (30) days after the contracting party learns of the provider's noncompliance. Such a report shall constitute a public record under the Mississippi Public Records Act.

SECTION 2. The following shall be codified as Section 39-3-25, Mississippi Code of 1972:

39-3-25. (1) The state, or any of its agencies, or a public library (hereafter, "the contracting party") may offer digital or online resources or databases to minors only if the vendor or other person or entity providing the resources verifies that all the resources will comply with the provisions of subsection (2) of this section. For purposes of this section, the term "minor" means any person under the age of eighteen (18).

(2) A vendor or other person or entity providing digital or online resources or databases under the authority of this section must have safety policies and technology protection measures that:

(a) Prohibit and prevent a minor from sending, receiving, viewing or downloading materials that are:

(i) Child pornography;

(ii) Materials that depict or promote child sexual exploitation or trafficking;

(iii) Obscene materials, as defined in this act;

(iv) Inappropriate materials depicting or dealing with matters of sex, cruelty and violence in a manner likely to be injurious or harmful to a child; or

(v) Materials that are sexually oriented, as defined in Section 97-5-27(2); and

(b) Block, or otherwise prohibit and prevent, a minor from accessing obscene materials, inappropriate materials, materials that are sexually oriented or materials that depict, describe or promote child pornography or child sexual exploitation.

(3) (a) The provisions of this section take precedence over any provision in a contract between the contracting party and a vendor or other person or entity providing digital or online resources or databases to the contrary. Notwithstanding any provision in

a contract between the contracting party and a provider to the contrary, if a provider of digital or online resources or databases fails to comply with the requirements of this section, the contracting party shall withhold further payments, if any, to the provider pending verification of compliance.

(b) No Internet service provider, or its affiliates or subsidiaries, search engine, or cloud service provider shall be held to have violated the provisions of this act solely for providing services that do not constitute the direct provision of digital or online resources or databases to minors.

(c) The provisions of this section do not apply to the use of digital or online resources or databases by a student enrolled in a Mississippi institution of higher education or a Mississippi community or junior college, including dual-enrolled students.

(d) Upon a first uncured occurrence by a provider of digital or online resources or databases of noncompliance with subsection (2) of this section and failure to verify within thirty (30) days of receiving notice of the noncompliance from the contracting party that the provider is in compliance with this section, the contracting party shall consider the provider's noncompliance to be a breach of contract.

(e) Upon a second uncured occurrence by a provider of noncompliance with subsection (2) and failure to verify within thirty (30) days of receiving notice of the noncompliance from the contracting party that the provider is in compliance with the requirements of this section, the contracting party is entitled to a reduction in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the agreed upon price in the contract to be paid by the contracting party to the provider. The contracting party shall adjust any future payments due to the provider under the contract accordingly to effectuate the ten percent (10%) reduction. However, if the contract price has been paid in full, or if the balance owed on the contract price is equal to less than ten percent (10%) of the contract price, the provider must return to the contracting party such amount that is required to effectuate a ten percent (10%) reduction of the contract price.

(f) Upon a third uncured occurrence by a provider of noncompliance with subsection (2) and failure to verify within thirty (30) days of receiving notice of the noncompliance from the contracting party that the provider is in compliance with the requirements of this section, the contract must be considered terminated and the contracting party is entitled to a complete refund of the agreed upon price in the contract to be paid by the contracting party to the provider. The contracting party shall withhold any future payments that may be due to the provider, and the provider must return to the contracting party all amounts previously paid to the provider under the contract.

(4) Prior to withholding any payment for noncompliance under this act, any contracting party must provide to the database vendor:

(i) Written notice of the nature of the violation, including reasonable identification of the prohibited material and the manner of its access.

(ii) Thirty (30) days to present evidence that the acts alleged to constitute a violation are not a breach of the provider's obligation.

(iii) Thirty (30) days to cure any occurrence of noncompliance.

(iv) After having exhausted the administrative remedies referenced in subparagraphs (i) – (iii), the opportunity to tender the disputed contract funds into the registry of a court of competent jurisdiction and to seek a judicial determination of the rights under the contract.

(5) The Attorney General may investigate compliance with this section. The contracting party must report to the Attorney General a provider's failure to comply with subsection (2) of this section no later than thirty (30) days after the contracting party learns of the provider's noncompliance. Such a report shall constitute a public record under the Mississippi Public Records Act.

SECTION 3. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or any part of this act passed on or after the effective date of this act is declared to be unconstitutional or void, or if for any reason is declared to be invalid or of no effect, the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases or parts of this act shall be in no manner affected thereby but shall remain in full force and effect.

Unless the contrary intent shall clearly appear in the particular act in question, each and every act passed hereafter shall be read and construed as though the provisions

of the first paragraph of this section form an integral part thereof, whether expressly set out therein or not.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO REGULATE PORNOGRAPHIC MEDIA EXPOSURE TO CHILDREN IN K-12; TO REGULATE DIGITAL AND ONLINE RESOURCES PROVIDED BY K-12 VENDORS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Nick Bain, Jill Ford, Gene Newman

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Brice Wiggins, Angela Burks Hill

On motion of Rep. Bain the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McKnight, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--McLean. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Bell, C, Huddleston, McCarty, McGee, Owen, Walker. Total-6.

Present--Bailey, Hines, Jackson, Johnson, Yates. Total--5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Yates called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 698: Municipal water, wastewater and sewer services; require equity based billing based on use of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 698: Municipal water, wastewater and sewer services; require equity based billing based on use of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.

2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 21-27-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

21-27-7. (1) (a) The governing authorities of municipalities shall have the power to erect, purchase, maintain and operate waterworks, and to regulate the same, and to prescribe the rates at which water shall be supplied to the * * * users. The rates at which water, wastewater, and sewer services shall be supplied shall be just and reasonable based on the actual cost to operate and maintain the systems, and rates may not be unreasonably preferential, prejudicial or discriminatory but shall be sufficient, equitable and consistent in application to each class of users. While a municipality may set different rates for different classifications of users, a municipality shall not discriminate in setting rates among members of the same classification. The municipal governing authorities shall make a finding on the minutes of the governing body establishing the rate based on the actual cost to operate and maintain the system. A municipality shall not charge a user a fee for services received which is less than the cost incurred by the municipality to provide such services.

(b) The governing authorities of a municipality shall establish and maintain rates and charges in equitable proportion to the use of the services and benefits rendered by the waterworks systems and water treatment facilities serving the municipal area. From time to time the governing authorities shall adjust such rates, to the end that the revenues therefrom will be sufficient at all times to pay the expenses of operating and maintaining such works, facilities and systems and all of the municipality's obligations under any contract or bond resolution with respect thereto. The calculation of a user's bill shall be limited to the actual amount of volumetric usage, plus those fees reasonable and necessary for the cost of capital expenses, system operation and maintenance, and debt service.

(c) If a user's meter is tampered with, unreadable, or otherwise out-of-order, a municipality may render an estimated bill to that user for a period not to exceed six (6) months. In such circumstance, an estimated bill shall be based upon the prior average measured usage of the user or a similar user of the same classification.

(i) Only in the event a municipality is unable to meet the requirement of billing based solely on volumetric usage, such municipality may bill based on a flat fee rate where such municipality has established flat fee billing as its usual and customary billing practice prior to the passage of this act, and where such municipality is actively billing based upon a flat fee rate as of the passage of this act. In such circumstances, flat fee billing may be utilized until such time as the municipality implements upgrades to its system to provide for volumetric billing. In such circumstance, the municipality may set different flat fee rates for different classifications of users, but the municipality shall not discriminate in setting flat fee rates among members of the same classification, and the municipality shall not charge a user a fee for services received that is less than the cost incurred by the municipality to provide such services.

(ii) The governing authorities of the municipality shall make a finding annually on the minutes of the governing body establishing the rate based upon the actual cost to operate and maintain the system as determined under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, and the municipality shall not charge a user a fee for services received that is less than the cost incurred by the municipality, or based on the assessed value of the property, to provide such services.

(d) Notice of any change in the rate or rate structure at which services are supplied shall be posted on all bills sent to users at least one (1) month prior to the effective date of the rate change. Notice shall also be posted to the municipality's online webpage or bill payment platform, if the municipality has an online webpage or bill payment platform.

(e) Nothing in this statute shall be construed as prohibiting a user or governing authority of any municipality from applying for and receiving any federally or privately subsidized payment assistance, grant or other funds.

(f) The governing authority of a municipality may provide for the calculation of a user's bill by a method other than volumetric usage only in exchange for consideration as part of, or in connection with, an incentive contract or other form of benefit

or assistance related to the user's location, expansion, or maintenance of its commercial or industrial operation within the municipality, so long as such rate is equitable, fair, and non-discriminatory, and the municipality shall not charge such user a fee for services received that is less than the cost incurred by the municipality to provide such services.

(2) The governing authorities of municipalities shall have the power to acquire by purchase, donation or condemnation, in the name of the municipality, suitable grounds, within or without the corporate limits, upon which to erect waterworks, and also the right-of-way to and from such works and the right-of-way for laying water pipes within the corporate limits, and from such waterworks to the municipality, and to extend such right-of-way from time to time. The governing authorities shall have the power to contract with any person for the maintenance and operation of waterworks. * * * The authorities shall have the power to contract with any person for the erection and maintenance of waterworks for a term not exceeding twenty-five (25) years, fixing water rates in the contract subject to municipal regulations. A contract for the erection or purchase of waterworks shall not, however, be entered into until submitted to a vote of the qualified electors and approved by a majority of those voting. A contract for maintenance under which the person who will perform such maintenance is wholly or partially responsible for fixing water rates shall not be entered into until submitted to a vote of the qualified electors and approved by a majority of those voting. It shall be unlawful for any municipally owned waterworks to supply water free of charge, or in any amount less than the fixed charges, to any person, firm or corporation, except as is expressly authorized by law.

SECTION 2. Section 21-27-189, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

21-27-189. A municipality, as defined in Section 21-27-163, is authorized and empowered, in the discretion of its governmental authorities, to exercise the following powers and authority within the area and territories comprising the metropolitan area of which it is a part:

(a) To operate and manage sewerage systems, sewage treatment facilities and sewage disposal systems and related facilities serving the metropolitan area in conformance with the metropolitan area plan.

(b) To construct, operate and maintain sewerage systems, sewage treatment facilities and sewage disposal systems in the manner and to the extent required by the metropolitan area plan.

(c) To accept and utilize grants and other funds from any source for waste treatment management purposes.

(d) To establish and maintain rates and charges in equitable proportion for the use of the services and benefits rendered of such sewerage systems, sewage treatment facilities and sewage disposal systems within the metropolitan area, and from time to time to adjust such rates, to the end that the revenues therefrom will be sufficient at all times to pay the expenses of operating and maintaining such works, facilities and systems and all of the municipality's obligations under any contract or bond resolution with respect thereto. The rates shall be just and reasonable, and rates may not be unreasonably preferential, prejudicial or discriminatory but shall be sufficient, equitable and consistent in application to each class of users. While the municipality may set different rates for different classifications of users, a municipality shall not discriminate in setting rates among members of the same classification. The governing authorities of the municipality shall make a finding on the minutes of the governing body establishing the rate based upon the actual cost to operate and maintain the system, and a municipality shall not charge a user a fee for services received which is less than the cost incurred by the municipality to provide such services.

(e) To incur short and long-term indebtedness under the provisions of Sections 21-27-161 through 21-27-191 or other applicable statutes.

(f) To adopt rules and regulations necessary to carry out the implementation of the metropolitan area plan and to assure the payment of each participating person or public agency of its proportionate share of treatment costs.

(g) To refuse to receive any waste from any public agency or subdivision thereof or any other person which does not comply with the provisions of the metropolitan area plan applicable to the particular area within which such public agency or subdivision thereof or any other person is located.

(h) To accept industrial waste for treatment and to require the pretreatment of same when within the opinion of the municipality such pretreatment is necessary.

(i) To adopt all necessary and reasonable rules and regulations to carry out and effectuate any waste treatment plan adopted for the metropolitan area.

(j) To require by ordinance or by contract with a public agency or other person that all waste within the metropolitan area be disposed of through sewerage systems, treatment facilities and sewage disposal systems which comprise a part of the metropolitan area plan, to the extent that the same may be available, but no public agency shall be precluded from constructing, operating and maintaining its own sewerage system if the same be a part of the metropolitan area plan.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 21-27-7 AND 21-27-189, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ENSURE JUST, REASONABLE AND TRANSPARENT BILLING FOR MUNICIPAL WATER, WASTEWATER, AND SEWER SERVICES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: C. Scott Bounds, Brent Anderson, Shanda Yates
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joel R. Carter, Jr., J. Walter Michel, Rita Potts Parks

On motion of Rep. Yates the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bailey, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Hines, Johnson, Summers, Young. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Walker. Total-2.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Scoggin called up the conference report on the following bill:

H. B. No. 771: HELP Grant and MTAG Programs; revise level of funding provided to eligible students.

Rep. Scoggin moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Scoggin called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2487: Mississippi Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program; establish.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2487: Mississippi Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program; establish.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section 37-106-85, Mississippi Code of 1972:

37-106-85. Sections 37-106-85 through 37-106-93, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be known and may be cited as the "Mississippi Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program Act of 2023."

SECTION 2. The following shall be codified as Section 37-106-87, Mississippi Code of 1972:

37-106-87. There is hereby created the Mississippi Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program, to be administered by the Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board established under Section 37-106-9. The board shall set the dates and deadlines for applying for funding for dual credit courses of eligible Mississippi high school students under the provisions of Sections 37-106-85 through 37-106-93 and award scholarships to participating institutions for those who meet the eligibility requirements provided herein.

SECTION 3. The following shall be codified as Section 37-106-89, Mississippi Code of 1972:

37-106-89. As used in this act, the following terms shall have the meaning ascribed in this section, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Institution" means any postsecondary educational institution that is a public state-supported institution of higher learning, a public state-supported community or junior college, or any not-for-profit private institution of higher learning in the state. The term does not include proprietary colleges or universities.

(b) "Student" means a high school student in a public school or charter school program in Mississippi.

(c) "Board" means the Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board established in Section 37-106-9, which is authorized and empowered to administer the provisions of Title 37, Chapter 106, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(d) "Director" means the individual designated by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning to administer the provisions of the various financial assistance programs by promulgating the necessary rules and regulations for their effective administration.

(e) "Dual enrolled student" means a student who is enrolled in a community or junior college or state institution of higher learning while enrolled in high school, as defined in Section 37-15-37(1)(a).

(f) "Dual credit student" means a student who is enrolled in a community or junior college or state institution of higher learning while enrolled in high school and who is receiving high school and college credit for postsecondary coursework, as defined in Section 37-15-38(1)(b).

(g) "Manual" means the procedures manual for the State of Mississippi Dual Enrollment and Accelerated Programs of which the contents of the

manual are evaluated and approved by the academic officers of both the Mississippi Association of Community Colleges and the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning.

(h) "Program" means the Mississippi Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program.

SECTION 4. The following shall be codified as Section 37-106-91, Mississippi Code of 1972:

37-106-91. (1) (a) For institutions to be eligible for participation in the program, the institution shall adhere to the guidelines prescribed in the procedures manual for the State of Mississippi Dual Enrollment and Accelerated Programs, hereinafter the "manual," and the requirements established by the Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board for participating institutions set forth in this subsection.

(b) Eligibility for funding shall be incorporated into the manual, which shall outline the specific criteria for initial and continued eligibility for participation for institutions, dual enrollment students and dual credit students, respectively. The academic officers of both the Mississippi Association of Community Colleges and the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall evaluate and approve the contents of the manual each year.

(c) The board shall administer the Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program as outlined in the manual. Funds for the program shall be distributed by the board to the providing institution of higher education on behalf of each eligible student after the enrollment verification period. Funds shall not be distributed by the board directly to the student.

(d) Participation in the Mississippi Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program is optional for all institutions defined in Section 37-106-89(a). However, in order to qualify for funding, all guidelines in the manual must be followed by each institution.

(e) All participating institutions shall be reimbursed at the rate of forty percent (40%) of the average community college credit hour tuition for the current academic year.

(f) Participating institutions may elect to exclude specific centers, branch campuses, collegiate academies and middle college's within their governance or purview from participating in the Mississippi Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program.

(2) For students to be eligible for participation in the program, the scholarship applicant shall satisfy the student eligibility requirements prescribed in Procedures Manual for the State of Mississippi Dual Enrollment and Accelerated Programs and the requirements established for student eligibility set forth in this subsection:

(a) Students in Grades 11 and 12 who are residents of the State of Mississippi shall be eligible to participate in the program, provided they meet minimum eligibility criteria in the manual. Resident status for the purpose of receiving assistance under this chapter shall be determined in the same manner as resident status for tuition purposes in Sections 37-103-1 through 37-103-29, with the exception of Section 37-103-17;

(b) Each eligible student shall be qualified for funding under this act for up to nine (9) dual credit semester credit hours prior to high school graduation;

(c) All students who meet the eligibility requirements as outlined in the manual, regardless of participation method, whether online, at a participating institution's campus, at a high school campus, academic or career and technical education (CTE), shall meet the requirements for funding allocation to the participating institution;

(d) All Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program student recipients shall be required to participate in an advising component related to the Mississippi Articulation and Transfer Tool (MATT) to ensure their understanding of course transferability. Credits earned with a final grade of C or above on the eligible student's college transcript in courses offered through the program, whether academic or career and technical, shall transfer to any postsecondary institution in Mississippi;

(e) Books, course materials, tools, supplies, lab fees, transportation costs and other applicable course fees shall be the responsibility of the student or high school district; and

(f) Middle college students shall be qualified for the Mississippi Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program funding only if the institution complies with the requirements of the manual.

(3) To ensure appropriate articulation of college credits to other institutions, only the courses on the "Approved Academic Dual Credit Listing" shall be eligible for funding.

(4) Early college students are not eligible for the Mississippi Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program funding.

SECTION 5. The following shall be codified as Section 37-106-93, Mississippi Code of 1972:

37-106-93. In addition to the criteria established in Section 37-106-91, the following program participation criteria must be adhered to:

(a) Future enrollment at the providing institution cannot be a requirement for a student to be eligible for Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program funds;

(b) Community college career and technical education (CTE) courses approved in the manual shall be eligible for funding;

(c) The board shall promulgate rules as necessary to implement and administer this section;

(d) The board shall develop rules for ensuring that expenses of the scholarship program in each fiscal year do not exceed funding for the program in that fiscal year. For that purpose, and any other provision of this section to the contrary notwithstanding, the board may limit the acceptance of scholarship applications and may limit the award amount of scholarships;

(e) If the state appropriation is insufficient to fully fund all students eligible for participation in the program in a given year, those funds shall be prorated to the student's account at the eligible participating institution by an amount to be determined by the board. The student or school district will then be responsible for the remaining balance due for the course taken at the providing institution;

(f) The board may conduct its own annual audits of any institution participating in the Mississippi Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program. The board may suspend or revoke an institution's eligibility to receive future funds under the program if it finds that the institution has not complied with the provisions of the manual and the requirements established in Section 37-106-91(1);

(g) The board may conduct its own annual audits of students participating in the Mississippi Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program. The board may suspend or revoke a high school's eligibility to participate in the program if it finds the student or high school has not complied with the provisions of the manual and the requirements established in Section 37-106-91(2);

(h) The average community college credit hour tuition amount for the current academic year, as referenced in Section 37-106-91(1)(e), shall be provided annually by the Mississippi Community College Board to the executive director of the board;

(i) If a public institution chooses not to participate in the program, or if a public institution in the eligible student's region does not have a particular program the eligible student wants to enroll in but the program is available at another public institution, a student shall have the option of enrolling at a program at another participating public institution;

(j) Public school districts or charter schools and institutions participating in the program shall be permitted to enter into agreements under Section 37-15-38, which allow students to enroll and complete additional dual credit or dual enrollment courses, with the goal of increasing the number of students graduating from high school with an associate level degree or other nationally recognized credential. This act is intended to provide funding and structure for a minimum standardized dual credit program across the state;

(k) To encourage more participation in the program, a final grade of C or above in a three (3) credit hour dual credit course, academic or career and technical, shall be weighted the same as a three (3) or above in an Advanced Placement course final examination in the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System. Only courses

included in the approved dual credit course list referenced in the manual shall be weighted in the model; and

(l) There is established in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated the "Mississippi Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program" into which shall be deposited those funds appropriated by the Legislature, and any other funds that may be made available, for the purpose of implementing the program established under this act. Money in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse into the General Fund, and interest earned on any amounts deposited into the fund shall be credited to the special fund;

(m) The program requires specific appropriation by the Legislature.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO CREATE THE "MISSISSIPPI DUAL ENROLLMENT/DUAL CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ACT OF 2023" TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BOARD; TO DEFINE TERMINOLOGY; TO REQUIRE THE BOARD TO SET THE DATES AND DEADLINES FOR APPLYING FOR FUNDING FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT/DUAL CREDIT COURSES OF ELIGIBLE MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM BY POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND STUDENTS; TO PROVIDE THE RATE AT WHICH PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS WILL BE REIMBURSED FOR PARTICIPATING STUDENTS; TO EXCLUDE THE PARTICIPATION OF EARLY COLLEGE STUDENTS FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM; TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY TO BE DESIGNATED THE "MISSISSIPPI DUAL ENROLLMENT/DUAL CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FUND" AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANY UNEXPENDED BALANCES APPROPRIATED BY THE LEGISLATURE REMAINING AVAILABLE AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR SHALL NOT LAPSE INTO THE STATE GENERAL FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Rita Potts Parks, W. Briggs Hopson III, Dennis DeBar, Jr.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Donnie Scoggin, Kent McCarty, Manly Barton (No Signature)

On motion of Rep. Scoggin the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eubanks, Huddleston, Walker. Total--4.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

On request of Rep. Scoggin, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in conference reports **H. B. No. 771** and **S. B. No. 2487**:

Amend on lines 30, 122, 208 and 209 by inserting "dual enrollment" in front of the phrase "dual credit" once the conference report has been adopted.

Rep. Horan called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 799: Inmate Welfare Fund; authorize to expend funds for treatment of mental illness for certain inmates.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 799: Inmate Welfare Fund; increase portion of the fund that is utilized to fund Inmate Incentive to Work Program.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 47-5-158, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-5-158. (1) The department is authorized to maintain a bank account which shall be designated as the Inmate Welfare Fund. All monies now held in a similar fund or in a bank account or accounts for the benefit and welfare of inmates shall be deposited into the Inmate Welfare Fund. This fund shall be used for the benefit and welfare of inmates in the custody of the department and shall be expended in accordance with any provisions or restrictions in the regulations promulgated under subsection (7) of this section.

(2) There shall be deposited into the Inmate Welfare Fund interest previously earned on inmate deposits, all net profits from the operation of inmate canteens, performances of the Penitentiary band, interest earned on the Inmate Welfare Fund and other revenues designated by the commissioner. All monies shall be deposited into the Inmate Welfare Fund as provided in Section 7-9-21.

(3) All inmate telephone call commissions shall be paid to the department. Monies in the fund may be expended by the department, upon requisition by the commissioner or his designee, only for the purposes established in this subsection.

(a) Twenty-five percent (25%) of the inmate telephone call commissions shall be used to purchase and maintain telecommunication equipment to be used by the department.

(b) Until July 1, 2008, twenty-five percent (25%) of the inmate telephone call commissions shall be deposited into the Prison Agricultural Enterprise Fund. Beginning on July 1, 2008, thirty-five percent (35%) of the inmate telephone call commissions shall be deposited into the Prison Agricultural Enterprise Fund. The department may use these funds to supplement the Prison Agricultural Enterprise Fund created in Section 47-5-66.

(c) Forty percent (40%) of the inmate telephone call commissions shall be deposited into the Inmate Welfare Fund.

(4) The commissioner may invest in the manner authorized by law any money in the Inmate Welfare Fund that is not necessary for immediate use, and the interest earned shall be deposited in the Inmate Welfare Fund.

(5) The Deputy Commissioner for Administration and Finance shall establish and implement internal accounting controls for the Inmate Welfare Fund that comply with generally accepted accounting principles and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration. The Deputy Commissioner for Administration and Finance shall prepare and issue quarterly consolidated and individual facility financial statements to the prison auditor of the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review. The deputy commissioner shall prepare an annual report which shall include a summary of expenditures from the fund by major categories and by individual facility. This annual report shall be sent to the prison auditor, the Legislative Budget Office, the Chairman of the Corrections Committee of the Senate, and the Chairman of the Corrections Committee of the House of Representatives.

(6) (a) A portion of the Inmate Welfare Fund shall be deposited in the Discharged Offenders Revolving Fund, as created under Section 47-5-155, in amounts necessary to provide a balance not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) in the Discharged Offenders Revolving Fund, and shall be used to supplement those amounts paid to discharged, paroled or pardoned offenders from the department. The superintendent of the Parchman facility shall establish equitable criteria for the making of supplemental payments which shall not exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for any offender. The supplemental payments shall be subject to the approval of the commissioner. The State Treasurer shall not be required to replenish the Discharged Offenders Revolving Fund for the supplemental payments made to discharged, paroled or pardoned offenders.

(b) A portion of the Inmate Welfare Fund shall be deposited into the Inmate Incentive to Work Program Fund, as created under Section 47-5-371, in amounts necessary to provide a balance not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in the fund. Such fund shall be utilized to pay inmates who are participants in the Inmate Incentive to Work Program as created under Section 47-5-371.

(7) (a) The Inmate Welfare Fund Committee is hereby created and shall be composed of nine (9) members: The Deputy Commissioner for Community Corrections, the Deputy Commissioner of Institutions, the Superintendent of the Parchman facility, the Superintendent of the Rankin County facility, the Superintendent of the Greene County facility, the State Treasurer, the State Auditor, and two (2) members to be appointed by the Commissioner of Corrections, one (1) of whom must have a relative incarcerated by the department at the time of appointment and shall be a representative of inmate families. The commissioner shall appoint the chairman of the committee. The committee shall administer and supervise the operations and expenditures from the Inmate Welfare Fund and shall maintain an official minute book upon which shall be spread its authorization and approval for all such expenditures. The committee shall promulgate regulations governing the use and expenditures of the fund.

(b) Regulations adopted shall set out what types of items shall be allowable purchases, and in all cases, the minutes of the committee shall explain which regulation permits any purchase it approves. Additionally, regulations of the committee shall prescribe the number of members necessary to constitute a quorum, minimum attendance requirements for a member to retain a seat on the committee, and a mission statement for the committee.

(c) The committee shall conduct an annual needs assessment to determine what types of items should be purchased for the benefit of inmates. The needs assessments shall be conducted with the assistance of the department personnel, inmates and the families of inmates.

(d) The committee shall evaluate the proposals of interested third parties for the administration of inmate canteen services as provided in Section 47-5-109.1.

(e) The committee shall expend necessary funds to assist parole eligible inmates who have been diagnosed with a mental illness while housed within a state correctional facility so that such inmates may receive outpatient services and community-based services to treat the mental illness of such inmates.

(8) The Department of Audit shall conduct an annual comprehensive special audit of the committee's use of the Inmate Welfare Fund. The department shall incorporate in its special audit report any recommendations it has concerning the financial and management control practices of the committee. The department shall report its findings and recommendations to the Chairmen of the Senate and House Corrections Committees.

SECTION 2. Section 47-5-933, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-5-933. The Department of Corrections may contract for the purposes set out in Section 47-5-931 for a period of not more than twenty (20) years. The contract may provide that the Department of Corrections pay a fee of no more than * * * Thirty-two Dollars and Seventy-one Cents (\$32.71) per day for each offender that is housed in the facility. The Department of Corrections may include in the contract, as an inflation factor, a three percent (3%) annual increase in the contract price. The state shall retain responsibility for medical care for state offenders to the extent that is required by law; provided, however, the department may reimburse each facility for contract medical services as provided by law in an amount not to exceed Six Dollars and Twenty-five Cents (\$6.25) per day per offender.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-158, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE FUNDS IN THE INMATE WELFARE FUND BE USED TO ASSIST PAROLE ELIGIBLE INMATES DIAGNOSED WITH MENTAL ILLNESS SO THAT THE INMATES MAY RECEIVE CERTAIN TREATMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-933, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE FROM \$31.00 TO \$32.71 THE AMOUNT THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS PAYS PER DAY FOR EACH STATE OFFENDER WHO IS HOUSED IN A REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Kevin Horan, Randy Rushing, Bryant W. Clark

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Juan Barnett, Daniel H. Sparks, Brice Wiggins

On motion of Rep. Horan the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Horan called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2495: State inmates; require MDOC to pay increased rate to house inmates in county jails.

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 47-5-901, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-5-901. (1) (a) Any person committed, sentenced or otherwise placed under the custody of the Department of Corrections, on order of the sentencing court and subject to the other conditions of this subsection, may serve all or any part of his sentence in the county jail of the county wherein such person was convicted if the Commissioner of Corrections determines that physical space is not available for confinement of such person in the state correctional institutions. Such determination shall be promptly made by the Department of Corrections upon receipt of notice of the conviction of such person. The commissioner shall certify in writing that space is not available to the sheriff or other officer having custody of the person. Any person serving his sentence in a county jail shall be classified in accordance with Section 47-5-905.

(b) Any person committed, sentenced or otherwise placed under the custody of the Department of Corrections, on order of the sentencing court and subject to the other conditions of this subsection, may serve all or any part of his or her sentence in the county jail of the county wherein such person was convicted if the sheriff or president of the board of supervisors, requests such inmate or inmates. Upon such request, the department may allow such inmate or inmates to serve all or any part of such inmate's or inmates' sentence(s), as the case may be, in the county of conviction of the inmate or inmates or the county of request of a sheriff or board of supervisors outside the county of conviction. Such determination shall be promptly made by the Department of Corrections upon receipt of notice of the conviction of such person. Whenever a request is denied for an inmate or inmates, then the commissioner shall certify in writing to the sentencing court, sheriff, or president of the board of supervisors of a county, as the case may be, that such inmate or inmates does not qualify to serve the sentence or sentences in the county jail. Any person serving his sentence in a county jail shall be classified in accordance with Section 47-5-905.

(2) If state prisoners are housed in county jails due to a lack of capacity at state correctional institutions, the Department of Corrections shall determine the cost for food and medical attention for such prisoners. The cost of feeding and housing offenders confined in such county jails shall be based on actual costs or contract price per prisoner. In order to maximize the potential use of county jail space, the Department of Corrections is encouraged to negotiate a reasonable per day cost per prisoner, which in no event may exceed * * * Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) per day per offender, except as authorized in Section 47-5-909(2).

(3) (a) Upon vouchers submitted by the board of supervisors of any county housing persons due to lack of space at state institutions, the Department of Corrections shall pay to such county, out of any available funds, the actual cost of food, or contract price per prisoner, not to exceed * * * Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) per day per offender, except as authorized in Section 47-5-909(2), as determined under subsection (2) of this section for each day an offender is so confined beginning the day that the Department of Corrections receives a certified copy of the sentencing order or five (5) days after the sentencing order is sent, in writing, by such county to the department, whichever is earlier, and will terminate on the date on which the offender is released or otherwise removed from the custody of the county jail. The department, or its contracted medical provider, will pay to a provider of a medical service for any and all incarcerated persons from a correctional or detention facility an amount based upon negotiated fees as agreed to by the medical care service providers and the department and/or its contracted medical provider. In the absence of negotiated discounted fee schedule, medical care service providers will be paid by the department, or its contracted medical service provider, an amount no greater than the reimbursement rate applicable based on the Mississippi Medicaid reimbursement rate. The board of supervisors of any county shall not be liable for any cost associated with medical attention for prisoners who are pretrial detainees or for prisoners who have been convicted that exceeds the Mississippi Medicaid reimbursement rate or the reimbursement provided by the Department of Corrections, whichever is greater. This

limitation applies to all medical care services, durable and nondurable goods, prescription drugs and medications. Such payment shall be placed in the county general fund and shall be expended only for food and medical attention for such persons.

(b) Upon vouchers submitted by the board of supervisors of any county housing offenders in county jails pending a probation or parole revocation hearing, the department shall pay the reimbursement costs provided in paragraph (a).

(c) If the probation or parole of an offender is revoked, the additional cost of housing the offender pending the revocation hearing shall be assessed as part of the offender's court cost and shall be remitted to the department.

(4) A person, on order of the sentencing court, may serve not more than twenty-four (24) months of his sentence in a county jail if the person is classified in accordance with Section 47-5-905 and the county jail is an approved county jail for housing state inmates under federal court order. The sheriff of the county shall have the right to petition the Commissioner of Corrections to remove the inmate from the county jail. The county shall be reimbursed in accordance with subsection (2) of this section.

(5) The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi shall defend the employees of the Department of Corrections and officials and employees of political subdivisions against any action brought by any person who was committed to a county jail under the provisions of this section.

(6) This section does not create in the Department of Corrections, or its employees or agents, any new liability, express or implied, nor shall it create in the Department of Corrections any administrative authority or responsibility for the construction, funding, administration or operation of county or other local jails or other places of confinement which are not staffed and operated on a full-time basis by the Department of Corrections. The correctional system under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections shall include only those facilities fully staffed by the Department of Corrections and operated by it on a full-time basis.

(7) An offender returned to a county for post-conviction proceedings shall be subject to the provisions of Section 99-19-42 and the county shall not receive the per-day allotment for such offender after the time prescribed for returning the offender to the Department of Corrections as provided in Section 99-19-42.

SECTION 2. Section 47-5-909, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-5-909. (1) It is the policy of the Legislature that all inmates be removed from county jails as early as practicable. Sections 47-5-901 through 47-5-907 are temporary measures to help alleviate the immediate operating capacity limitations at correctional facilities and are not permanent measures to be included in the long-term operating capacity of the correctional system.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, to expedite the removal of inmates from county jails as early as practicable, absent a contract negotiated between the Department of Corrections and the county jail, the Department of Corrections shall pay county jails for housing state offenders out of any available funds as follows:

(a) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) per day per offender for days one (1) through thirty (30);

(b) Thirty-two Dollars and Seventy-one Cents (\$32.71) per day per offender for days thirty-one (31) or greater when:

(i) An offender remains in the county jail after the Department of Corrections receives a certified copy of the sentencing order or five (5) days after the sentencing order is sent, in writing, by such county to the Department of Corrections, whichever is earlier; or

(ii) An offender remains in the county jail after being revoked from parole or probation or is sentenced to a technical violation center.

(3) The Department of Corrections is additionally responsible for all medical costs related to offenders housed at county jails under subsection (2) of this section.

SECTION 3. Section 99-19-42, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

99-19-42. Any offender in the custody of the Department of Corrections who is summoned to a county by court order for any post-conviction proceeding shall have such proceeding heard during the term of court in which the offender is returned to the custody of a county. If the offender's case is not heard during such term of court, the offender shall be returned to the facility of the Department of Corrections from which he was summoned.

If the offender is not returned within one (1) week of the end of the term of court, the county housing the offender shall not receive the * * * Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) allowed under Section 47-5-901, except as authorized in Section 47-5-909(2), for housing state offenders after the one-week time period required for returning the offender to the Department of Corrections.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-909, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXPEDITE THE REMOVAL OF INMATES FROM COUNTY JAILS BY DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO PAY COUNTY JAILS FOR HOUSING STATE OFFENDERS; TO AMEND SECTION 99-19-42, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE RATE OF PAY FOR HOUSING STATE OFFENDERS IN COUNTY JAILS; TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-901 TO CONFORM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Juan Barnett, Daniel H. Sparks, Dennis Debar, Jr.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Kevin Horan, Shanda Yates, Kevin Felsher

On motion of Rep. Horan the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Walker. Total-3.

Present--Brown, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1111: County court jurisdiction for termination of parental rights; authorize for both involuntary and voluntary termination.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1111: County court jurisdiction for termination of parental rights; authorize for both involuntary and voluntary termination.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 93-15-105, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

93-15-105. (1) The chancery court has original exclusive jurisdiction over all termination of parental rights proceedings except when a county court sitting as a youth court has acquired jurisdiction of a child in an abuse or neglect proceeding, then the county court shall have original exclusive jurisdiction to hear * * * petitions for both voluntary and involuntary termination of parental rights actions against a parent of that child pursuant to the procedures of this chapter.

(2) (a) Venue in a county court sitting as a youth court for any termination of parental rights proceedings shall be in the county in which the court has jurisdiction of the child in the abuse or neglect proceedings. Venue in chancery court for termination of parental rights proceedings shall be proper either in the county in which the defendant resides, the child resides or in the county where an agency or institution having custody of the child is located.

(b) Transfers of venue shall be governed by the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 93-15-105, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE YOUTH COURT, IN ABUSE OR NEGLECT PROCEEDINGS, TO HAVE ORIGINAL, EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF BOTH VOLUNTARY AND INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS ACTIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Angela Cockerham, Jason White, Thomas U. Reynolds CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Brice Wiggins, Nicole Boyd, Jason Barrett

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Ladner. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Walker. Total-2.

Present--Evans, B, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. McGee called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2613: Nonemergency transportation providers; extend date by which providers may provide service without a permit.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2613: Nonemergency transportation providers; extend date by which providers may provide service without a permit.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 41-55-71, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-55-71. (1) As used in this section, the following terms shall be defined as provided in this subsection:

(a) "Department" means the State Department of Health.

(b) "Nonemergency medical transportation provider" or "NEMT provider" means any company in the business of providing NEMT transportation services for compensation and any person, group of persons or entity that provides NEMT transportation services for compensation. Any company with a current accreditation from the Nonemergency Medical Transportation Accreditation Commission (NEMTAC) is deemed to be a NEMT provider.

(c) "NEMT transportation service" means motor vehicle transportation provided on a regular basis by a public or private entity or person that is designed exclusively or primarily to serve individuals who are elderly or disabled and who are unable to use regular means of transportation but do not require ambulance service. This term also means those nonemergency medical transportation services that are provided under the Medicaid nonemergency transportation program or by managed care providers that have contracted with the Division of Medicaid, except for those that are exempt from the permitting requirement of this section under subsection (8).

(2) The department shall adopt rules providing for applications for permits, issuance of permits, renewal of permits and revocation of permits, and the department may provide for the payment of fees for the issuance and renewal of permits.

(3) The department shall adopt by rule standards for the operation of vehicles used to provide NEMT transportation service that are reasonably necessary to protect the health and safety of individuals using that service.

(4) Standards adopted under this section must include, but are not limited to:

(a) Qualifications of drivers and attendants, including driver training requirements that must be met before a driver provides special transportation, including, but not limited to:

(i) Fingerprint background check;

offender registry;

(ii) Annual criminal background checks, including sex

Department of Public Safety;

(iii) Annual motor vehicle records (MVR) checks from the

(iv) Drug screens;

(v) Regular confirmation that the driver does not appear on the Office of Inspector General (OIG) exclusion lists;

(vi) For drivers, appropriate training for the mode of transportation being provided;

(b) Safety of vehicles and necessary safety equipment;

(c) General requirements concerning inspection and maintenance of vehicles, replacement vehicles, standard vehicle equipment, and specialized equipment necessary to ensure vehicle usability and safety for disabled persons; and

(d) Minimum insurance requirements.

(5) A NEMT provider must meet all the requirements and standards set by the department for providing NEMT transportation services. NEMT providers are required to have on hand at a location in the state and be able to produce upon request the necessary documentation to prove compliance with the requirements and standards set by the department as provided in this section.

(6) The department is authorized to revoke the permit of, or impose fines on, any NEMT provider that is found to be not in compliance with the requirements and standards set by the department for providing NEMT transportation services.

(7) The department is authorized to bring actions for injunctions in the name of the department to enjoin and prohibit any person or entity from providing NEMT transportation service in the state without having a current, valid permit from the department except as otherwise provided in this section.

(8) An NEMT provider that is a Medicaid provider under contract with an NEMT transportation broker providing services for the Division of Medicaid shall not be required to have a permit from the department to provide NEMT transportation services if (a) the broker periodically inspects the transport drivers for the NEMT provider and the vehicles used by the transport drivers for compliance with the standards prescribed in subsection (4) of this section and any additional standards adopted by the department under subsection (3) of this section, and (b) the NEMT broker determines that the drivers and vehicles are in compliance with those standards and certifies such compliance with the department. The department shall not make its own inspection of any drivers and vehicles that have been certified by an NEMT broker as provided in this subsection. Any NEMT provider that is exempt from the permitting requirement under this subsection shall be required to register with the department.

(**9) Any public entity or private entity in the business of providing nonemergency medical transportation services may continue to provide such services without first receiving a permit until July 1, ** 2024, provided that it complies with the other provisions of this section and the rules set by the department.

After July 1, ** 2024, each nonemergency medical transportation provider must have a NEMT permit from the department before it may provide NEMT transportation services in Mississippi.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-55-71, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE DATE BY WHICH AN ENTITY PROVIDING NONEMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION SERVICES MAY CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SUCH SERVICES WITHOUT FIRST RECEIVING A PERMIT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; TO PROVIDE THAT NEMT PROVIDERS THAT ARE MEDICAID PROVIDERS UNDER CONTRACT WITH AN NEMT TRANSPORTATION BROKER PROVIDING SERVICES FOR THE DIVISION OF MEDICAID SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO HAVE A PERMIT FROM THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE NEMT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Kevin Blackwell, David Parker, David Blount

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Joey Hood, Missy McGee, Clay Deweese

On motion of Rep. McGee the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Walker. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Representative Wallace called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report # 2 was adopted on **H. B. No. 1310**: (Elections; revise provisions related to the integrity of.), and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 602: District Attorneys; increase the operating allowance of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 602: District Attorneys; increase the operating allowance of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House concur in Senate Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Angela Cockerham, Joey Hood

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Brice Wiggins, Sollie B. Norwood

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb,

Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, McLeod. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Blackmon, Crawford, Huddleston, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. C. R. No. 62: Representative Tom Weathersby; commend distinguished legislative career and public service of upon the occasion of his retirement.

H. C. R. No. 63: Representative Alyce G. Clarke; commend distinguished legislative career and public service upon the special occasion of her retirement.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Walker. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. C. R. No. 62: Representative Tom Weathersby; commend distinguished legislative career and public service of upon the occasion of his retirement.

H. C. R. No. 63: Representative Alyce G. Clarke; commend distinguished legislative career and public service upon the special occasion of her retirement.

Rep. Roberson called up:

S. C. R. No. 571: Israel; commend 75th Anniversary of independence of.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar,

Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Walker. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

S. C. R. No. 571: Israel; commend 75th Anniversary of independence of.

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. R. No. 192: Representative Alyce G. Clarke; commend distinguished legislative career and public service upon the special occasion of her retirement.

H. R. No. 193: Booneville High School Boys and Girls Basketball Head Coach Michael Smith; commend for being only coach to win consecutive state titles in both girls and boys basketball.

H. R. No. 194: Ingomar Attendance Center Lady Falcons Basketball Team; commend and congratulate upon winning Class 1A State Championship.

H. R. No. 195: Representative Alyce G. Clarke; commend distinguished legislative career and public service upon the special occasion of her retirement.

H. R. No. 196: Dr. Rana Walley; commend for being selected as 2023 Teacher of the Year, representing Health Sciences and The Centers at MGCCC.

H. R. No. 197: Dr. James Gruich; commend for being selected as 2023 Instructor of the Year at MGCCC, Harrison County Campus.

H. R. No. 198: Carin Platt; commend for being selected as 2023 Instructor of the Year at MGCCC, Jackson County Campus.

H. R. No. 199: Ryan Schilling; commend for being named 2023 Instructor of the Year at MGCCC, Perkinston Campus.

H. R. No. 200: Andre Hollis; commend outstanding career with the Mississippi State Parks.

H. R. No. 201: Representative Michael T. Evans; commend esteemed legislative career of.

H. R. No. 202: Representative Chris Brown; commend esteemed legislative career of.

H. R. No. 203: Representative Dana Criswell; commend distinguished legislative career of.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. R. No. 192: Representative Alyce G. Clarke; commend distinguished legislative career and public service upon the special occasion of her retirement.

H. R. No. 193: Booneville High School Boys and Girls Basketball Head Coach Michael Smith; commend for being only coach to win consecutive state titles in both girls and boys basketball.

H. R. No. 194: Ingomar Attendance Center Lady Falcons Basketball Team; commend and congratulate upon winning Class 1A State Championship.

H. R. No. 195: Representative Alyce G. Clarke; commend distinguished legislative career and public service upon the special occasion of her retirement.

H. R. No. 196: Dr. Rana Walley; commend for being selected as 2023 Teacher of the Year, representing Health Sciences and The Centers at MGCCC.

H. R. No. 197: Dr. James Gruich; commend for being selected as 2023 Instructor of the Year at MGCCC, Harrison County Campus.

H. R. No. 198: Carin Platt; commend for being selected as 2023 Instructor of the Year at MGCCC, Jackson County Campus.

H. R. No. 199: Ryan Schilling; commend for being named 2023 Instructor of the Year at MGCCC, Perkinston Campus.

H. R. No. 200: Andre Hollis; commend outstanding career with the Mississippi State Parks.

H. R. No. 201: Representative Michael T. Evans; commend esteemed legislative career of.

H. R. No. 202: Representative Chris Brown; commend esteemed legislative career of.

H. R. No. 203: Representative Dana Criswell; commend distinguished legislative career of.

At 11:25 AM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed until 2:00 PM.

At 2:00 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

At 2:01 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 5:19 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Representative Bain called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report # 2 was adopted on **H. B. No. 400:** (Election crimes; revise the penalties for certain.), and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Bain moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. R. No. 204: Dr. Mac Huddleston; commend esteemed legislative career of.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. R. No. 204: Dr. Mac Huddleston; commend esteemed legislative career of.

Representative Scoggin called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report # 2 was adopted on **S. B. No. 2487:** (Mississippi Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program; establish.), and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Scoggin moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

At 5:25 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed until 7:00 PM.

At 7:02 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Representative Holloway by unanimous consent withdrew the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report # 2 was adopted on **S. B. No. 3002:** (Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural programs.).

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. C. R. No. 64: Speaker Philip Gunn; commend on the esteemed and laudable legislative career of.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Mr. Speaker, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. C. R. No. 64: Speaker Philip Gunn; commend on the esteemed and laudable legislative career of.

At 7:07 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 8:30 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Roberson moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. C. R. No. 61: Legislature; extend 2023 Regular Session, suspend deadlines for certain bills, and set date of sine die adjournment.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Osborne. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett, Blackmon, Huddleston, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--78

On request of Rep. Powell, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in **H. B. No. 535**:

Unanimous consent of the House and Senate is requested to make the following changes to House Bill No. 535:

Insert on line 608 before the colon "and in which Mississippi Highway 370 and Mississippi Highway 145 intersect"

On request of Rep. Zuber, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in **H. B. No. 1136**:

Unanimous consent of the House and Senate is requested to make the following changes to House Bill No. 1136:

Strike the word "This" in Section 24 of the bill and insert in lieu thereof:

"Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and remainder of this"

Rep. Busby called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2559: Transportation; delete repealer on harvest permit authorization and fees.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2559: Transportation; extend repealer on harvest permit authorization and fees.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

AMEND on lines 137-138 by deleting the following language:

This subsection (4) shall stand repealed from and after July 1, * * * 2025.

FURTHER, AMEND by inserting the following new section after line 167 and renumber subsequent section(s) accordingly:

SECTION *. (1) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be known as the "Strategic Multi-Modal Investments Fund," into which shall be deposited nonfederal money appropriated by the Legislature or otherwise made available in any manner, and funds from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into the fund. The expenditure of money deposited into the fund shall be under the direction of the Mississippi Department of Transportation, and such funds shall be paid by the Mississippi Department of Transportation upon warrants issued by the Department of Finance and Administration.

(2) For purposes of this act, unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed herein:

(a) "Airport project" means the construction, reconstruction, or rehabilitation of runways, taxiways, aprons, hangars, passenger or freight terminals, cargo or freight storage facilities, aircraft and airfield equipment maintenance and storage buildings, on airport service and access roads, and related buildings and parking facilities, or the acquisition or instillation of equipment for the movement or safety or security of persons or freight, at public-use airports in Mississippi in order to increase the airport's capacity and/or to support additional freight activity at the airport.

(b) "Department" means the Mississippi Department of Transportation.

(c) "Fund" means the Strategic Multi-Modal Investments Fund.

(d) "Port project" means the repair, rehabilitation, construction, reconstruction, upgrading and improvement of port facilities, port intermodal facilities, and major marine terminal equipment for the loading and unloading of goods at any state, county or municipal port authorities in Mississippi in order to increase the capacity to support additional freight activity or to support additional customers at the port.

(e) "Rail project" means the reconstruction, replacement, or new construction of railroad infrastructure, including track, roadbed, switches, spurs, bridges, industrial leads and sidings, transloading facilities, grade separation projects, and track-related structures to support additional freight rail activity for serving new customer locations or expansions in Mississippi for a public benefit. A public benefit may include

safety improvements, economic development, and operational efficiencies that reduce congestion and benefit surrounding communities.

(3) Money in the fund shall be utilized by the department, with the advice of the Strategic Multi-Modal Investments Advisory Board, to provide funding for necessary investments and repairs to airports, ports, and rail lines in this state, as determined by a majority vote of the Mississippi Transportation Commission. Eligible applicants for airport projects are public-use airports in the state that are on the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) maintained by the Federal Aviation Administration. Eligible applicants for port projects are state, county or municipal port authorities in Mississippi. Eligible applicants for rail projects are any freight rail operator or state, local or regional governmental entities operating a railroad. For rail projects, local units of government may be deemed eligible applicants if the application is related to a federal rail grant opportunity that requires local units of governments serve as eligible applicants as opposed to a freight rail owner or operator.

(4) The purpose of the fund is to increase the capacity for the movement of freight and increased economic activity at the airports, ports and railroads located in this state and to support long-term economic growth in the state. The department should prioritize projects leveraging federal funds for similar purposes or that provide a positive rate of return based on sound projections of increased economic activity and project readiness. The department shall ensure an equitable distribution of funds between types of recipients. The department shall also ensure an equitable share of funding for projects serving rural areas of the state. Money in the fund may be used to match other federal funding programs when allowable by those federal programs. However, before the expenditure of money in the fund, the department shall promulgate rules and regulations as authorized in subsection (3) of this section.

(5) (a) There is created the Strategic Multi-Modal Investments Advisory Board which shall consist of the following members:

- (i) The President and Chief Executive Officer of the Mississippi Economic Council;
- (ii) The President and Chief Executive Officer of the Mississippi Manufacturers Association;
- (iii) The President of the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation;
- (iv) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Railroad Association;
- (v) The Executive Director of the Ports Council;
- (vi) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Airports Association; and
- (vii) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Economic Development Council.

(b) The board shall provide nonbinding advice to the Department of Transportation regarding the expenditure of money in the Strategic Multi-Modal Investments Fund.

(c) The Strategic Multi-Modal Investments Advisory Board shall elect from among its members a chairman of the board within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this act, and the board shall elect such other officers as it considers necessary from among its members.

(d) A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of meetings and all actions of the board shall be by a majority vote. No compensation, per diem or mileage expense shall be provided to the board members.

(e) The department shall provide any necessary administrative support to the board.

(f) The board shall meet at least annually to conduct business.

(6) The department shall have all powers necessary to implement and administer the program established under this section to maximize all potential sources of funding, including state and federal, for projects covered by the program. Any available sources of funding may be combined to fund any project covered by the program. This includes Multi-Modal Transportation Improvement Program funds, which may be used in conjunction with Strategic Multi-Modal Investments Fund monies. Under no

circumstances shall Strategic Multi-Modal Investments Fund monies be used to reimburse any amount that has been expended on the project prior to the award of such monies to the recipient.

(7) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations, in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, necessary for the implementation of this section.

FURTHER, AMEND the title on line 3 by inserting the following after the semicolon:

TO CREATE THE STRATEGIC MULTI-MODAL INVESTMENTS FUND; TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH FUNDS SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; TO PRESCRIBE CERTAIN CRITERIA TO BE CONSIDERED WHEN THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MAKES ALLOCATIONS FROM THE FUND; TO CREATE THE STRATEGIC MULTI-MODAL INVESTMENTS ADVISORY BOARD; TO PROVIDE THAT THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FUND.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Jenifer B. Branning, Bart Williams, Neil S. Whaley

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Charles Busby, Steve Massengill, Troy Smith

On motion of Rep. Busby the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Massengill, Walker. Total-3.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill:

S. B. No. 2961: Appropriations; additional for various state agencies for FY2024.

Rep. Read moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Mims called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1623: Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1623: Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Rehabilitation Services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 31,615,704.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Rehabilitation Services which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department for the support of the various offices of the department, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 220,498,980.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Three Million Six Hundred Eighty-one Thousand Eight Hundred Two Dollars (\$3,681,802.00) shall be derived from the Health Care Expendable Fund created in Section 43-13-407, Mississippi Code of 1972. The above funds shall be allocated as follows:

Fully match all available federal funds	\$ 2,782,590.00.
Independent Living Program which includes the State Attendant Care Program	\$ 854,903.00.
Deaf and hard of hearing	\$ 44,309.00.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:
Permanent: 831
Time-Limited: 207

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions

shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Rehabilitation Services shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 6. The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind shall remain accredited by using not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) of the funds appropriated along with matching funds for payment of fees to an accreditation agency recommended by the Rehabilitation Services Administration.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated herein, the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services through the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind is authorized to expend an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for the National Federation for the Blind (NFB) News line service to allow blind and visually impaired persons to access newspapers through toll-free telephone calls.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 9. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

	FY2024
	Target
Performance Measures	
Disability Determination Services	
Number of Dispositions	60,000
Number of Days For Processing Time	130
Voc Rehabilitation For The Blind	
Number of Blind and Visually Impaired	
Persons Served	2,025
Number of Persons Rehabilitated	285
Number of Independent Living Persons Served	720
Percent Change in Persons Employed	
Compared to Persons Served	13.00
Vocational Rehabilitation	
Number of Clients Served	15,025
Number of Clients Rehabilitated	2,535

Percent Change of Persons Employed Compared to Persons Served	16.00
Persons Employed with Pay Rate Greater than Federal or State Minimum Wage	2,535
Persons with Significant Disabilities Leaving VR With Competitive, Self, or BEP Employment, Wage = or > Than Minimum	1,138
Spinal Cord & Head Injury Program Number of Clients Served	1,050
Percent Change in Number of Spinal Cord and Brain Injuries per Year	3.00
Special Disability Programs Number of Clients Served	3,100
Percent Change in Persons Receiving HCBW Services Compared to Waiting List	25.00
Ratio of Cost to HCBW Services per Person Compared to an Institutional Setting	38.00
Support Services Percent of Total Budget	1.96

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that One Million Five Hundred Sixty-three Thousand Thirty-nine Dollars (\$1,563,039.00) shall be allocated to the Spinal Cord & Head Injury Trust supported from General Fund court assessments.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and Section 2, One Million Four Hundred Eighty-three Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-three Dollars (\$1,483,573.00) in General Funds and One Million Seven Hundred Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-seven Dollars (\$1,700,587.00) in Special Funds is provided for the support of the Independent Living Home and Community Based Waiver programs along with any additional funds that may be appropriated to these programs.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2 of this act, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided for the purchase of equipment for the Mississippi Industries for the Blind. The Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation is authorized to transfer the appropriated funds to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind for this purpose for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024
\$ 1,100,000.00.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 14. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 15. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Sam C. Mims, V, C. Scott Bounds (No Signature)

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Kevin Blackwell, Michael McLendon

On motion of Rep. Mims the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, McCarty, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3017: Appropriation; Military Department.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3037: Appropriation; Geologists, Board of Registered Professional.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Board of Registered Professional Geologists for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the board, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 140,568.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 1
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 5. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Angela Turner-Ford, Scott DeLano

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jerry R. Turner

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Owen, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3037: Appropriation; Geologists, Board of Registered Professional.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.
Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Walker. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--60

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 1598: Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of.

H. B. No. 1599: Appropriation; Nursing, Board of.

H. B. No. 1600: Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of.

H. B. No. 1603: Appropriation; Psychology, Board of.

H. B. No. 1610: Appropriation; Legislative expenses.

H. B. No. 1619: Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board.

H. B. No. 1627: Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for.

H. B. No. 1630: Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District.

H. B. No. 1631: Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District.

H. B. No. 1634: Appropriation; Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority.

H. B. No. 1643: Appropriation, Reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building - FY2024.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. R. No. 185: Representative De'Keither A. Stamps; commend legislative career and public service.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 261: Income tax; extend credit for qualified contributions to an endowed fund at qualified community foundations.

H. B. No. 677: County veteran service officers; revise certain qualifications for.

H. B. No. 1084: Insurance agents; revise the continuing education requirements of those who are 65 and have been licensed for 20 years.

H. B. No. 1110: Second Amendment Financial Privacy Act; create.

H. B. No. 1611: Appropriation; Arts Commission.

H. B. No. 1614: Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for.

H. B. No. 1620: Appropriation; Public Service Commission.

H. B. No. 1622: Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.

H. B. No. 1625: Appropriation: Child Protection Services, Department of.

H. B. No. 1637: Appropriation; District attorneys and staff.

H. B. No. 1642: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. B. No. 1734: Use tax; revise distribution of revenue, provide income tax credit for employer making payments for employee dependent care.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 192: Representative Alyce G. Clarke; commend distinguished legislative career and public service upon the special occasion of her retirement.

H. R. No. 193: Booneville High School Boys and Girls Basketball Head Coach Michael Smith; commend for being only coach to win consecutive state titles in both girls and boys basketball.

H. R. No. 194: Ingomar Attendance Center Lady Falcons Basketball Team; commend and congratulate upon winning Class 1A State Championship.

H. R. No. 195: Representative Alyce G. Clarke; commend distinguished legislative career and public service upon the special occasion of her retirement.

H. R. No. 196: Dr. Rana Walley; commend for being selected as 2023 Teacher of the Year, representing Health Sciences and The Centers at MGCCC.

H. R. No. 197: Dr. James Gruich; commend for being selected as 2023 Instructor of the Year at MGCCC, Harrison County Campus.

H. R. No. 198: Carin Platt; commend for being selected as 2023 Instructor of the Year at MGCCC, Jackson County Campus.

H. R. No. 199: Ryan Schilling; commend for being named 2023 Instructor of the Year at MGCCC, Perkinston Campus.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 200: Andre Hollis; commend outstanding career with the Mississippi State Parks.

H. R. No. 201: Representative Michael T. Evans; commend esteemed legislative career of.

H. R. No. 202: Representative Chris Brown; commend esteemed legislative career of.

H. R. No. 203: Representative Dana Criswell; commend distinguished legislative career of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 1593: Appropriation; Athletic Commission.

H. B. No. 1594: Appropriation; Auctioneers Commission.

H. B. No. 1595: Appropriation; Barber Examiners, Board of.

H. B. No. 1596: Appropriation; Cosmetology, Board of.

H. B. No. 1597: Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, Board of Examiners for.

H. B. No. 1601: Appropriation; Optometry, Board of.

H. B. No. 1602: Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board.

H. B. No. 1604: Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional.

H. B. No. 1606: Appropriation; Fire Academy.

H. B. No. 1607: Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System.

H. B. No. 1621: Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 1629: Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

H. B. No. 1633: Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District.

H. B. No. 1635: Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board.

H. B. No. 1638: Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Sanford moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Patricia Flynt, which motion prevailed.

Representative Tullos moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Alva Ray Lott, which motion prevailed.

Representative Patterson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Judy Smith, and Louanntha Macarilla, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Christine Krize, which motion prevailed.

Representative Haney moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of David Lee Warfield, which motion prevailed.

Representative McLean moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Margaret Brewer Henry, which motion prevailed.

At 8:58 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Thursday, March 30, 2023, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTY-FIFTH DAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023

(EIGHTY-SEVENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Former Rep. George Flaggs, Mayor of Vicksburg, MS.

Mayor George Flaggs led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Walker. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Walker.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

H. B. No. 1626: Appropriation; Health, Department of.

S. B. No. 2961: Appropriations; additional for various state agencies for FY2023 and FY2024.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

S. B. No. 3012: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

S. B. No. 2530: "Secretary of State Eric Clark Coastal Preserve" and "Gollott Island/Godfather Point"; Department of Marine Resources designate.

Adopted: 03/25/23

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

H. B. No. 698: Municipal water, wastewater and sewer services; require equity based billing based on use of.

H. B. No. 817: Early Learning Collaborative; increase minimum funding levels for full-day and half-day programs.

H. B. No. 1140: Beer, light wine and light spirit products; revise manufacturers prohibited from having interest in wholesalers or distributors.

H. B. No. 1315: Pornographic media materials; regulate access to minors and require age verification.

H. B. No. 1390: Abstinence education; delete repealer on school board requirement to adopt a policy on abstinence-only or abstinence-plus.

Adopted: 03/29/23

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

S. B. No. 2073: Age of majority; lower to 18 for securing loans and entering contracts for real property.

S. B. No. 2167: Early Intervention Task Force; establish.

S. B. No. 2382: Out-of-state lawyers; required to disclose whether licensed to practice law in Mississippi in television ads.

S. B. No. 2384: Foster Care and Adoption Task Force; create.

S. B. No. 2613: Nonemergency transportation providers; extend date by which providers may provide service without a permit.

S. B. No. 2695: Tourism Project Incentive Program; extend deadline for MDA issuance of certificates approving participants.

S. B. No. 2781: Mississippi Access to Maternal Assistance Program; create and provide for duties and responsibilities.

S. B. No. 2842: Use tax; revise standards for municipality's eligibility to receive monies from special infrastructure assistance fund.

Adopted: 03/29/23

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

S. B. No. 2487: Mississippi Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program; establish.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill:

H. B. No. 1626: Appropriation; Health, Department of.

Rep. Read moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Eure called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1636: Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1636: Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the Department of Marine Resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 3,376,978.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Marine Resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 170,812,390.00.

Of the funds appropriated in this section, Three Million Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$3,050,000.00) is derived from the state excise taxes upon gasoline, oil and other petroleum products.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 108

Time-Limited: 65

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Marine Resources shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 5. Each Marine Conservation Officer and Supervisor shall be furnished an allowance for uniforms not to exceed Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) per annum.

SECTION 6.

In addition to all other sums heretofore appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Tidelands Fund No. 3345200000 to the Department of Marine Resources for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the tidelands projects for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 12,455,247.00.

PROJECT NO.	PUBLIC ACCESS PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Harrison County:		
	Eagle Point Park Improvements	
FY24-P601-01	-City Of Biloxi.....	\$ 35,000.00
	Popp's Ferry Causeway Park Pier and Repairs	
FY24-P601-03	-City Of Biloxi.....	\$ 500,000.00
	Oak Street South Pier and Docking Facility	
FY24-P603-19	-City Of Biloxi.....	\$ 400,000.00
	Courthouse Road Boat Launch and Jetties Improvements/Mitigation	
FY24-P511-11	-City Of Gulfport.....	\$ 400,000.00
	D'Iberville Working Waterfront Harbor/Marina Public Access Phase II	
FY24-P613-10	-City Of D'Iberville.....	\$ 400,000.00
	Long Beach Small Craft Harbor Improvements	
FY24-P600-06	-City Of Long Beach.....	\$ 400,000.00
	Pass Christian Small Craft Harbor/ Pier C1 Improvements	
FY24-M999-07	-City Of Pass Christian.....	\$ 315,000.00
	MS Coastal Map Revision Project - Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District.....	\$ 250,000.00
Jackson County:		
	East Beach Pathway Project	
FY24-P618-09	-City Of Ocean Springs.....	\$ 400,000.00
	Shepard State Park Upgrades Project	
FY24-P618-10	-City Of Gautier.....	\$ 250,000.00
	Fairway Drive Boat Launch and Pier	
FY24-P501-09	-City Of Gautier.....	\$ 250,000.00
	Moss Point River Enhancements	
FY24-P601-12	-City Of Moss Point.....	\$ 285,000.00
	Point Park Pier Expansion	
FY24-P602-01	-City Of Pascagoula.....	\$ 300,000.00
	Racetrack Road Boat Launch Phase III	
FY24-M648-14	-Jackson Cnty Brd of Supervisors.....	\$ 160,000.00
	Marine Education Center Living Shoreline and Access	
	-Univ. of Southern Mississippi.....	\$ 383,309.00
Hancock County:		
FY24-P510-11	Dredging for Noma Drive Boat Ramp Access	
	-City Of Diamondhead.....	\$ 300,000.00
FY24-P510-12	Nature Trail and Nature Education Center Planning Phase	
FY24-P401-10	-City Of Diamondhead.....	\$ 100,000.00
	Municipal Harbor Beach Amenities and Improvement	

	-City Of Bay St. Louis.....	\$ 300,000.00
FY24-P646-07	Beach Boulevard Pavilions	
	-City Of Waveland.....	\$ 100,000.00
FY24-P646-08	Beach Boulevard Hydration Station	
	-City Of Waveland.....	\$ 200,000.00
FY24-P610-08	Derelict Pier and Vessel Removal	
	-Hancock Cnty Brd of Supervisors	\$ 200,000.00
	Marine Patrol Equipment	
	-Department of Marine Resources	\$ 200,000.00
Total Public Access Projects		\$ 6,128,309.00
Total Management Projects		\$ 3,969,394.00
Bond Repayment		\$ 1,357,544.00
Prior Year Projects		\$ 1,000,000.00
Total Tidelands Funds:		\$12,455,247.00

Each political subdivision receiving funds authorized in this section shall be held responsible for complying with Section 29-15-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, and shall be subject to an audit by the State Auditor and shall submit detailed reports beginning June 30, and every six (6) months thereafter for the duration of the project to the Department of Marine Resources on how funds authorized in this section were expended.

It is the intention of the Legislature that any political subdivision seeking to qualify for tidelands funds for the subsequent fiscal year shall submit a proposal to the Department of Marine Resources no later than July 1, 2023. All proposals submitted will be reviewed and evaluated by the Department of Marine Resources in accordance to department plans and procedures. Multiphased projects, multiyear projects, proposed projects with high dollar value and projects that have a record of stacking funds shall be considered as low priority projects when evaluated.

It is the intention of the Legislature that if the amount of the Tidelands funds appropriated in this act exceed the actual amount of tidelands funds available, the available funds shall be allocated on a pro rata basis between projects listed in this section.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the department shall place any special trust funds appropriated to the department in a special trust fund and the interest earned on the principal shall be credited to the special trust fund. Monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall be retained in the special trust fund for use in the next succeeding fiscal year. The department may use the interest earned on the fund to pay reasonable costs for administering the fund and related projects.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Marine Resources has the authorization to move tidelands funds between approved projects upon request from entity and proper completion of Form TTF-6 documentation.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature for the Department of Marine Resources and the Department of Environmental Quality to continue with any agency partnerships, including grant agreements, that provide environmental projects to restore Mississippi's natural resources in the wake of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Hundred Million One Hundred Ninety-two Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-seven Dollars (\$100,192,527.00) is provided for the funding of the following Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) projects for FY 2024:

	(a) To assist the City of Pascagoula with the Live Oak Corridor Drainage to Remedy Flooding	\$ 2,000,000.00
	(b) To assist the City of Gulfport with the North Gulfport Wastewater Treatment Plant UV Disinfection	\$ 1,200,000.00
	(c) To assist the Hancock County Utility	

Authority with the Stennis Space Center Wastewater Conveyance Project	\$ 10,650,000.00
(d) To assist the City of Long Beach with the Small Craft Harbor Eastern Bulkhead Improvements	\$ 2,693,000.00
(e) To assist the City of Pass Christian with the West Breakwater Wall Hurricane Mitigation Improvements	\$ 2,590,000.00
(f) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with Oyster Spat	\$ 2,000,000.00
(g) To assist the Institute for Marine Mammal Studies with Monitoring and Evaluation of Sea Turtle Nesting in Mississippi	\$ 1,000,000.00
(h) To assist the University of Southern Mississippi with the Mississippi Coastal Fishery Resource Assessment	\$ 532,242.00
(i) To assist the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission with Bank Mitigation	\$ 1,749,220.00
(j) To assist the University of Southern Mississippi with Oak Island Oyster Company in the Development and Testing of an Off Bottom Oyster Structure \$ 1,195,571.00	
(k) To assist Jackson County with Coastal Roadway Hurricane Protection	\$ 750,000.00
(l) To assist the Institute for Marine Mammal Studies with Monitoring/Gauging Habitat Suitability for Dolphins and Turtles	\$ 1,500,000.00
(m) To assist the Kiln Utility District with Jourdan River Shores Sewer Improvements Phase II \$ 2,255,600.00	
(n) To assist Harrison County with Sand Beach Outfall Coordination	\$ 1,600,000.00
(o) To assist the City of Ocean Springs With Sewer Rehabilitation	\$ 1,960,000.00
(p) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with Oyster Cultch	\$ 1,000,000.00
(q) To assist the City of Pass Christian with Highway 90 Hurricane Mitigation Improvements	\$ 2,540,000.00
(r) To assist Coastal Mississippi with the promotion of the Seafood Industry and their Economic Contributions to the State	\$ 500,000.00
(s) To assist the City of Diamondhead With Drainage, Flood Prevention and Water Quality Improvements Phase II	\$ 1,999,839.00
(t) To assist Jackson County with East Beach Outfalls/Shoreline Protection	\$ 1,710,000.00
(u) To assist the City of Gautier with Hickory Hills/Lagrange Water Quality and Stormwater Improvements	\$ 2,973,981.00
(v) To assist the City of Biloxi with Keegan Bayou Restoration	\$ 2,520,000.00
(w) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with the Coffee Creek Outfall Pavilion \$ 650,000.00	
(x) To assist the City of Long Beach with Small Craft Harbor Southern Quay Bulkhead Improvements	\$ 2,554,000.00
(y) To assist the Department of Marine	

Resources with Bonnet Carre Spillway Mitigation	\$ 1,475,000.00
(z) To assist the City of D'Iberville with the Working Waterfront and Seafood Harbor Project	\$ 500,000.00
(aa) To assist the University of Southern Mississippi with the Ocean Enterprise Project	\$ 3,114,002.00
(bb) To assist the City of Biloxi with the East Biloxi Boardwalk sand re-nourishment	\$ 894,380.00
(cc) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with the Coffee Creek Outfall	\$ 367,638.00
(dd) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with the Coffee Creek water quality	\$ 102,241.00
(ee) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with the Infinity Science Center	\$ 165,967.00
(ff) To assist Jackson County Board of Supervisors with the Front Beach Erosion Control	\$ 658,740.00
(gg) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with GOMESA project management, development and mitigation	\$ 1,396,227.00
(hh) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with artificial reef construction	\$ 744,054.00
(ii) To assist the Department of Environmental Quality with water quality	\$ 985,054.00
(jj) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with Bonnet Carre Response	\$ 161,132.00
(kk) To assist Jackson County with a Watershed Development Plan	\$ 258,368.00
(ll) To assist the City of Diamondhead with Marsh Erosion Prevention	\$ 495,000.00
(mm) To assist the City of Pass Christian With Sanitary Sewer Pump Station Repairs	\$ 967,575.00
(nn) To assist Hancock County with Atlantic Street Sewer Improvements	\$ 2,213,648.00
(oo) To assist the City of Long Beach with Small Craft Harbor SE Bulkhead Improvements	\$ 2,188,000.00
(pp) To assist the Kiln Utility District with the Jordan River Shores Sewer Force Main Relocation	\$ 392,378.00
(qq) To assist the City of Biloxi with the Point Cadet Living Shoreline	\$ 764,863.00
(rr) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with MS Reef Fish Monitoring and Assessment	\$ 70,789.00
(ss) To assist Hancock County Utility Authority with Oak Harbor Sewer Improvements	\$ 2,811,548.00
(tt) To assist Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission with Port Bienville Conservation Management	\$ 265,010.00
(uu) To assist the City of Gautier with Water Quality and Infrastructure Sanitary Sewer	\$ 3,321,800.00
(vv) To assist the City of Pascagoula with Buena Vista Area Drainage	\$ 498,277.00
(ww) To assist the City of Pass Christian with Gravity Sewer System Improvements Phase I	\$ 1,744,319.00
(xx) To assist the City of Pascagoula with Point Park Pier Repair/Improvements	\$ 347,351.00
(yy) To assist the Department of Marine	

Resources with the Railroad Corner Beneficial Use Site	\$ 114,530.00
(zz) To assist the University of Southern Mississippi with collection of Fishery-Dependent information on Blue Crabs	\$ 99,774.00
(aaa) To assist the National Oceans and Applications Research Center with the Cat Island Baseline Inventory of Seagrass Habitat	\$ 289,727.00
(bbb) To assist the National Oceans and Applications Research Center with the Inventory Of Wetlands Habitats	\$ 369,614.00
(ccc) To assist the National Oceans and Applications Research Center with the Pelican Key Baseline Hydrographic Survey	\$ 87,792.00
(ddd) To assist Mississippi State University with the Evaluation and Monitoring of Marine Mammal and Sea Turtles after Bonnet Carre Spillway Opening	\$ 2,088,170.00
(eee) To assist the American Shrimp Processors Association with the Shrimp Processors Feasibility Study	\$ 665,918.00
(fff) To assist the Jackson County Utility Authority with Septic System Abatements	\$ 1,800,000.00
(ggg) To assist the University of Southern Mississippi with the Mississippi Coastal Fishery Resource Assessment	\$ 381,000.00
(hhh) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with the Katrina Key Expansion	\$ 430,000.00
(iii) To assist the Secretary of State with the Broadwater Marina Restoration	\$ 3,678,850.00
(jjj) To assist the City of Pass Christian with Sewer Pump Station Repairs	\$ 366,335.00
(kkk) To assist the City of Diamondhead With Drainage, Flood Prevention and Water Quality Improvements	\$ 1,193,447.00
(lll) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with the Bonnet Carre and Mid Breton Response	\$ 802,931.00
(mmm) To assist the City of Ocean Springs with the Front Beach Pub Access and Storm Water Mitigation Improvements	\$ 2,614,984.00
(nnn) To assist the City of Pass Christian with Phase II of the Gravity Sewer System Improvements	\$ 4,594,986.00
(ooo) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with the Off Bottom Oyster Aquaculture	\$ 1,455,173.00
(ppp) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with the Pelican Key Beneficial Use Site	\$ 348,220.00
(qqq) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with Phase II of the Katrina Key Expansion	\$ 400,000.00
(rrr) To assist the Jackson County Board of Supervisors with the Pascagoula Beach Open Channel Outfalls	\$ 1,339,000.00
(sss) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with water testing for Seafood Consumption Safety	\$ 45,262.00

SECTION 12. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Marine Resources shall have the authority to expend funds in an amount not to exceed Seventeen Million Dollars (\$17,000,000.00) from funds for the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) that may become available to the agency in fiscal year 2024 in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds provided herein shall be used to pay certain utilities for state furnished housing for any employees. Such utilities shall include electricity, natural gas, butane, propane, cable and phone services. Where actual cost cannot be determined, the agency shall be required to provide meters to be in compliance with legislative intent. Such state furnished housing shall include single-family and multi-family residences but shall not include any dormitory residences. Allowances for such utilities shall be prohibited.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 15. With the funds appropriated herein, the Department of Marine Resources is authorized to make payment for expenses incurred during Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021 as follows:

Vendor	Amount Invoice Fiscal Year	Date
Coastal Conservation Assoc.	\$3,175.50	4/16/2020
	2020	
City of Waveland	\$4,050.00	5/31/2020
	2020	
City of Long Beach	\$	217.50
	5/27/2021	
	2021	
City of Long Beach	\$	217.50
	6/25/2021	
	2021	
City of Long Beach	\$	270.00
	6/30/2021	
	2021	
MS Wildlife Federation	\$	125.00
	6/25/2021	
	2021	

SECTION 16. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 17. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Casey Eure, Richard Bennett

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Philip Moran, John A. Polk

On motion of Rep. Eure the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Walker. Total-1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1639: Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1639: Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Office of State Public Defender of the State of Mississippi for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 3,661,718.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 25

Time-Limited: 0

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

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

SECTION 3. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

FY2024

Performance Measures

	Target
Capital Defense	
Percent of Trial Cases Opened Less Than One Year	75.00
Percent Change in Running Average of Reversals Due to Ineffective Assistance of Counsel	0.10
Average of Reversals Due to Ineffective Assistance of Counsel	8.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Office of State Public Defender shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

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

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 7. Of the funds provided in Section 1, Two Hundred Seventy-eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$278,500.00) shall be provided for the Indigent Parental Representation for the purpose of contracting with trained and certified attorneys to represent indigent parents or guardians in abuse, neglect or termination of parental rights proceedings as provided under Sections 43-21-201 and 99-18-13, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 8. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE OF STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Angela Cockerham, Randy P. Boyd

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Sollie B. Norwood, Tyler McCaughn

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Hood, Walker. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1715: Appropriation; Health Department for funding the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1715: Appropriation; Health Department for funding the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Department of Health for the purpose of funding the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program established in Section 41-3-16.1, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the period beginning upon the passage of this act and ending June 30, 2024

\$74,000,000.00.

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section and Section 3 of this act, the term "department" means the State Department of Health.

(2) The department shall not disburse any funds appropriated under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the expenditure sought is, in the department's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time-to-time, by the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In addition, the department shall ensure that all funds appropriated under this act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

SECTION 3. (1) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds appropriated to the department under this act, the department shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to the department under this act complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

(2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA (a) determines that the department or recipient has expended or otherwise used any of the funds appropriated to the department under this act for any purpose that is not in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time-to-time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA, and (b) the State of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined were expended or otherwise used improperly by the department or recipient, then the department or recipient that expended or otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to the federal government.

SECTION 4. The money appropriated by this act shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE ARPA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING UPON THE PASSAGE OF THIS ACT AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Sam C. Mims, V

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Angela Burks Hill

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale,

Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Hopkins, Walker. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1717: Appropriation; DFA - Office of Insurance for reimbursing the State Health Plan for eligible expenses incurred.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1717: Appropriation; DFA - Office of Insurance for reimbursing the State Health Plan for eligible expenses incurred.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Office of Insurance for the purpose of reimbursing the State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan for eligible expenses incurred on or after March 3, 2021, through June 30, 2024, for the period beginning upon the passage of this act, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 35,000,000.00.

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section and Section 3 of this act, the term "department" means the Department of Finance and Administration.

(2) The department shall not disburse any funds appropriated under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the expenditure sought is, in the department's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In addition, the department shall ensure that all funds appropriated under this

act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

SECTION 3. (1) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds appropriated to the department under this act, the department shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to the department under this act complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

(2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA (a) determines that the department or recipient has expended or otherwise used any of the funds appropriated to the department under this act for any purpose that is not in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA, and (b) the State of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined were expended or otherwise used improperly by the department or recipient, then the department or recipient that expended or otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to the federal government.

SECTION 4. The money appropriated by this act shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - OFFICE OF INSURANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REIMBURSING THE STATE AND SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN FOR ELIGIBLE EXPENSES INCURRED DURING A CERTAIN PERIOD, FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING UPON THE PASSAGE OF THIS ACT AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Manly Barton

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, J. Walter Michel

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Home, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Walker. Total-1.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1722: Appropriation; UMMC for repair and renovation of facility used for adolescent psychiatric program.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1722: Appropriation; UMMC for construction, repair and renovation of the School of Dentistry.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the University of Mississippi Medical Center to assist in paying the costs associated with repair and renovation at and acquisition of equipment for the facility used for the adolescent psychiatric program, for the period beginning upon the passage of this act and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 6,000,000.00.

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section and Section 3 of this act, the term "medical center" means the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

(2) The medical center shall not disburse any funds appropriated under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the expenditure sought is, in the medical center's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In addition, the medical center shall ensure that all funds appropriated under this act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

SECTION 3. (1) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds appropriated to the medical center under this act, the medical center shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to the medical center under this act complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United

States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

(2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA (a) determines that the medical center or recipient has expended or otherwise used any of the funds appropriated to the medical center under this act for any purpose that is not in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA, and (b) the State of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined were expended or otherwise used improperly by the medical center or recipient, then the medical center or recipient that expended or otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to the federal government.

SECTION 4. The money appropriated by this act shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER TO ASSIST IN PAYING THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIR AND RENOVATION AT AND ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE FACILITY USED FOR THE ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRIC PROGRAM, FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING UPON THE PASSAGE OF THIS ACT AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jason White

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Hillman Terome Frazier

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Walker. Total-1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill:

S. B. No. 3000: Appropriation; IHL - General support.

Rep. Read moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Scoggin called up the conference report # 3 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3000: Appropriation; IHL - General support.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3000: Appropriation; IHL - General support.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of support, maintenance, affirmative action plan, interest funds and repairs at the state-supported institutions of higher learning; for support of Alcorn State University, Delta State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women, Mississippi Valley State University, University of Mississippi, and University of Southern Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 356,409,715.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the proceeds from any federal, student fees or other special source funds not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of support of education and general operations of Alcorn State University, Delta State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women, Mississippi Valley State University, University of Mississippi, and University of Southern Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 1,068,011,156.00.

SECTION 3. The following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any money in the Ayers Endowment Interest Fund, State Treasury Fund No. 3325800000, for the purposes as set out by the courts in the Ayers Case for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024:

Alcorn State University	\$ 424,500.00.
Jackson State University	\$ 651,000.00.
Mississippi Valley State University	\$ 424,500.00.
TOTAL:	\$ 1,500,000.00

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, the amount of Two Million Eight Hundred Eighty-six Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-nine Dollars (\$2,886,269.00) shall be derived from unexpended balances in the Ayers program

funds provided for the purpose in prior-year appropriations enacted by The Mississippi Legislature. These funds are to be allocated as follows:

Jackson State University \$ 2,090,794.00.
Mississippi Valley State University \$ 795,475.00.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall allocate funds to the off-campus centers based on a minimum rate of sixty-five percent (65%) of the on-campus cost of a full-time equivalent student. The on-campus distribution is to be determined without regard to the costs incurred by any one or more of them in the operation of off-campus degree-completing centers' classes. Off-campus centers which are operated jointly by two (2) or more institutions, the amount allocated to such centers shall be prorated among the institutions jointly operating such centers based on the full-time equivalent enrollment of such centers.

The board of trustees shall ensure that the off-campus centers are not charged with any indirect or overhead cost prorated from any on-campus activity. It is the intention of the Legislature that the on-campus operations charge the off-campus centers with only actual direct charges.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the amount of One Hundred Forty-five Thousand Dollars (\$145,000.00) shall be used for the promotion and expenses of the Mississippi Governor's School for the Gifted and Talented.

Provided, however, that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall develop the governing policy for faculty, course content and facilities selection on a competitive basis from all Mississippi senior colleges and universities. The Mississippi Governor's School for the Gifted and Talented shall accept not less than one (1) high school student nominee from each accredited high school in Mississippi. The nominees, selected under criteria developed and adopted by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, shall be provided a two-week tuition-free program.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the amount of Three Hundred Forty-nine Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$349,200.00) shall be used for the promotion and expenses of the Teacher Corps.

SECTION 8. It is the intent of the Legislature that no general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the following amounts shall be used as set forth:

- (a) For Mississippi State University as interest on agricultural land script fund and interest on sale of university land, the sum of \$ 14,387.00.
- (b) For the University of Mississippi as interest on original seminary fund, the sum of \$ 32,643.00.
- (c) For the University of Mississippi as interest on 1904 land grant fund, the sum of \$ 9,965.00.
- (d) For the University of Mississippi as interest on LaBauve Fund, the sum of \$ 1,420.00.
- (e) For Mississippi University for Women as interest on funds paid into the State Treasury as proceeds of sale of land donated to the Industrial Institute and College by the United States government, the sum of \$ 9,389.00.
- (f) For Alcorn State University as interest on land script and land sales funds, the sum of \$ 12,592.00.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, the following amount shall be derived from Education Enhancement Funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972:

On-campus and off-campus support of Alcorn State University, Delta State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women, Mississippi Valley State University, University of Mississippi, and University of Southern Mississippi for the sum of \$ 68,873,070.00.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall first use special funds to the greatest extent

possible to defray the costs of providing remediation at the state-supported institutions of higher learning.

SECTION 12. None of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for any purpose that is not actually required or necessary for performing any of the powers or duties of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, or any of the powers or duties of any institution under the jurisdiction of the board of trustees, that are authorized by the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, state or federal law, or rules or regulations that implement state or federal law.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that the budget requests of the institutions for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning continue to review, and eliminate when possible, duplicating programs and degrees in the existing institutions of higher learning in this state.

SECTION 15. No state appropriations or student tuition and fee receipts, except those specifically charged for the provision of the services, shall be used to support auxiliary enterprises, with the exception of intercollegiate athletics at a level designated by the board of trustees. It is the intent of the Legislature that auxiliary enterprises shall be self-supporting and that deficits not be taken from funds intended for instruction and academic programs.

SECTION 16. The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall report yearly to the Legislature the institution compliance with Section 97-11-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, which prohibits deficit spending.

SECTION 17. Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Section 25-4-105, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 18. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2024 Target
Instruction	
Number of Undergraduate Degrees Awarded	12,221
Number of Graduate Degrees Awarded	4,592
Number of Degrees (Graduate & Undergraduate) Awarded in the Fields of STEM, Health and Education	5,766
Number of Undergraduate Degrees Awarded per 100 Undergraduate Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Enrollment	20.10
Number of Graduate Degrees Awarded per 100 Graduate (FTE) Enrollment	44.20
Number of Students Completing 30 Hours	13,915
Number of Students Completing 60 Hours	10,132
Research	
Number of Patents Obtained by Mississippi Public Universities in Emerging Technologies	25

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 19. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated equally to Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, the University of Mississippi, and the University of Southern Mississippi for economic

development, reorganization, and relocation of efforts at those universities \$
2,000,000.00.

SECTION 20. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated to Mississippi State University - Meridian Branch

\$ 900,000.00.

SECTION 21. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 22. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated to Jackson State University E-Learning Center \$ 485,000.00.

SECTION 23. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated to the Delta State University E-Learning Center

\$ 155,000.00.

SECTION 24. It is the intent of the Legislature that at the end of Fiscal Year 2024 any unexpended balances in Ayers programs funds established pursuant to this act shall not lapse into the State General Fund, but shall carry over and be available for expenditure in the succeeding fiscal year, and subject to Legislative appropriation.

SECTION 25. None of the State General Funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for the purpose of travel outside the United States.

SECTION 26. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated to Delta State University Department of Commercial Aviation

\$ 800,000.00.

SECTION 27. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and Section 2 of this act, One Hundred Ninety-one Thousand Six Hundred Ten Dollars (\$191,610.00) is provided for geospatial site licenses.

SECTION 28. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds provided herein shall be used to pay certain utilities for state-furnished housing for any employees. Such utilities shall include electricity, natural gas, butane, propane, cable and phone services. Where actual cost cannot be determined, the agency shall be required to provide meters to be in compliance with legislative intent. Such state-furnished housing shall include single-family and multifamily residences but shall not include any dormitory residences. Allowances for such utilities shall be prohibited.

SECTION 29. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount shall be allocated to the Delta State University Delta Center for Culture and Learning \$ 100,000.00.

The funds allocated in this section shall only be used for the Delta Center for Culture and Learning.

SECTION 30. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated to fund the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars Mississippi Initiative Scholarship Program

\$ 90,000.00.

This program will provide opportunities for Mississippi's university and college students to gain real-life experience working in Washington, D.C. The funding will provide scholarships at Alcorn State University, Delta State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women, Mississippi Valley State University, and the University of Southern Mississippi. A written report shall be submitted listing the scholarship recipients by university to the Chairmen of the Senate and House Appropriations and Universities and Colleges Committees.

SECTION 31. None of the funds appropriated and/or authorized for expenditure under this act shall be used for research in which a human embryo is killed or destroyed.

SECTION 32. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act, an amount not more than One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) shall be allocated to implement university system efficiencies, including, but not limited to, academic, space, energy and any other system projects or expenditures that would lead to improved efficiency. Such funds may also be used to draw down other funds or as matching funds.

SECTION 33. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act, Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$900,000.00) shall be used to defray the expenses of the Children's Center for Communication and Development at the University of Southern Mississippi.

SECTION 34. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the amount of Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$900,000.00) is provided for defraying the expenses of the DuBard School at the University of Southern Mississippi.

SECTION 35. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act, Two Hundred Sixty-six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$266,750.00) is provided for the Southwest Mississippi Center for Culture and Learning at Alcorn State University.

SECTION 36. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000.00) is provided for the Engineer Research and Development Center in Vicksburg, Mississippi, for Research and Development opportunities in Science and Technology initiatives.

SECTION 37. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) is provided for the Delta State University Delta Music Institute.

SECTION 38. It is the intention of the Legislature that Mississippi Valley State University is authorized to provide water or sewer service to any existing, privately owned structures that presently take water or sewer service from Mississippi Valley State University. Furthermore, Mississippi Valley State University is authorized to charge a flat or metered rate for the service provided. Mississippi Valley State University shall not provide any water or sewer service to any new, privately owned structures.

SECTION 39. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, One Million Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500,000.00), shall be derived from funds in the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided to Alcorn State University for STEM related programs as determined by the university.

SECTION 40. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), or so much as necessary, shall be derived from funds in the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided to the IHL research institutions for the purpose of technology transfer and entrepreneurial programs, which may be connected to the Department of Defense and related federal research in Mississippi. It is the intent of the legislature that funds can be used for both research and upgrades to the physical space in order to perform research and entrepreneurship.

SECTION 41. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Education Enhancement Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Education Enhancement Funds to defray the expenses of the Institutions of Higher Learning, as authorized in Senate Bill 3002, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 53,478,000.00.

This appropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of funds as allocated herein:

(a) Delta State University – Commercial Aviation Department to defray expenses related to the purchase of flight simulators, training equipment, and other capital improvements

\$ 2,478,000.00.

(b) University of Mississippi to defray expenses related to the operations of the Haley Barbour Center for the Study of American Politics \$ 1,000,000.00.

- (c) University of Mississippi to defray expenses related to the Healthcare Innovation Tech Hub Infrastructure, Biomedical Innovation, Nano-Bio Immuno Engineering Consortium (NIEC), Data Science and Artificial Intelligence \$ 15,000,000.00.
- (d) University of Mississippi to defray expenses related to the UM Early Learning and Evaluation Center \$ 10,000,000.00.
- (e) Mississippi State University to defray the expenses related to the construction, furnishing, and equipping of the Kinesiology & Autism Building, High-Performance Computing Center and/or Ballew Hall \$ 12,000,000.00.
- (f) Mississippi University for Women to defray expenses related to the expansion of the nursing program
\$ 2,500,000.00.
- (g) Alcorn State University to defray the expenses related to the renovation and expansion of the Davey L. Whitney Complex and Wellness Center \$ 3,000,000.00.
- (h) Jackson State University to defray the expenses related to the repair, renovation, and/or construction of a residence hall
\$ 5,000,000.00.
- (i) Alcorn State University for STEM related programs as determined by the university
\$ 1,500,000.00.
- (j) IHL research institutions for the purpose of technology transfer and entrepreneurial programs, which may be connected to the Department of Defense and related federal research in Mississippi \$ 1,000,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 42. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds to defray the expenses of the Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL), acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management as authorized in SB 3002, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 15,000,000.00.

This appropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of funds for construction and/or repair and renovation projects for the Institutions of Higher Learning as allocated herein:

Alcorn State University	\$ 746,792.00.
Delta State University	\$ 599,527.00.
Jackson State University	\$ 1,294,884.00.
Mississippi State University (including the Forest and Wildlife Research Center and the Division of Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine)	\$ 4,401,981.00.
Mississippi University for Women	\$ 538,804.00.
Mississippi Valley State University	\$ 654,339.00.
University of Mississippi	\$ 4,063,186.00.
University of Southern Mississippi	\$ 2,700,487.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 43. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds to defray the expenses of the Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL), as authorized in SB 3002, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 8,000,000.00.

This appropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of funds as allocated herein:

Mississippi Valley State University	
Emergency Roof Repair	\$ 3,000,000.00.
University of Southern Mississippi Ocean	
Enterprise – Gulfport	\$ 5,000,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 44. Of the funds appropriated under the provision of Section 2, the following sum, or so much necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL), acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 32,000,000.00.

This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing the funds necessary to authorize the expenditure of funds for construction and/or repair and renovation projects for the Institutions of Higher Learning as allocated herein:

Alcorn State University	\$ 1,577,006.00
Delta State University	\$ 1,259,391.00
Jackson State University	\$ 2,838,046.00
Mississippi State University (including	
the Forest and Wildlife Research Center	
and the Division of Agriculture,	
Forestry and Veterinary Medicine)	\$ 9,914,954.00
Mississippi University for Women	\$ 1,146,539.00
Mississippi Valley State University	\$ 1,553,179.00
University of Mississippi	\$ 8,226,201.00
University of Southern Mississippi	\$ 5,484,684.00

SECTION 45. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), or so much thereof, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to support the operations of the Declaration of Independence Center for the Study of American Freedom ("Center") at the University of Mississippi, subject to the conditions that the Center shall:

(a) Promote scholarly research and civic education by exploring the principles of freedom expressed in our country's founding documents;

(b) Support individual faculty members at institutions of higher learning who have been named Declaration Fellows and who actively participate in the Center's network of scholars and further the mission and principles of the Center;

(c) Support classes, activities, and internships that advance students' understanding of American freedom at both the secondary and post-secondary level of education, including support for the operation of any Freedom Studies minor that may be available for academic credit at the University of Mississippi, as well as support for all Freedom Studies courses belonging to this minor; and

(d) Continue to be governed and advised in accordance with the Center governing structure described in the last paragraph of the Center mission statement signed by the Chancellor, Provost and founding Director of the Center and received in the Office of the Chancellor on March 1, 2023.

SECTION 46. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00), or so much as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated for the following purposes:

- (a) Delta State University – Commercial Aviation Department to defray expenses related to the construction and/or repair and renovation of hangers and classrooms, the purchase of flight simulators, training equipment, and the purchase and/or refurbishment of aircraft \$ 5,000,000.00.
- (b) Jackson State University to defray the expenses related to the repair, renovation, and/or construction of a residence hall \$ 5,000,000.00.
- (c) Mississippi Valley State University to defray expenses related to capital needs, construction, and/or repair and renovation projects \$ 5,000,000.00.
- (d) Mississippi University for Women to defray expenses related to capital needs, construction, and/or repair and renovation projects \$ 5,000,000.00.
- (e) Alcorn State University to defray expenses related to capital needs, construction, and/or repair and renovation projects \$ 5,000,000.00.

SECTION 47. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, Five Hundred Ninety-nine Thousand, Three Hundred Thirty-five Dollars (\$599,335.00) is provided for the T.K. Martin Center to study the IDEA Part C Early Intervention System in Mississippi and Mississippi's Laws Regarding Early Intervention, as established by and is contingent upon the passage of Senate Bill 2167, 2023 Regular Session.

SECTION 48. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

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

SECTION 50. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR SUPPORT OF THE EIGHT UNIVERSITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Rita Potts Parks, John A. Polk
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Jason White, Donnie Scoggin

On motion of Rep. Scoggin the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Currie, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Ladner, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Bailey, Eubanks, Walker. Total-3.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill:

S. B. No. 3001: Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs.

Rep. Read moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Scoggin called up the conference report # 3 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3001: Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3001: Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sums of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of support of the Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems, Center for Manufacturing Excellence, Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory, Water Resources Institute, Mississippi Law Research Institute, Jackson State University Urban Research Center, Mississippi Mineral Resources Research Institute, Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, the Supercomputer, the Stennis Institute of Government, Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, Polymer Institute, Small Business Development Center, Stennis Center for Higher Learning, the Commission for Volunteer Services, the State Court Education Program, and the executive office of the board of trustees for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 37,485,081.00.

SECTION 2. The following sums of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of the proceeds from any federal, student fees or other special source funds not otherwise appropriated, to the Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems, Center for Manufacturing Excellence, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of support of the Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory, Water Resources Institute, Mississippi Alcohol Safety Education Program, Stennis Institute of Government, Mississippi Law Research Institute, Mississippi Small Business Development Center, Mississippi Mineral Resources Research Institute, Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, the Supercomputer, Stennis Space Center's Center for Higher Learning, Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, Polymer Institute, Jackson State University Urban Research Center, the Commission for Volunteer Services, and the

executive office of the board of trustees for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 50,218,509.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this act hereof, the following amounts, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be expended by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purposes hereinafter set forth:

(a) From State General Funds, for the support of:

Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems for
the sum of \$ 4,703,796.00.

Supercomputer for the sum of \$ 649,817.00.

Center for Manufacturing Excellence for
the sum of \$ 3,069,581.00.

Mississippi Mineral Resources Institute for
the sum of \$ 357,902.00.

State Court Education Program for the
sum of \$ 2,050,389.00.

Mississippi Law Research Institute for the
sum of \$ 873,574.00.

Executive Office of the Board of Trustees for
the sum of \$ 7,329,475.00.

Mississippi Polymer Institute for
the sum of \$ 913,091.00.

Mississippi Small Business Development
Center for the sum of \$ 316,834.00.

Stennis Space Center - Center for Higher
Learning for the sum of \$ 357,377.00.

Jackson State University Urban Research
Center for the sum of \$ 531,744.00.

Stennis Institute of Government for the
sum of \$ 770,935.00.

Commission for Volunteer Services for
the sum of \$ 1,098,413.00.

Gulf Coast Research Laboratory for the
sum of \$ 8,387,375.00.

Mississippi Water Resources Institute for the
sum of \$ 351,676.00.

Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory for the
sum of \$ 1,874,285.00.

Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences
for the sum of \$ 3,848,817.00.

(b) From Special Funds, for the support of:

Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems for
the sum of \$ 142,782.00.

Center for Manufacturing Excellence for the
sum of \$ 142,782.00.

Mississippi Mineral Resources Institute for
the sum of \$ 672,657.00.

Mississippi State University-Alcohol Safety
for the sum of \$ 1,884,965.00.

Mississippi Law Research Institute for the
sum of \$ 1,990,795.00.

Executive Office of the Board of Trustees for
the sum of \$ 20,277,513.00.

Mississippi Small Business Development
Center for the sum of \$ 3,164,390.00.

Commission for Volunteer Services for
the sum of \$ 5,076,128.00.

Gulf Coast Research Laboratory for the
sum of \$ 2,043,526.00.

Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory for the
 sum of \$ 1,873,965.00.
 Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences
 for the sum of \$ 12,949,006.00.

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act and allocated to the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall allocate One Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) for Sea Grants matching for the Fiscal Year 2024.

Provided further, it is the intention of the Legislature, in the event budget reductions are imposed on the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, as a result of the Governor ordering budget reductions under the provisions of Section 27-104-13 or 31-17-123, Mississippi Code of 1972, the same percent reduction will be applied to those state funds identified in this section for Sea Grant match.

It is the intent of the Legislature that no general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

After the Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory has provided the maximum amount of services which may be provided free of charge under the provisions of Section 57-21-11(c), Mississippi Code of 1972, the laboratory shall not provide any additional services from the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this act if any charges for such services previously provided are more than ninety (90) days past due. After all such delinquent charges have been paid by a client, the laboratory may provide additional services to the client.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act and authorized for expenditure in Section 3(b) of this act, the following amounts shall be derived from Education Enhancement Funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972:

Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems.....\$ 142,782.00.
 Center for Manufacturing Excellence.....\$ 142,782.00.
 Gulf Coast Research Laboratory.....\$ 142,782.00.
 Executive Office of the Board of Trustees

for the sum of \$ 402,396.00.
 Total.....\$ 830,742.00.

SECTION 5. None of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for any purpose that is not actually required or necessary for performing any of the powers or duties of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, or any of the powers or duties of any institution under the jurisdiction of the board of trustees, that are authorized by the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, state or federal law, or rules or regulations that implement state or federal law.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the budget requests of the individual institutes, laboratories and programs consolidated in this bill for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 7. The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall report yearly to the Legislature any institution not in compliance with Section 97-11-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, which prohibits deficit spending.

SECTION 8. Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Section 25-4-105, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 10. None of the funds appropriated and/or authorized for expenditure under this act shall be used for research in which a human embryo is killed or destroyed.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Million Three Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$1,375,000.00), or so much thereof, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to the Mississippi State University – State Chemical Laboratory for the purpose of purchasing equipment to enhance the laboratory capabilities including, but not limited to, equipment for water quality testing.

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) is provided to the University of Mississippi – State Court Education Program to defray the expenses of newly elected justice court judges and newly elected chancery and circuit clerks.

SECTION 14. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 15. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR SUPPORT OF THE EIGHT UNIVERSITIES' DESIGNATED INSTITUTES, LABORATORIES AND PROGRAMS FOR WHICH THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Rita Potts Parks, Bart Williams
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Donnie Scoggin

On motion of Rep. Scoggin the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Home, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Currie, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Ladner, Williamson. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Crudup, Rushing, Walker. Total-3.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill:

S. B. No. 3009: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses.

Rep. Read moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Barton called up the conference report # 3 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3009: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3009: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the administrative expenses of the Mississippi Community College Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024
\$ 6,179,847.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Community College Board, for the purpose of defraying the administrative expenses of the Mississippi Community College Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 128,787,148.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Three Hundred Fifty-six Thousand Dollars (\$356,000.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund from funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:
Permanent: 48
Time-Limited: 0

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

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

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, Five Hundred Forty-two Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-nine Dollars (\$542,459.00) is provided to the Mississippi Community College Board for the purpose of defraying the cost of the Greenville Higher Education Center.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, Thirty-seven Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-six Dollars (\$37,626.00) is provided for geospatial site licenses.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Five Hundred Seventy-four Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-six Dollars (\$574,386.00) shall be derived from the out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Commission on Proprietary School and College Registration, for the purpose of defraying expenses incurred in the regulation and administration of the Mississippi Proprietary School and College Registration Law and the associated expenses of the Mississippi Community College Board.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated herein, up to One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be expended from the Work Force Carryover Fund as created by House Bill No. 1271, 1995 Regular Session.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2 of this act, Fifty Million Eight Hundred Thirty-one Thousand Eight Hundred Two Dollars (\$50,831,802.00) is appropriated for the Workforce Education Program and Industrial Training. No funding obligation or commitment shall be made on behalf of the state for industrial training beyond the level of funding made available in this section. All industrial training program commitments made in Fiscal Year 2024 and future fiscal years shall be based only upon funds available in this section, and any proposed commitments shall be approved by the Executive Director of the Mississippi Community College Board or the Executive Director's designee prior to such commitment being finalized. Industrial training program commitments shall be made and based only upon training services provided and not for a specific funding amount. Any expenditures of funds authorized in this section are limited to obligations made July 1, 2023, or after, and shall not be expended for obligations made prior to this date.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) shall be derived from unemployment compensation contributions deposited into the Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund and shall be utilized exclusively by the Mississippi Community College Board for workforce training in accordance with Senate Bill No. 2027, 2010 Regular Session. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Workforce Enhancement Training Fund shall have not less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) set aside as a carry-forward to begin the Fiscal Year 2025 Workforce Education Program.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) shall be derived from fees charged for the Workforce Online Training Program, and the Mississippi Virtual Community College and funds in the amount of Two Million Four Hundred Forty-four Thousand Nine Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$2,444,914.00) shall be transferred from the Community and Junior College Education Technology Fund for the purpose of defraying the costs of the Mississippi Virtual Community College, the Workforce Online Training Program and the administrative expenses of the Mississippi Community College Board.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated in of Section 2 of this act, One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) shall be derived from fees charged for issuing duplicate transcripts and duplicate diplomas for the High School Equivalency Testing Program for the purpose of defraying the costs of administering the High School Equivalency Testing Program of the Mississippi Community College Board, in accordance with Senate Bill No. 2626, 2002 Regular Session.

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) shall be derived from the transfer of postsecondary vocational and technical funds from the Mississippi Department of Education to the Mississippi Community College Board for the purpose of managing the day-to-day operations of postsecondary career and technical education.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that an amount equal to One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) per square foot shall be transferred to the Executive Office of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning to defray utility costs.

SECTION 15. It is the intention of the Legislature that the budget requests for administrative expenses of the Mississippi Community College Board for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 16. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Thirty-four Million Dollars (\$34,000,000.00), or so much as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for costs associated with construction, repair, renovation, furnishing and equipping the following:

- (a) Coahoma Community College for costs associated with the new dormitory \$ 7,000,000.00.
- (b) Northwest Community College for costs associated with the Agricultural Technology Program \$ 4,000,000.00.
- (c) Pearl River Community College for costs associated with the Allied Health Nursing Facility and other CTE facilities \$ 8,000,000.00.
- (d) Gulf Coast Community College for costs associated with the Health Professions Center of Excellence on the Jackson County Campus \$ 8,000,000.00.
- (e) Southwest Community College for costs associated with the new woman's dormitory and the renovation of the Fine Arts Complex \$ 3,000,000.00.
- (f) Meridian Community College for costs associated with the Transportation Technology Center \$ 2,000,000.00.
- (g) Itawamba Community College for costs associated with the CTE and Health Science Programs \$ 2,000,000.00.

SECTION 18. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 19. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 20. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Hillman Terome Frazier, Michael McLendon

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Manly Barton, Donnie Scoggin

On motion of Rep. Barton the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Johnson, Walker. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill:

S. B. No. 3012: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.

Rep. Read moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report # 3 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3012: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3012: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of the Department of Public Safety for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 158,543,141.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred in the operation of the various divisions

of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024
\$ 114,574,930.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 1,698
Time-Limited: 78

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. The Commissioner of Public Safety may, on a case-by-case basis, within funds available, recommend that corrective salary adjustments be made to the compensation of employees of the Department of Public Safety where an inequity was created between employees of equivalent capacity by previous application of the agency appropriation acts. Any such corrective salary adjustment plan must have prior approval by the State Personnel Board. Such adjustments will not be retroactive.

Any funds in the Salary, Wages and Fringe Benefits major object of expenditure may be used to purchase accumulated compensatory time within funds available.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature, that the Department of Public Safety shall receive Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) from the Mississippi Department of Transportation, for the operations of the Office of Commercial Transportation Enforcement Division that is authorized in Section 77-7-330, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 6. It is the intent of the Legislature that the local governments pay for part of the computer cost of the Mississippi Justice Information Center by maintaining their contribution to the Department of Public Safety.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Public Safety designate certain employees to aid the Office of Forensics Laboratories in the billing and collecting of all fees charged for services rendered by the Office of Forensics Laboratories.

SECTION 8. No part of the funds appropriated herein shall be transferred to, expended by, or used, directly or indirectly, for the benefit of any public relations, publicity or publication activities of any other state agency, department or officer, nor shall any personnel paid with funds appropriated herein be transferred or assigned to any other state agency, department or officer for public relations, publicity, or publication activities of such office.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Public Safety shall not issue citations for violations of speed limits on a quota basis. No funds expended under this act shall be used for such quota-based citations for violations of speed limits.

SECTION 10. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2024 Target
Enforcement	
Percent Increase in Enforcement Citations	7.00
Percent Decrease in Fatalities	4.00
Percent Increase in DUI Arrests (Includes Felony DUI)	5.00
Number of Criminal Investigations	72,100
Number of Highway Fatalities per 100 Million Vehicle Miles of Travel	0.90
Number of Alcohol Impaired Driving Fatalities per 100,000 Population	1.80
Number of Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Arrests per 100,000 Population	235
Percent Increase in Seatbelt/Child Restraint Citations	5.00
Driver Services	
Number of Driver's License/ID Cards Issued	635,250
Cost per License Document Produced	24.00
Number of Driver's Suspended	24,300
Number of Accident Reports Processed	1,650
Average Wait Time (Minutes)	20
Number of Documented Complaints	24
Percent Change in Wait Time	-5.00
Percent Change in Complaints	1.10
Percent Increase in Regular and Commercial Driver Licenses Issued	10.00
Support Services	
Number of Financial Transactions Processed	40,200
Number of Employees Supported	1,800
Forensic Analysis	
Number of Reports Issued (Cases)	20,000
Number of Court Testimonies (Cases)	250
Cost per Case Analyzed	518.00
Cost per Testimony	550.00
Percent of Days for Reports Issued	40.00
Dna Analysis	
Number of Known Felony Offender Samples in Database	137,429
Number of Proficiency Samples	550
Number of Casework Samples Examined	12,500
Cost per Sample	650.00
Maintain the Integrity of the CODIS Database	99.00
Forensic Pathology	

Number of Deaths Investigated	24,500
Number of Autopsies Performed SME Office	1,375
Cost per Autopsy Performed	2,000.00
Percent Change in the Number of Deaths Investigated	2.50
Percent of Coroners Educated by ME's Office	30.00
Percent Change in the Number of Autopsies Performed at SME Office	2.00
Training Academy	
Number of Basic Students to Graduate	240
Number of Basic Refresher Students to Graduate	70
Number of In-Service and Advanced Students to Graduate	2,600
Percent of Law Enforcement Officers Trained	100.00
Drug Enforcement	
Number of Drug Suspects Arrested	1,300
Number of Drug Cases Prosecuted	600
Number of Drug Organization Disrupted and/or Dismantled	4
Percent Change in Number of Drug Suspects Arrested	1.00
Percent Change in Number of Drug Cases Prosecuted	1.00
Percent Change in Number of Drug Organization Disrupted and/or Dismantled	1.00
Jail Officer Training	
Number of Jail and Youth Detention Officers Certified	300
Number of Certification Transactions	3,300
Number of Administrative Review Actions	15
Percent of Appointed Jail and Youth Detention Officers Obtaining Certification	60.00
Percent of Administrative Review Actions Taken Within One Year	1.00
Law Enforcement Training	
Number of Basic Law Enforcement Officers Certified	500
Number of Certification Transactions	2,500
Number of Training Quality Monitoring Actions	1,000
Percent of Appointed Law Enforcement Officers Obtaining Certification	75.00
Percent of Appointed Part-Time, Reserve, and Auxiliary Officers Obtaining Certification	85.00
Percent of Administrative Disciplinary Actions Taken Within One Year	3.50
Highway Safety	
Number of Federal Applications Funded and Statewide Pgms Supported	10
Percent Decrease in the Number of Unrestrained Passenger Vehicle Occupant Fatalities by 5%	2.00
Percent Decrease in the Number of Fatalities in Crashes Involving a Driver or Motorcycle Operator with a BAC of .08 and Above	1.00

Justice		
	Number of Juvenile Jail/Detention Alternatives	5
	Number of Hot Spots Policing Programs Funded	0
Emerg Telecommunications Tng		
	Number of Emergency Telecommunicators Certified	400
	Number of Certification Transactions	1,600
	Percent of Appointed Emergency Telecommunicators Obtaining Certification	75.00
	Percent of Appointed Emergency Telecommunicators Obtaining Recertification	75.00
	Percent of Administrative Review Actions Taken Within One Year	1.00
Council On Aging		
	Number of Triad Programs Established	2.00
	Number of Training Programs Conducted Provide On-Site-Training	0
	Percent Change in the Number of Operational Triad Programs	3.00
	Percent Increase in Funding to Counties to Educate Senior Citizens	0.00
Juvenile Facility Monitoring Unit		
	Number of Facilities Inspected	125
	Number of Strategic Plans Implemented	20
	Percentage of Admin Review Actions Taken Within One Year	80.00
Homeland Security		
	Number of OHS Grants for Jurisdictions	150
	Number of First Responder Classes	150
	Percent Increase in Emergency Task Force Responder Training and Exercises	2.00
	Percent Increase in Citizen and Community Preparedness Training and Exercises	11.50
	Percent Increase in Requests for Information	2.00
	Percent Increase in National Incident Mgmt Training and Exercises	2.00
Investigations		
	Number of Human Trafficking Cases Initiated	300
	Number of Human Trafficking Arrests	55
	Number of Human Trafficking Child Recoveries	25
Capitol Police		
	Number of Patrols	65
	Number of Emergencies (Medical, Weather, Active Shooter, etc.)	200
	Average Time to Respond to an Emergency (Minutes)	1.10
Motor Carrier		
	Number of Compliance Reviews	50,000
	Number of On-site Examinations at Scales	32,000
	Number of Trucks Weighed	5,800,000

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that all divisions within the Mississippi Department of Public Safety shall maintain complete accounting and

personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2 of this act, funds may be expended to defray the costs of clothing for sworn nonuniform law enforcement officers in an amount not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) annually per officer.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 14. The department is authorized to expend available funds on technology or equipment upgrades or replacements when it will generate savings through efficiency or when the savings generated from such upgrades or replacements exceed expenditures thereof.

SECTION 15. Of the funds provided herein, and in addition to the One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) authorized in Section 45-3-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, Department of Public Safety Officers who are licensed commercial pilots shall receive an additional Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900.00), for a total of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), additional compensation for such service.

SECTION 16. It is the direction of the Legislature that all Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) nonexempt sworn officers of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol who are working one hundred seventy-one (171) hours in a twenty-eight-day work cycle be compensated based on the annual salary established by the State Personnel Board for a one-hundred-sixty-hour per month schedule divided by two thousand eighty-seven and one hundred forty-three one thousandths (2,087.143), for an hourly rate, to be multiplied by two thousand two hundred twenty-three (2,223) or one hundred seventy-one (171) hours in a twenty-eight-day work cycle for a new annual salary. All hours worked over one hundred seventy-one (171) hours in a twenty-eight-day schedule shall be governed by the FLSA or other special compensation plan. All realignments after July 1, 2010, shall be calculated using this formula. This section shall be known as the "David R. Huggins Act."

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2 of this act, Four Hundred Ninety-five Thousand One Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$495,190.00) is appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Public Safety for the purposes of paying for eleven (11) hours of compensatory time at an hourly rate based on two thousand eighty-seven and one hundred forty-three one thousandths (2,087.143) hours per year for sworn officers who hold the rank of Lieutenant and above. The funds provided in this section to pay for the eleven (11) hours authorized in this section shall be expended only for this purpose.

SECTION 18. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Public Safety shall provide an annual report to the Mississippi Legislature detailing any elected official or any other person who is not an employee of the Department of Public Safety who was transported in Highway Patrol aircraft during the fiscal year. The report shall be provided to each member of the Mississippi Legislature on or before January 15, 2024.

SECTION 19. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall have the authority to transfer any funds from any division within the Department of Public Safety to any other division of the Department of Public Safety Special Funds, including, but not limited to, Funds 3711, 371C, 371E, 3713, 3714, 3715, 3740, 3741, 3742, 3744, 3747 and 3718, not to exceed Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) collectively during Fiscal Year 2024. However, none of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended unless the Department of Public Safety provides prior written notification of any transfer of funds provided in this section.

SECTION 20. The Bureau of Narcotics is authorized to expend a sum, not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) from account No. 3371800000, for purposes of effectuating the provisions of Section 41-29-179, Mississippi Code of 1972, Section 1 of this act. Expenditures authorized by this section may include, but not be limited to, costs associated with contracting with one or more vendors, contractors or other persons or entities to create, operate and maintain the forfeiture website and to provide continuing support in relation thereto. In the event an amount less than Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000.00) is required to effectuate the purposes of this section, the Bureau is authorized to expend the remainder of such authorized funds for the purchase of commodities, vehicles and/or other equipment necessary in the furtherance of the needs of the Bureau.

SECTION 21. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that Four Million Three Hundred Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Two Dollars (\$4,312,602.00) may be allocated for the programs supported from General Fund court assessments as follows:

State Crime Stoppers Fund	\$	99,003.00.
Adult Driver Training	\$	75,794.00.
Information Exchange Network Fund	\$	264,007.00.
Forensics Laboratory of MS – Implied		
Consent Law Fund	\$	404,795.00.
Forensics Laboratory of MS – DNA		
Identification Fund	\$	629,543.00.
Law Enforcement and Firefighters Death		
Benefits Trust Fund	\$	191,361.00.
Law Enforcement Standards Training – Law		
Enforcement Officers Training Fund	\$	2,276,404.00.
Drug Abuse/Driver's License Reinstatement	\$	13,573.00.
Federal – State Alcohol Program Fund	\$	160,431.00.
MS Leadership Council on Aging Fund	\$	197,691.00.

SECTION 22. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, Mississippi Department of Public Safety, shall have the authority to receive, budget and expend special funds from the Drug Evidence Disposition Funds (3372000000), not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00).

SECTION 23. Of the funds appropriated by this act, pursuant to Section 97-3-54.9, Mississippi Code of 1972, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) is provided for the duties and operations of a Statewide Human Trafficking Coordinator and a data analyst within the Bureau of Investigation in the Department of Public Safety, who shall coordinate all statewide activities and work with the Department of Child Protection Services for all victims recovered.

SECTION 24. Of the funds appropriated by this act, pursuant to Section 45-1-2(7), Mississippi Code of 1972, Two Hundred Forty-two Thousand Six Hundred Three dollars (\$242,603.00) is provided for the duties and operations associated with the Mississippi School Safety Act of 2019.

SECTION 25. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated to the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in SB 3014, 2022 Regular Session to at the Department of Public Safety for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 8,026,097.00.

This reappropriation is for the following purposes:

- (a) Bullet Proof Vests Program \$ 85,362.00.
- (b) Driver Services IDEMIA System. \$ 6,700,000.00.
- (c) Capital facilities, equipment, and other operational needs \$ 1,099,425.00.
- (d) Repairs and renovations at MELOTA \$ 141,310.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 26. The department may subgrant a portion of the funds appropriated herein to the Jackson Police Department for eligible activities contingent upon the execution of an operational agreement between the Capitol Police and Jackson Police Department on roles and responsibilities within the Capitol Complex Improvement District.

SECTION 27. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided to the Department of Public Safety for vehicles for Highway Patrol Troopers.

SECTION 28. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided to the Department of Public Safety for the purchase of bulletproof vests and other equipment at the Department.

SECTION 29. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided to the Department of Public Safety for case backlogs at the Forensic Laboratories.

SECTION 30. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, One Million One Hundred Forty-five Thousand Two Hundred and Five Dollars (\$1,145,205.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided to the Department of Public Safety for equipment and vehicles at the Forensic Laboratories, including equipment associated with HB 485, 2023 Regular Session.

SECTION 31. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, One Million Two Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$1,260,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided to the Department of Public Safety for the building lease for Driver Services Bureau.

SECTION 32. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Five Hundred Ninety-one Thousand Dollars (\$591,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided to the Department of Public Safety to upgrade and maintain the IDEMIA System at the Driver Services Bureau and any equipment necessary to implement HB 529, 2023 Regular Session.

SECTION 33. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided to the Department of Public Safety for vehicles for Homeland Security.

SECTION 34. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the General Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Department of Public Safety for Capitol Police operational expenses for the period beginning upon passage of this act and ending June 30, 2024

\$2,900,000.00.

SECTION 35. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State

Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 36. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023, with the exception of Section 34, which shall take effect and be in force from and after passage.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Brice Wiggins, Dennis DeBar, Jr.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Angela Cockerham, Richard Bennett

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Blackmon, Bomgar, Criswell, Karriem, Osborne, Taylor. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Walker. Total-1.

Present--Brown, B, Evans, B, Hale, Summers. Total--4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill:

S. B. No. 3043: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of.

Rep. Read moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3052: Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund; FY2024 reappropriate to certain agencies.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3052: Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund; FY2024 reappropriate to certain agencies.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 1 with the following exception(s):

AMEND on lines 60-61 by deleting the following:

, providing assistance to nonprofit museums,

FURTHER, AMEND on line 64 by deleting "13,705,225.00" and insert in lieu thereof the following:

8,705,225.00

FURTHER, AMEND on line 205 by deleting Section 13 in its entirety and renumber subsequent sections accordingly.

FURTHER, AMEND on line 302 by inserting after "expenditures" the following: , including the additional purpose of backlogs at the Forensic Laboratory,

FURTHER, AMEND by the deleting the language after the period on line 313 through line 315.

FURTHER, AMEND on line 367 by changing "\$172,621.00" to "\$238,532.00"

FURTHER, AMEND by adding the following new section after line 414 and renumber subsequent sections accordingly:

SECTION *. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board, as authorized in House Bill No. 1521, 2022 Regular Session, as amended by Senate Bill 2373, 2023 Regular Session for the purpose of providing funding for the Skilled Nursing Home and Hospital Nurses Retention Loan Repayment Program, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 6,000,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation is made for the purposes authorized in House Bill No. 1521, 2022 Regular Session, as amended by Senate Bill No. 2373, 2023 Regular Session, and is subject to the same conditions therein.

FURTHER, AMEND on line 417 by changing "18" to "19"

FURTHER, AMEND on line 420 by changing "22" to "24"

FURTHER, AMEND on lines 476-477 by deleting ", and shall stand repealed from and after June 29, 2022"

2. That the House concur in the above exception(s).

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Dennis DeBar, Jr.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Sam C. Mims, V

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.
Absent or those not voting--Evans, B, Walker. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3113: Appropriation; additional to Office of Workforce Development for certain programs, ARPA funds.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3113: Appropriation; additional to Office of Workforce Development for certain programs, ARPA funds.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Office of Workforce Development, with the Department of Employment Security serving as the fiscal agent, for the purposes of defraying the expenses of certain programs and for certain administrative fees for the period beginning upon passage and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 28,000,000.00.

SECTION 2. (1) Of the money appropriated to the Department of Employment Security under Section 1 of this act, Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) shall be distributed as follows:

(a) For the Accelerate Mississippi Workforce Development Program created in House Bill No. 1006, 2022 Regular Session.

(b) For grants to entities which provide or otherwise facilitate in providing individuals enrolled in community colleges, institutions of higher learning, or other workforce training programs with wrap-around services which may assist in their ability to remain enrolled in and graduate from the training program, including, but not limited to, financial counseling, childcare, transportation and other similar services provided in House Bill No. 1006, 2022 Regular Session.

(c) For the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Nurse/Allied Health Workforce Development and Retention Act created in Senate Bill No 2371, 2023 Regular Session.

(d) To be retained by the department for program monitoring and evaluation, administrative fees, third-party accounting as needed, and the deployment of an ecosystem workforce development model by the Office of Workforce Development to support effective implementation of the activities described in this section.

(2) Of the money appropriated to the Department of Employment Security under Section 1 of this act, Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) shall be for the Accelerate Mississippi Physician Residency and Fellowship Start-Up Grant Program created in Senate Bill No. 2371, 2023 Regular Session.

SECTION 3. (1) As used in this section and Section 4 of this act, the term "department" means the Department of Employment Security.

(2) The department shall not disburse any funds appropriated under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in the department's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In addition, the department shall ensure that all funds appropriated under this act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

(3) None of the funds appropriated under Section 1 of this act shall be used to pay employee premium payments.

SECTION 4. (1) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds appropriated to the department under this act, receiving entities shall certify to the department, and the department shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to the department under this act complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds established by ARPA.

(2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA (a) determines that the department or recipient has expended or otherwise used any of the funds appropriated to the department under this act for any purpose that is not in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA, and (b) the State of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined were expended or otherwise used improperly by the department or recipient, then the department or recipient that expended or otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to the federal government.

SECTION 5. The money appropriated by this act shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law. SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY SERVING AS THE FISCAL AGENT, FOR THE PURPOSES OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF CERTAIN PROGRAMS AND FOR CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE FEES FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING UPON PASSAGE AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024.
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, David Parker
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Donnie Bell

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.
Absent or those not voting--Walker. Total-1.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3118: Appropriation; additional to DFA - Bureau of Buildings, ARPA funds.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3118: Appropriation; additional to DFA - Bureau of Buildings, ARPA funds.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Department of Finance and Administration Bureau of Building, Grounds, and Real Property Management for the purposes described in this section, for the period beginning on passage, and ending June 30,
2024 \$ 42,919,505.00.

This additional appropriation under this section is for the purpose of completing capital projects at any state-owned buildings or grounds that are allowable under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury in conformity therewith.

SECTION 2. "Capital projects" for the purpose of this act shall mean the following:

(a) Eligible projects under the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF), lead remediation, and stormwater infrastructure;

- (b) Prevention, mitigation, or other services in congregate living facilities and other key settings;
- (c) Ventilation system installation and improvements;
- (d) Capital investments in public facilities to implement COVID-19 mitigation tactics;
- (e) Improvements to state parks due to increased use;
- (f) Any other eligible project through ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury, excluding broadband infrastructure.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Finance and Administration Bureau of Building, Grounds, and Real Property Management prioritize necessary investment in drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure when determining projects unless the entity operates a congregate living facility or the purpose is expressly stated in this act.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act, the following amounts or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be provided for capital projects at state-owned buildings or grounds occupied by the following state agencies or for the following purposes as cited herein:

(a) Any state-owned building as deemed necessary by the Department of Finance and Administration Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management \$ 33,919,505.00.

(b) Mississippi Emergency Management Agency \$ 2,000,000.00.

(c) To the entity that oversees the operations of state parks for the purpose of improvements to state parks due to increased use and to promote tourism \$ 7,000,000.00.

SECTION 5. None of the funds appropriated under this act shall be used to pay employee premium payments.

SECTION 6. (1) As used in this section and Section 7 of this act, the term "department" means the Department of Finance and Administration Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management.

(2) The department shall not disburse any funds appropriated under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in the department's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In addition, the department shall ensure that all funds appropriated under this act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding subrecipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

SECTION 7. (1) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds appropriated to the department under this act, the department shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to the department under this act complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

(2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA (a) determines that the department or recipient has expended or otherwise used any of the funds appropriated to the department under this act for any purpose that is not

in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA; and (b) the State of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined were expended or otherwise used improperly by the department or recipient, then the department or recipient that expended or otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to the federal government.

SECTION 8. The department shall submit to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee by October 1 of each year an annual report. The reports shall contain a listing of the projects intended to be funded through this appropriation, the amount of funds allocated toward each project, the amount of funds expended on each project, and the status of each project.

SECTION 9. The money appropriated by this act shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FROM THE CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION BUREAU OF BUILDING, GROUNDS, AND REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT FOR ALLOWABLE CAPITAL PROJECTS UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING ON PASSAGE AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Dennis DeBar, Jr.
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Manly Barton

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bailey, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Osborne, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Walker. Total-1.

Present--Summers. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Busby called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3120: Capital Expense Fund; FY2024 appropriation to MDOT for certain infrastructure expenses.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3120: Capital Expense Fund; FY2024 appropriation to MDOT for certain infrastructure expenses.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the 2022 Capacity Project Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi Department of Transportation for the purposes provided in the MDOT Three-Year Plan, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 450,000,000.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the 2022 Infrastructure Match Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi Department of Transportation for the purposes described in Section 65-1-183, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 40,000,000.00.

SECTION 3. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Strategic Multi-Modal Investments Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi Department of Transportation for the purposes described in Senate Bill No. 2559, 2023 Regular Session

\$ 30,000,000.00

SECTION 4. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the 2022 Emergency Road and Bridge Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi Department of Transportation for the purposes provided in Section 65-1-179.1, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 100,000,000.00.

SECTION 5. It is the intent of the Legislature that the funds appropriated under Section 4 of this act shall be expended on the projects included in the 2022 ERBR Solicitation.

SECTION 6. As a condition of receiving and expending the funds appropriated to the department under Section 3 of this act, the department shall ensure at least Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) is allocated to port projects.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Transportation shall expend such funds appropriated herein as necessary to conduct project planning. Such project planning shall apply to all preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction projects of the department and, at a minimum, shall consist of policies for the oversight and management of project cost which:

(a) Establish a reasonable cost estimate for each project. For purposes of this provision, projects include preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction;

(b) Capture and retain the initial project cost estimates for comparison with final actual expenditures;

(c) Require that any changes to a cost estimate for a project will be reviewed and approved by district or central office personnel. Such personnel shall be responsible for signing any revision, and providing a narrative description of the reasons for approving a revision;

(d) Capture the cost of consultants, engineers, attorneys, contract appraisers and other technical and professional contractors used in preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction projects.

SECTION 8. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper funds as set forth in this act not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING CERTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Jenifer B. Branning, Dennis DeBar, Jr.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Charles Busby, William Tracy Arnold (No Signature)

On motion of Rep. Busby the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Walker. Total-1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 834: Assistant District Attorneys and criminal investigators; increase authorized number of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 834: Assistant District Attorneys and criminal investigators; increase authorized number of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

- 1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
- 2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 25-31-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

25-31-5. (1) The following number of full-time legal assistants are authorized in the following circuit court districts:

(a) First Circuit Court District..... * * * ten (10) legal assistants.
(b) Second Circuit Court District..... * * * eleven (11) legal assistants.

(c) Third Circuit Court District..... * * * six (6) legal assistants.
(d) Fourth Circuit Court District.....six (6) legal assistants.
(e) Fifth Circuit Court District.....five (5) legal assistants.
(f) Sixth Circuit Court District..... * * * three (3) legal assistants.

(g) Seventh Circuit Court District..... * * * twelve (12) legal assistants. Effective July 1, 2023, through July 1, 2025, the Seventh Circuit Court District shall have fourteen (14) legal assistants.

(h) Eighth Circuit Court District.....three (3) legal assistants.
(i) Ninth Circuit Court District.....three (3) legal assistants.
(j) Tenth Circuit Court District..... * * * five (5) legal assistants.
(k) Eleventh Circuit Court District.....five (5) legal assistants.
(l) Twelfth Circuit Court District.....five (5) legal assistants.
(m) Thirteenth Circuit Court District.....four (4) legal assistants.
(n) Fourteenth Circuit Court District..... * * * six (6) legal assistants.

(o) Fifteenth Circuit Court District..... * * * seven (7) legal assistants.

(p) Sixteenth Circuit Court District..... * * * six (6) legal assistants.
(q) Seventeenth Circuit Court District.. * * * four (4) legal assistants.
(r) Eighteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2) legal assistants.
(s) Nineteenth Circuit Court District..... * * * seven (7) legal assistants.

(t) Twentieth Circuit Court District..... * * * seven (7) legal assistants.

(u) Twenty-first Circuit Court District..... * * * four (4) legal assistants.

(v) Twenty-second Circuit Court District..... three (3) legal assistants.

(w) Twenty-third Circuit Court District * * * five (5) legal assistants.

(2) In addition to any legal assistants authorized pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, the following number of full-time legal assistants are authorized (i) in the following circuit court districts if funds are appropriated by the Legislature to adequately fund the salaries, expenses and fringe benefits of such legal assistants, or (ii) in any of the following circuit court districts in which the board of supervisors of one or more of the counties in a circuit court district adopts a resolution to pay all of the salaries, supplemental

pay, expenses and fringe benefits of legal assistants authorized in such district pursuant to this subsection:

- (a) First Circuit Court District.....two (2) legal assistants.
- (b) Second Circuit Court District.....two (2) legal assistants.
- (c) Third Circuit Court District.....two (2) legal assistants.
- (d) Fourth Circuit Court District.....two (2) legal assistants.
- (e) Fifth Circuit Court District.....two (2) legal assistants.
- (f) Sixth Circuit Court District.....two (2) legal assistants.
- (g) Seventh Circuit Court District.....two (2) legal assistants.
- (h) Eighth Circuit Court District.....two (2) legal assistants.
- (i) Ninth Circuit Court District.....two (2) legal assistants.
- (j) Tenth Circuit Court District.....two (2) legal assistants.
- (k) Eleventh Circuit Court District.....two (2) legal assistants.
- (l) Twelfth Circuit Court District.....two (2) legal assistants.
- (m) Thirteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2) legal assistants.
- (n) Fourteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2) legal assistants.
- (o) Fifteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2) legal assistants.
- (p) Sixteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2) legal assistants.
- (q) Seventeenth Circuit Court District.....two (2) legal assistants.
- (r) Eighteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2) legal assistants.
- (s) Nineteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2) legal assistants.
- (t) Twentieth Circuit Court District.....two (2) legal assistants.
- (u) Twenty-first Circuit Court District.....two (2) legal assistants.
- (v) Twenty-second Circuit Court District.....two (2) legal assistants.
- (w) Twenty-third Circuit Court District.....two (2) legal assistants.

(3) The board of supervisors of any county may pay all or a part of the salary, supplemental pay, expenses and fringe benefits of any district attorney or legal assistant authorized in the circuit court district to which such county belongs pursuant to this section.

(4) The district attorney of any circuit court district may employ additional legal assistants or criminal investigators, or both, without regard to any limitation on the number of legal assistants authorized in this section or criminal investigators authorized by other provisions of law to the extent that the district attorney's office receives funds from any source. Any source shall include, but is not limited to, office generated funds, funds from a county, a combination of counties, a municipality, a combination of municipalities, federal funds, private grants or foundations, or by means of an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement authorized by Section 17-13-1 which may be expended for those positions in an amount sufficient to pay all of the salary, supplemental pay, expenses and fringe benefits of the positions. Such funds may either be paid out of district attorney accounts, transferred by the district attorney to the Department of Finance and Administration or to one or more of the separate counties comprising the circuit court district, and the funds shall be disbursed to such employees in the same manner as state-funded criminal investigators and full-time legal assistants. The district attorney shall report to the board of supervisors of each county comprising the circuit court district the amount and source of the supplemental salary, expenses and fringe benefits, and the board in each county shall spread the same on its minutes. The district attorney shall also report such information to the Department of Finance and Administration which shall make such information available to the Legislative Budget Office.

(5) The district attorney shall be authorized to assign the duties of a legal assistant regardless of the source of funding for such legal assistants.

SECTION 2. Section 25-31-10, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

25-31-10. (1) Any district attorney may appoint a full-time criminal investigator.

(2) The district attorneys of the *** Fifth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Twentieth *** and Twenty-first Circuit Court Districts may appoint one (1) additional full-time criminal investigator for a total of two (2) full-time criminal investigators.

(3) The district attorneys of the First, Second, Third, Fourth, * * * Nineteenth and Twenty-third Circuit Court Districts may appoint two (2) additional full-time criminal investigators for a total of three (3) full-time criminal investigators.

(4) The district attorney of the Seventh Circuit Court District may appoint one (1) additional full-time criminal investigator for a total of four (4) full-time criminal investigators.

(* * *5) No district attorney or assistant district attorney shall accept any private employment, civil or criminal, in any matter investigated by such criminal investigators.

(* * *6) The full and complete compensation for all public duties rendered by the criminal investigators shall be not more than Sixty-three Thousand Dollars (\$63,000.00) per annum, to be determined at the discretion of the district attorney based upon the qualifications, education and experience of the criminal investigator, plus necessary travel and other expenses, to be paid in accordance with Section 25-31-8. However, the maximum salary under this subsection for a criminal investigator who has a law degree may be supplemented by the district attorney from other available funds, but not to exceed the maximum salary for a legal assistant to a district attorney.

(* * *7) Any criminal investigator may be designated by the district attorney to attend the Law Enforcement Officers Training Program set forth in Section 45-6-1 et seq. The total expenses associated with attendance by criminal investigators at the Law Enforcement Officers Training Program shall be paid out of the funds of the appropriate district attorney.

(* * *8) The district attorney shall be authorized to assign the duties of criminal investigators regardless of the source of funding for such criminal investigators.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-31-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE NUMBER OF LEGAL ASSISTANTS FOR CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICTS; TO AMEND SECTION 25-31-10, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE NUMBER OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS FOR CERTAIN CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Angela Cockerham, Joey Hood
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Brice Wiggins, Kevin Blackwell

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bailey, Bomgar, Criswell, Osborne. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Byrd, Walker. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Powell called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 252: Alcoholic beverages; revise provisions regarding certain permits and distance restrictions.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 252: Festival wine permits; extend repealers on authority to issue and certain provisions relating to.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 67-1-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:
67-1-51. (1) Permits which may be issued by the department shall be as follows:

(a) Manufacturer's permit. A manufacturer's permit shall permit the manufacture, importation in bulk, bottling and storage of alcoholic liquor and its distribution and sale to manufacturers holding permits under this article in this state and to persons outside the state who are authorized by law to purchase the same, and to sell as provided by this article.

Manufacturer's permits shall be of the following classes:

Class 1. Distiller's and/or rectifier's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to operate a distillery for the production of distilled spirits by distillation or redistillation and/or to operate a rectifying plant for the purifying, refining, mixing, blending, flavoring or reducing in proof of distilled spirits and alcohol.

Class 2. Wine manufacturer's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to manufacture, import in bulk, bottle and store wine or vinous liquor.

Class 3. Native wine producer's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to produce, bottle, store and sell native wines.

Class 4. Native spirit producer's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to produce, bottle, store and sell native spirits.

(b) Package retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and Section 67-1-52, a package retailer's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to operate a store exclusively for the sale at retail in original sealed and unopened packages of alcoholic beverages, including native wines, * * * native spirits and edibles, not to be consumed on the premises where sold. Alcoholic beverages shall not be sold by any retailer in any package or container containing less than fifty (50) milliliters by liquid measure. A package retailer's permit, with prior approval from the department, shall authorize the holder thereof to sample new product furnished by a manufacturer's representative or his employees at the permitted place of business so long as the sampling otherwise complies with this article and applicable department regulations. Such samples may not be provided to customers at the permitted place of business. In addition to the sale at retail of packages of alcoholic beverages, the holder of a package retailer's permit is authorized to sell at retail corkscrews, wine glasses, soft drinks, ice, juices, mixers, * * * other beverages commonly used to mix with alcoholic beverages, and fruits and foods that have been submerged in alcohol and are commonly referred to as

edibles. Nonalcoholic beverages sold by the holder of a package retailer's permit shall not be consumed on the premises where sold.

(c) On-premises retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, an on-premises retailer's permit shall authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, for consumption on the licensed premises only; however, a patron of the permit holder may remove one (1) bottle of wine from the licensed premises if: (i) the patron consumed a portion of the bottle of wine in the course of consuming a meal purchased on the licensed premises; (ii) the permit holder securely reseals the bottle; (iii) the bottle is placed in a bag that is secured in a manner so that it will be visibly apparent if the bag is opened; and (iv) a dated receipt for the wine and the meal is available. Additionally, as part of a carryout order, a permit holder may sell one (1) bottle of wine to be removed from the licensed premises for every two (2) entrees ordered. In addition, an on-premises retailer's permittee at a permitted premises located on Jefferson Davis Avenue within one-half (1/2) mile north of U.S. Highway 90 may serve alcoholic beverages by the glass to a patron in a vehicle using a drive-through method of delivery if the permitted premises is located in a leisure and recreation district established under Section 67-1-101. Such a sale will be considered to be made on the permitted premises. * * * An on-premises retailer's permit shall be issued only to qualified hotels, restaurants and clubs, small craft breweries, microbreweries, and to common carriers with adequate facilities for serving passengers. In resort areas, whether inside or outside of a municipality, the department, in its discretion, may issue on-premises retailer's permits to such establishments as it deems proper. An on-premises retailer's permit when issued to a common carrier shall authorize the sale and serving of alcoholic beverages aboard any licensed vehicle while moving through any county of the state; however, the sale of such alcoholic beverages shall not be permitted while such vehicle is stopped in a county that has not legalized such sales. If an on-premises retailer's permit is applied for by a common carrier operating solely in the water, such common carrier must, along with all other qualifications for a permit, (i) be certified to carry at least one hundred fifty (150) passengers and/or provide overnight accommodations for at least fifty (50) passengers and (ii) operate primarily in the waters within the State of Mississippi which lie adjacent to the State of Mississippi south of the three (3) most southern counties in the State of Mississippi and/or on the Mississippi River or navigable waters within any county bordering on the Mississippi River.

(d) Solicitor's permit. A solicitor's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to act as salesman for a manufacturer or wholesaler holding a proper permit, to solicit on behalf of his employer orders for alcoholic beverages, and to otherwise promote his employer's products in a legitimate manner. Such a permit shall authorize the representation of and employment by one (1) principal only. However, the permittee may also, in the discretion of the department, be issued additional permits to represent other principals. No such permittee shall buy or sell alcoholic beverages for his own account, and no such beverage shall be brought into this state in pursuance of the exercise of such permit otherwise than through a permit issued to a wholesaler or manufacturer in the state.

(e) Native wine retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a native wine retailer's permit shall be issued only to a holder of a Class 3 manufacturer's permit, and shall authorize the holder thereof to make retail sales of native wines to consumers for on-premises consumption or to consumers in originally sealed and unopened containers at an establishment located on the premises of or in the immediate vicinity of a native winery. When selling to consumers for on-premises consumption, a holder of a native wine retailer's permit may add to the native wine alcoholic beverages not produced on the premises, so long as the total volume of foreign beverage components does not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the mixed beverage. Hours of sale shall be the same as those authorized for on-premises permittees in the city or county in which the native wine retailer is located.

(f) Temporary retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a temporary retailer's permit shall permit the purchase and resale of alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, during legal hours on the premises described in the temporary permit only.

Temporary retailer's permits shall be of the following classes:

Class 1. A temporary one-day permit may be issued to bona fide nonprofit civic or charitable organizations authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages, including native wine and native spirit, for consumption on the premises described in the temporary permit only. Class 1 permits may be issued only to applicants demonstrating to the department, by a statement signed under penalty of perjury submitted ten (10) days prior to the proposed date or such other time as the department may determine, that they meet the qualifications of Sections 67-1-11, 67-1-37, 67-1-51(2) and (3), 67-1-55, 67-1-57 (excluding paragraph (e)) and 67-1-59. Class 1 permittees shall obtain all alcoholic beverages from package retailers located in the county in which the temporary permit is issued. Alcoholic beverages remaining in stock upon expiration of the temporary permit may be returned by the permittee to the package retailer for a refund of the purchase price upon consent of the package retailer or may be kept by the permittee exclusively for personal use and consumption, subject to all laws pertaining to the illegal sale and possession of alcoholic beverages. The department, following review of the statement provided by the applicant and the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations, may issue the permit.

Class 2. A temporary permit, not to exceed seventy (70) days, may be issued to prospective permittees seeking to transfer a permit authorized in paragraph (c) of this subsection. A Class 2 permit may be issued only to applicants demonstrating to the department, by a statement signed under the penalty of perjury, that they meet the qualifications of Sections 67-1-5(l), (m), (n), (o), (p) or (q), 67-1-37, 67-1-51(2) and (3), 67-1-55, 67-1-57 and 67-1-59. The department, following a preliminary review of the statement provided by the applicant and the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations, may issue the permit.

Class 2 temporary permittees must purchase their alcoholic beverages directly from the department or, with approval of the department, purchase the remaining stock of the previous permittee. If the proposed applicant of a Class 1 or Class 2 temporary permit falsifies information contained in the application or statement, the applicant shall never again be eligible for a retail alcohol beverage permit and shall be subject to prosecution for perjury.

Class 3. A temporary one-day permit may be issued to a retail establishment authorizing the complimentary distribution of wine, including native wine, to patrons of the retail establishment at an open house or promotional event, for consumption only on the premises described in the temporary permit. A Class 3 permit may be issued only to an applicant demonstrating to the department, by a statement signed under penalty of perjury submitted ten (10) days before the proposed date or such other time as the department may determine, that it meets the qualifications of Sections 67-1-11, 67-1-37, 67-1-51(2) and (3), 67-1-55, 67-1-57 (excluding paragraph (e)) and 67-1-59. A Class 3 permit holder shall obtain all alcoholic beverages from the holder(s) of a package retailer's permit located in the county in which the temporary permit is issued. Wine remaining in stock upon expiration of the temporary permit may be returned by the Class 3 temporary permit holder to the package retailer for a refund of the purchase price, with consent of the package retailer, or may be kept by the Class 3 temporary permit holder exclusively for personal use and consumption, subject to all laws pertaining to the illegal sale and possession of alcoholic beverages. The department, following review of the statement provided by the applicant and the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations, may issue the permit. No retailer may receive more than twelve (12) Class 3 temporary permits in a calendar year. A Class 3 temporary permit shall not be issued to a retail establishment that either holds a merchant permit issued under paragraph (l) of this subsection, or holds a permit issued under Chapter 3, Title 67, Mississippi Code of 1972, authorizing the holder to engage in the business of a retailer of light wine or beer.

(g) Caterer's permit. A caterer's permit shall permit the purchase of alcoholic beverages by a person engaging in business as a caterer and the resale of alcoholic beverages by such person in conjunction with such catering business. No person shall qualify as a caterer unless forty percent (40%) or more of the revenue derived from such catering business shall be from the serving of prepared food and not from the sale of alcoholic beverages and unless such person has obtained a permit for such business from the Department of Health. A caterer's permit shall not authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages on the premises of the person engaging in business as a caterer;

however, the holder of an on-premises retailer's permit may hold a caterer's permit. When the holder of an on-premises retailer's permit or an affiliated entity of the holder also holds a caterer's permit, the caterer's permit shall not authorize the service of alcoholic beverages on a consistent, recurring basis at a separate, fixed location owned or operated by the caterer, on-premises retailer or affiliated entity and an on-premises retailer's permit shall be required for the separate location. All sales of alcoholic beverages by holders of a caterer's permit shall be made at the location being catered by the caterer, and, except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, such sales may be made only for consumption at the catered location. The location being catered may be anywhere within a county or judicial district that has voted to come out from under the dry laws or in which the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages is otherwise authorized by law. Such sales shall be made pursuant to any other conditions and restrictions which apply to sales made by on-premises retail permittees. The holder of a caterer's permit or his employees shall remain at the catered location as long as alcoholic beverages are being sold pursuant to the permit issued under this paragraph (g), and the permittee shall have at the location the identification card issued by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the department. No unsold alcoholic beverages may be left at the catered location by the permittee upon the conclusion of his business at that location. Appropriate law enforcement officers and Alcoholic Beverage Control Division personnel may enter a catered location on private property in order to enforce laws governing the sale or serving of alcoholic beverages.

(h) Research permit. A research permit shall authorize the holder thereof to operate a research facility for the professional research of alcoholic beverages. Such permit shall authorize the holder of the permit to import and purchase limited amounts of alcoholic beverages from the department or from importers, wineries and distillers of alcoholic beverages for professional research.

(i) Alcohol processing permit. An alcohol processing permit shall authorize the holder thereof to purchase, transport and possess alcoholic beverages for the exclusive use in cooking, processing or manufacturing products which contain alcoholic beverages as an integral ingredient. An alcohol processing permit shall not authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages on the premises of the person engaging in the business of cooking, processing or manufacturing products which contain alcoholic beverages. The amounts of alcoholic beverages allowed under an alcohol processing permit shall be set by the department.

(j) Hospitality cart permit. A hospitality cart permit shall authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages from a mobile cart on a golf course that is the holder of an on-premises retailer's permit. The alcoholic beverages sold from the cart must be consumed within the boundaries of the golf course.

(k) Special service permit. A special service permit shall authorize the holder to sell commercially sealed alcoholic beverages to the operator of a commercial or private aircraft for en route consumption only by passengers. A special service permit shall be issued only to a fixed-base operator who contracts with an airport facility to provide fueling and other associated services to commercial and private aircraft.

(l) Merchant permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a merchant permit shall be issued only to the owner of a spa facility, an art studio or gallery, or a cooking school, and shall authorize the holder to serve complimentary by the glass wine only, including native wine, at the holder's spa facility, art studio or gallery, or cooking school. A merchant permit holder shall obtain all wine from the holder of a package retailer's permit.

(m) Temporary alcoholic beverages charitable auction permit. A temporary permit, not to exceed five (5) days, may be issued to a qualifying charitable nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The permit shall authorize the holder to sell alcoholic beverages for the limited purpose of raising funds for the organization during a live or silent auction that is conducted by the organization and that meets the following requirements: (i) the auction is conducted in an area of the state where the sale of alcoholic beverages is authorized; (ii) if the auction is conducted on the premises of an on-premises retailer's permit holder, then the alcoholic beverages to be auctioned must be stored separately from the alcoholic beverages sold, stored or served on the premises,

must be removed from the premises immediately following the auction, and may not be consumed on the premises; (iii) the permit holder may not conduct more than two (2) auctions during a calendar year; (iv) the permit holder may not pay a commission or promotional fee to any person to arrange or conduct the auction.

(n) Event venue retailer's permit. An event venue retailer's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to purchase and resell alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, for consumption on the premises during legal hours during events held on the licensed premises if food is being served at the event by a caterer who is not affiliated with or related to the permittee. The caterer must serve at least three (3) entrees. The permit may only be issued for venues that can accommodate two hundred (200) persons or more. The number of persons a venue may accommodate shall be determined by the local fire department and such determination shall be provided in writing and submitted along with all other documents required to be provided for an on-premises retailer's permit. The permittee must derive the majority of its revenue from event-related fees, including, but not limited to, admission fees or ticket sales for live entertainment in the building. "Event-related fees" do not include alcohol, beer or light wine sales or any fee which may be construed to cover the cost of alcohol, beer or light wine. This determination shall be made on a per event basis. An event may not last longer than two (2) consecutive days per week.

(o) Temporary theatre permit. A temporary theatre permit, not to exceed five (5) days, may be issued to a charitable nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code and owns or operates a theatre facility that features plays and other theatrical performances and productions. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, the permit shall authorize the holder to sell alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, to patrons of the theatre during performances and productions at the theatre facility for consumption during such performances and productions on the premises of the facility described in the permit. A temporary theatre permit holder shall obtain all alcoholic beverages from package retailers located in the county in which the permit is issued. Alcoholic beverages remaining in stock upon expiration of the temporary theatre permit may be returned by the permittee to the package retailer for a refund of the purchase price upon consent of the package retailer or may be kept by the permittee exclusively for personal use and consumption, subject to all laws pertaining to the illegal sale and possession of alcoholic beverages.

(p) Charter ship operator's permit. Subject to the provisions of this paragraph (p), a charter ship operator's permit shall authorize the holder thereof and its employees to serve, monitor, store and otherwise control the serving and availability of alcoholic beverages to customers of the permit holder during private charters under contract provided by the permit holder. A charter ship operator's permit shall authorize such action by the permit holder and its employees only as to alcoholic beverages brought onto the permit holder's ship by customers of the permit holder as part of such a private charter. All such alcoholic beverages must be removed from the charter ship at the conclusion of each private charter. A charter ship operator's permit shall not authorize the permit holder to sell, charge for or otherwise supply alcoholic beverages to customers, except as authorized in this paragraph (p). For the purposes of this paragraph (p), "charter ship operator" means a common carrier that (i) is certified to carry at least one hundred fifty (150) passengers and/or provide overnight accommodations for at least fifty (50) passengers, (ii) operates only in the waters within the State of Mississippi, which lie adjacent to the State of Mississippi south of the three (3) most southern counties in the State of Mississippi, and (iii) provides charters under contract for tours and trips in such waters.

(q) Distillery retailer's permit. The holder of a Class 1 manufacturer's permit may obtain a distillery retailer's permit. A distillery retailer's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to sell at retail alcoholic beverages to consumers for on-premises consumption, or to consumers by the sealed and unopened bottle from a retail location at the distillery for off-premises consumption. The holder may only sell product manufactured by the manufacturer at the distillery described in the permit. However, when selling to consumers for on-premises consumption, a holder of a distillery retailer's permit may add other beverages, alcoholic or not, so long as the total volume of other

beverage components containing alcohol does not exceed twenty percent (20%). Hours of sale shall be the same as those authorized for on-premises permittees in the city or county in which the distillery retailer is located.

The holder shall not sell at retail more than ten percent (10%) of the alcoholic beverages produced annually at its distillery. The holder shall not make retail sales of more than two and twenty-five one-hundredths (2.25) liters, in the aggregate, of the alcoholic beverages produced at its distillery to any one (1) individual for consumption off the premises of the distillery within a twenty-four-hour period. The hours of sale shall be the same as those hours for package retailers under this article. The holder of a distillery retailer's permit is not required to purchase the alcoholic beverages authorized to be sold by this paragraph from the department's liquor distribution warehouse; however, if the holder does not purchase the alcoholic beverages from the department's liquor distribution warehouse, the holder shall pay to the department all taxes, fees and surcharges on the alcoholic beverages that are imposed upon the sale of alcoholic beverages shipped by the department or its warehouse operator. In addition to alcoholic beverages, the holder of a distillery retailer's permit may sell at retail promotional products from the same retail location, including shirts, hats, glasses, and other promotional products customarily sold by alcoholic beverage manufacturers.

(r) Festival Wine Permit. Any wine manufacturer or native wine producer permitted by Mississippi or any other state is eligible to obtain a Festival Wine Permit. This permit authorizes the entity to transport product manufactured by it to festivals held within the State of Mississippi and sell sealed, unopened bottles to festival participants. The holder of this permit may provide samples at no charge to participants. "Festival" means any event at which three (3) or more vendors are present at a location for the sale or distribution of goods. The holder of a Festival Wine Permit is not required to purchase the alcoholic beverages authorized to be sold by this paragraph from the department's liquor distribution warehouse. However, if the holder does not purchase the alcoholic beverages from the department's liquor distribution warehouse, the holder of this permit shall pay to the department all taxes, fees and surcharges on the alcoholic beverages sold at such festivals that are imposed upon the sale of alcoholic beverages shipped by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the Department of Revenue. Additionally, the entity shall file all applicable reports and returns as prescribed by the department. This permit is issued per festival and provides authority to sell for two (2) consecutive days during the hours authorized for on-premises permittees' sales in that county or city. The holder of the permit shall be required to maintain all requirements set by Local Option Law for the service and sale of alcoholic beverages. This permit may be issued to entities participating in festivals at which a Class 1 temporary permit is in effect.

This paragraph (r) shall stand repealed from and after July 1, * * * 2026.

(s) Charter vessel operator's permit. Subject to the provisions of this paragraph (s), a charter vessel operator's permit shall authorize the holder thereof and its employees to sell and serve alcoholic beverages to passengers of the permit holder during public tours, historical tours, ecological tours and sunset cruises provided by the permit holder. The permit shall authorize the holder to only sell alcoholic beverages, including native wines, to passengers of the charter vessel operator during public tours, historical tours, ecological tours and sunset cruises provided by the permit holder aboard the charter vessel operator for consumption during such tours and cruises on the premises of the charter vessel operator described in the permit. For the purposes of this paragraph (s), "charter vessel operator" means a common carrier that (i) is certified to carry at least forty-nine (49) passengers, (ii) operates only in the waters within the State of Mississippi, which lie south of Interstate 10 in the three (3) most southern counties in the State of Mississippi, and lie adjacent to the State of Mississippi south of the three (3) most southern counties in the State of Mississippi, extending not further than one (1) mile south of such counties, and (iii) provides vessel services for tours and cruises in such waters as provided in this paragraph(s).

(t) Native spirit retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a native spirit retailer's permit shall be issued only to a holder of a Class 4 manufacturer's permit, and shall authorize the holder thereof to make retail sales of native spirits to consumers for on-premises consumption or to consumers in originally sealed and unopened containers at an establishment located on the premises

of or in the immediate vicinity of a native distillery. When selling to consumers for on-premises consumption, a holder of a native spirit retailer's permit may add to the native spirit alcoholic beverages not produced on the premises, so long as the total volume of foreign beverage components does not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the mixed beverage. Hours of sale shall be the same as those authorized for on-premises permittees in the city or county in which the native spirit retailer is located.

(u) Delivery service permit. Any individual, limited liability company, corporation or partnership registered to do business in this state is eligible to obtain a delivery service permit. Subject to the provisions of Section 67-1-51.1, this permit authorizes the permittee, or its employee or an independent contractor acting on its behalf, to deliver alcoholic beverages, beer, light wine and light spirit product from a licensed retailer to a person in this state who is at least twenty-one (21) years of age for the individual's use and not for resale. This permit does not authorize the delivery of alcoholic beverages, beer, light wine or light spirit product to the premises of a location with a permit for the manufacture, distribution or retail sale of alcoholic beverages, beer, light wine or light spirit product. The holder of a package retailer's permit or an on-premises retailer's permit under Section 67-1-51 or of a beer, light wine and light spirit product permit under Section 67-3-19 is authorized to apply for a delivery service permit as a privilege separate from its existing retail permit.

(v) Food truck permit. A food truck permit shall authorize the holder of an on-premises retailer's permit to use a food truck to sell alcoholic beverages off its premises to guests who must consume the beverages in open containers. For the purposes of this paragraph (v), "food truck" means a fully encased food service establishment on a motor vehicle or on a trailer that a motor vehicle pulls to transport, and from which a vendor, standing within the frame of the establishment, prepares, cooks, sells and serves food for immediate human consumption. The term "food truck" does not include a food cart that is not motorized. Food trucks shall maintain such distance requirements from schools, churches, kindergartens and funeral homes as are required for on-premises retailer's permittees under this article, and all sales must be made within a valid leisure and recreation district established under Section 67-1-101. Food trucks cannot sell or serve alcoholic beverages unless also offering food prepared and cooked within the food truck, and permittees must maintain a twenty-five percent (25%) food sale revenue requirement based on the food sold from the food truck alone. The hours allowed for sale shall be the same as those for on-premises retailer's permittees in the location. This permit will not be required for the holder of a caterer's permit issued under this article to cater an event as allowed by law. Permittees must provide notice of not less than forty-eight (48) hours to the department of each location at which alcoholic beverages will be sold.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4) of this section, retail permittees may hold more than one (1) retail permit, at the discretion of the department.

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, no authority shall be granted to any person to manufacture, sell or store for sale any intoxicating liquor as specified in this article within four hundred (400) feet of any church, school, kindergarten or funeral home. However, within an area zoned commercial or business, such minimum distance shall be not less than one hundred (100) feet.

(b) A church or funeral home may waive the distance restrictions imposed in this subsection in favor of allowing issuance by the department of a permit, pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, to authorize activity relating to the manufacturing, sale or storage of alcoholic beverages which would otherwise be prohibited under the minimum distance criterion. Such waiver shall be in written form from the owner, the governing body, or the appropriate officer of the church or funeral home having the authority to execute such a waiver, and the waiver shall be filed with and verified by the department before becoming effective.

(c) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a bed and breakfast inn listed in the National Register of Historic Places or to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages in a historic district that is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, is a qualified resort area and is located in a municipality having a population greater than one hundred thousand (100,000) according to the latest federal decennial census.

(d) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a qualified resort area as defined in Section 67-1-5(o)(iii)32.

(e) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a licensed premises in a building formerly owned by a municipality and formerly leased by the municipality to a municipal school district and used by the municipal school district as a district bus shop facility.

(f) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a licensed premises in a building consisting of at least five thousand (5,000) square feet and located approximately six hundred (600) feet from the intersection of Mississippi Highway 15 and Mississippi Highway 4.

(g) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a licensed premises in a building located at or near the intersection of Ward and Tate Streets and adjacent properties in the City of Senatobia, Mississippi.

(h) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a theatre facility that features plays and other theatrical performances and productions and (i) is capable of seating more than seven hundred fifty (750) people, (ii) is owned by a municipality which has a population greater than ten thousand (10,000) according to the latest federal decennial census, (iii) was constructed prior to 1930, (iv) is on the National Register of Historic Places, and (v) is located in a historic district.

(i) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a licensed premises in a building located approximately one and six-tenths (1.6) miles north of the intersection of Mississippi Highway 15 and Mississippi Highway 4 on the west side of Mississippi Highway 15.

(4) No person, either individually or as a member of a firm, partnership, limited liability company or association, or as a stockholder, officer or director in a corporation, shall own or control any interest in more than one (1) package retailer's permit, nor shall such person's spouse, if living in the same household of such person, any relative of such person, if living in the same household of such person, or any other person living in the same household with such person own any interest in any other package retailer's permit.

(5) (a) In addition to any other authority granted under this section, the holder of a permit issued under subsection (1)(c), (e), (f), (g), (l), (n) and/or (o) of this section may sell or otherwise provide alcoholic beverages and/or wine to a patron of the permit holder in the manner authorized in the permit and the patron may remove an open glass, cup or other container of the alcoholic beverage and/or wine from the licensed premises and may possess and consume the alcoholic beverage or wine outside of the licensed premises if: (i) the licensed premises is located within a leisure and recreation district created under Section 67-1-101 and (ii) the patron remains within the boundaries of the leisure and recreation district while in possession of the alcoholic beverage or wine.

(b) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to allow a person to bring any alcoholic beverages into a permitted premises except to the extent otherwise authorized by this article.

SECTION 2. Section 67-1-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

67-1-41. (1) The department is hereby created a wholesale distributor and seller of alcoholic beverages, not including malt liquors, within the State of Mississippi. It is granted the right to import and sell alcoholic beverages at wholesale within the state, and no person who is granted the right to sell, distribute or receive alcoholic beverages at retail shall purchase any alcoholic beverages from any source other than the department, except as authorized in subsections (4), (9) and (12) of this section. The department may establish warehouses, and the department may purchase alcoholic beverages in such quantities and from such sources as it may deem desirable and sell the alcoholic beverages to authorized permittees within the state including, at the discretion of the department, any retail distributors operating within any military post or qualified resort

areas within the boundaries of the state, keeping a correct and accurate record of all such transactions and exercising such control over the distribution of alcoholic beverages as seem right and proper in keeping with the provisions or purposes of this article.

(2) No person for the purpose of sale shall manufacture, distill, brew, sell, possess, export, transport, distribute, warehouse, store, solicit, take orders for, bottle, rectify, blend, treat, mix or process any alcoholic beverage except in accordance with authority granted under this article, or as otherwise provided by law for native wines or native spirits.

(3) No alcoholic beverage intended for sale or resale shall be imported, shipped or brought into this state for delivery to any person other than as provided in this article, or as otherwise provided by law for native wines or native spirits.

(4) The department may promulgate rules and regulations which authorize on-premises retailers to purchase limited amounts of alcoholic beverages from package retailers and for package retailers to purchase limited amounts of alcoholic beverages from other package retailers. The department shall develop and provide forms to be completed by the on-premises retailers and the package retailers verifying the transaction. The completed forms shall be forwarded to the department within a period of time prescribed by the department.

(5) The department may promulgate rules which authorize the holder of a package retailer's permit to permit individual retail purchasers of packages of alcoholic beverages to return, for exchange, credit or refund, limited amounts of original sealed and unopened packages of alcoholic beverages purchased by the individual from the package retailer.

(6) The department shall maintain all forms to be completed by applicants necessary for licensure by the department at all district offices of the department.

(7) The department may promulgate rules which authorize the manufacturer of an alcoholic beverage or wine to import, transport and furnish or give a sample of alcoholic beverages or wines to the holders of package retailer's permits, on-premises retailer's permits, native wine or native spirit retailer's permits and temporary retailer's permits who have not previously purchased the brand of that manufacturer from the department. For each holder of the designated permits, the manufacturer may furnish not more than five hundred (500) milliliters of any brand of alcoholic beverage and not more than three (3) liters of any brand of wine.

(8) The department may promulgate rules disallowing open product sampling of alcoholic beverages or wines by the holders of package retailer's permits and permitting open product sampling of alcoholic beverages by the holders of on-premises retailer's permits. Permitted sample products shall be plainly identified "sample" and the actual sampling must occur in the presence of the manufacturer's representatives during the legal operating hours of on-premises retailers.

(9) The department may promulgate rules and regulations that authorize the holder of a research permit to import and purchase limited amounts of alcoholic beverages from importers, wineries and distillers of alcoholic beverages or from the department. The department shall develop and provide forms to be completed by the research permittee verifying each transaction. The completed forms shall be forwarded to the department within a period of time prescribed by the department. The records and inventory of alcoholic beverages shall be open to inspection at any time by the Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division or any duly authorized agent.

(10) The department may promulgate rules facilitating a retailer's on-site pickup of alcoholic beverages sold by the department or as authorized by the department, including, but not limited to, native wines and native spirits, so that those alcoholic beverages may be delivered to the retailer at the manufacturer's location instead of via shipment from the department's warehouse.

(11) [Through June 30, * * * 2026] This section shall not apply to alcoholic beverages authorized to be sold by the holder of a distillery retailer's permit or a festival wine permit.

(11) [From and after July 1, * * * 2026] This section shall not apply to alcoholic beverages authorized to be sold by the holder of a distillery retailer's permit.

(12) (a) An individual resident of this state who is at least twenty-one (21) years of age may purchase wine from a winery and have the purchase shipped into this state

so long as it is shipped to a package retailer permittee in Mississippi; however, the permittee shall pay to the department all taxes, fees and surcharges on the wine that are imposed upon the sale of wine shipped by the department or its warehouse operator. No credit shall be provided to the permittee for any taxes paid to another state as a result of the transaction. Package retailers may charge a service fee for receiving and handling shipments from wineries on behalf of the purchasers. The department shall develop and provide forms to be completed by the package retailer permittees verifying the transaction. The completed forms shall be forwarded to the department within a period of time prescribed by the department.

(b) The purchaser of wine that is to be shipped to a package retailer's store shall be required to get the prior approval of the package retailer before any wine is shipped to the package retailer. A purchaser is limited to no more than ten (10) cases of wine per year to be shipped to a package retailer. A package retailer shall notify a purchaser of wine within two (2) days after receiving the shipment of wine. If the purchaser of the wine does not pick up or take the wine from the package retailer within thirty (30) days after being notified by the package retailer, the package retailer may sell the wine as part of his inventory.

(c) Shipments of wine into this state under this section shall be made by a duly licensed carrier. It shall be the duty of every common or contract carrier, and of every firm or corporation that shall bring, carry or transport wine from outside the state for delivery inside the state to package retailer permittees on behalf of consumers, to prepare and file with the department, on a schedule as determined by the department, of known wine shipments containing the name of the common or contract carrier, firm or corporation making the report, the period of time covered by said report, the name and permit number of the winery, the name and permit number of the package retailer permittee receiving such wine, the weight of the package delivered to each package retailer permittee, a unique tracking number, and the date of delivery. Reports received by the department shall be made available by the department to the public via the Mississippi Public Records Act process in the same manner as other state alcohol filings.

Upon the department's request, any records supporting the report shall be made available to the department within a reasonable time after the department makes a written request for such records. Any records containing information relating to such reports shall be kept and preserved for a period of two (2) years, unless their destruction sooner is authorized, in writing, by the department, and shall be open and available to inspection by the department upon the department's written request. Reports shall also be made available to any law enforcement or regulatory body in the state in which the railroad company, express company, common or contract carrier making the report resides or does business.

Any common or contract carrier that willfully fails to make reports, as provided by this section or any of the rules and regulations of the department for the administration and enforcement of this section, is subject to a notification of violation. In the case of a continuing failure to make reports, the common or contract carrier is subject to possible license suspension and revocation at the department's discretion.

(d) A winery that ships wine under this section shall be deemed to have consented to the jurisdiction of the courts of this state, of the department, of any other state agency regarding the enforcement of this section, and of any related law, rules or regulations.

(e) Any person who makes, participates in, transports, imports or receives a shipment in violation of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six (6) months, or both. Each shipment shall constitute a separate offense.

(13) If any provision of this article, or its application to any person or circumstance, is determined by a court to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall be construed in accordance with the intent of the Legislature to further limit rather than expand commerce in alcoholic beverages to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the state's residents, and to enhance strict regulatory control over taxation, distribution and sale of alcoholic beverages through the three-tier regulatory system imposed by this article upon all alcoholic beverages to curb relationships and practices

calculated to stimulate sales and impair the state's policy favoring trade stability and the promotion of temperance.

SECTION 3. Section 67-1-77, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

67-1-77. (1) It shall be unlawful for the holder of a manufacturer's or wholesaler's permit, or anyone connected with the business of such holder, or for any other distiller, wine manufacturer, rectifier, blender or bottler, to have any financial interest in any premises upon which any alcoholic beverage is sold at retail by any permittee, or in the business conducted by such permittee, except that:

(a) The holder of a manufacturer's or wholesaler's permit may contract for the service of a representative in the area of governmental affairs on a part-time basis with a holder of an on-premises permit.

(b) A distiller, wine manufacturer, rectifier, blender or bottler may have a financial interest in a premises upon which alcoholic beverages are sold at retail by a permittee, or in the business conducted by a permittee, if the permittee does not sell or serve any alcoholic beverages that are distilled, manufactured, rectified, blended or bottled by the distiller, wine manufacturer, rectifier, blender or bottler having the financial interest in the premises or in the business conducted by a permittee.

(c) [Through June 30, * * * 2026] A distiller, wine manufacturer, rectifier, blender or bottler may have a financial interest in and possess a distillery retailer's permit and a wine festival permit.

(c) [From and after July 1, * * * 2026] A distiller, wine manufacturer, rectifier, blender or bottler may have a financial interest in and possess a distillery retailer's permit.

(d) The holder of a manufacturer's permit which is located adjacent to the Mississippi Museum of Art and is bordered by Court Street, Farish Street, South Street and Town Creek may have a financial interest in a premises upon which alcoholic beverages are sold at retail.

(2) It shall also be unlawful for any such person, or anyone connected with his, its, or their business to lend any money or make any gift or offer any gratuity, to any retail permittee, except as authorized by regulations of the commission, to the holder of any retail permit issued under the provisions of this article. Except as above provided, no retail permittee shall accept, receive, or make use of any money or gift furnished by any such person, or become indebted to such person except for the purchase of alcoholic beverages.

(3) The commission shall not prohibit the furnishing of advertising specialties, printed materials, or other things having nominal value to a retail permittee. This section shall not be construed to prohibit the possession by any person of advertising specialties, printed materials, or other things having nominal value furnished by a retail permittee.

(4) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or by imprisonment for not more than two (2) years, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

SECTION 4. Section 27-71-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-71-5. (1) Upon each person approved for a permit under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law and amendments thereto, there is levied and imposed for each location for the privilege of engaging and continuing in this state in the business authorized by such permit, an annual privilege license tax in the amount provided in the following schedule:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (1), manufacturer's permit, Class 1, distiller's and/or rectifier's:

(i) For a permittee with annual production of five thousand (5,000) gallons or more..... \$4,500.00
(ii) For a permittee with annual production under five thousand (5,000) gallons \$2,800.00

(b) Manufacturer's permit, Class 2, wine manufacturer \$1,800.00

(c) Manufacturer's permit, Class 3, native wine manufacturer per ten thousand (10,000) gallons or part thereof produced	\$ 10.00
(d) Manufacturer's permit, Class 4, native spirit manufacturer per one thousand (1,000) gallons or part thereof produced	\$ 300.00
(e) Native wine retailer's permit.....	\$ 50.00
(f) Package retailer's permit, each.....	\$ 900.00
(g) On-premises retailer's permit, except for clubs and common carriers, each....	\$ 450.00
(h) On-premises retailer's permit for wine of more than five percent (5%) alcohol by weight, but not more than twenty-one percent (21%) alcohol by weight, each	\$ 225.00
(i) On-premises retailer's permit for clubs.....	\$ 225.00
(j) On-premises retailer's permit for common carriers, per car, plane, or other vehicle.....	\$ 120.00
(k) Solicitor's permit, regardless of any other provision of law, solicitor's permits shall be issued only in the discretion of the department	\$ 100.00
(l) Filing fee for each application except for an employee identification card.....	\$ 25.00
(m) Temporary permit, Class 1, each.....	\$ 10.00
(n) Temporary permit, Class 2, each.....	\$ 50.00
(o) (i) Caterer's permit.....	\$ 600.00
(ii) Caterer's permit for holders of on-premises retailer's permit.....	\$ 150.00
(p) Research permit.....	\$ 100.00
(q) Temporary permit, Class 3 (wine only)	\$ 10.00
(r) Special service permit	\$ 225.00
(s) Merchant permit.....	\$ 225.00
(t) Temporary alcoholic beverages charitable auction permit	\$ 10.00
(u) Event venue retailer's permit	\$ 225.00
(v) Temporary theatre permit, each.....	\$ 10.00
(w) Charter ship operator's permit.....	\$ 100.00
(x) Distillery retailer's permit.....	\$ 450.00
(y) Festival wine permit.....	\$ 10.00
(z) Charter vessel operator's permit	\$ 100.00
(aa) Native spirit retailer's permit.....	\$ 50.00
(bb) Delivery service permit	\$ 500.00
(cc) Food truck permit.....	\$ 100.00

In addition to the filing fee imposed by paragraph (l) of this subsection, a fee to be determined by the Department of Revenue may be charged to defray costs incurred to process applications. The additional fees shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of a special fund account, which is hereby created, and expenditures therefrom shall be made only to defray the costs incurred by the Department of Revenue in processing alcoholic beverage applications. Any unencumbered balance remaining in the special fund account on June 30 of any fiscal year shall lapse into the State General Fund.

All privilege taxes imposed by this section shall be paid in advance of doing business. A new permittee whose privilege tax is determined by production volume will pay the tax for the first year in accordance with department regulations. The additional privilege tax imposed for an on-premises retailer's permit based upon purchases shall be due and payable on demand.

Paragraph (y) of this subsection shall stand repealed from and after July 1, * * * 2026.

(2) (a) There is imposed and shall be collected from each permittee, except a common carrier, solicitor, a temporary permittee or a delivery service permittee, by the department, an additional license tax equal to the amounts imposed under subsection (1) of this section for the privilege of doing business within any municipality or county in which the licensee is located.

(b) (i) In addition to the tax imposed in paragraph (a) of this subsection, there is imposed and shall be collected by the department from each permittee described in subsection (1)(g), (h), (i), (n) and (u) of this section, an additional license tax for the privilege of doing business within any municipality or county in which the licensee is located in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$225.00) on

purchases exceeding Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) and Two Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$225.00) for each additional purchase of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or fraction thereof.

(ii) In addition to the tax imposed in paragraph (a) of this subsection, there is imposed and shall be collected by the department from each permittee described in subsection (1)(o) and (s) of this section, an additional license tax for the privilege of doing business within any municipality or county in which the licensee is located in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) on purchases exceeding Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) and Two Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$225.00) for each additional purchase of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or fraction thereof.

(iii) Any person who has paid the additional privilege license tax imposed by this paragraph, and whose permit is renewed, may add any unused fraction of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) purchases to the first Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) purchases authorized by the renewal permit, and no additional license tax will be required until purchases exceed the sum of the two (2) figures.

(c) If the licensee is located within a municipality, the department shall pay the amount of additional license tax collected under this section to the municipality, and if outside a municipality the department shall pay the additional license tax to the county in which the licensee is located. Payments by the department to the respective local government subdivisions shall be made once each month for any collections during the preceding month.

(3) When an application for any permit, other than for renewal of a permit, has been rejected by the department, such decision shall be final. Appeal may be made in the manner provided by Section 67-1-39. Another application from an applicant who has been denied a permit shall not be reconsidered within a twelve-month period.

(4) The number of permits issued by the department shall not be restricted or limited on a population basis; however, the foregoing limitation shall not be construed to preclude the right of the department to refuse to issue a permit because of the undesirability of the proposed location.

(5) If any person shall engage or continue in any business which is taxable under this section without having paid the tax as provided in this section, the person shall be liable for the full amount of the tax plus a penalty thereon equal to the amount thereof, and, in addition, shall be punished by a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for a term of not more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

(6) It shall be unlawful for any person to consume alcoholic beverages on the premises of any hotel restaurant, restaurant, club or the interior of any public place defined in Chapter 1, Title 67, Mississippi Code of 1972, when the owner or manager thereof displays in several conspicuous places inside the establishment and at the entrances of establishment a sign containing the following language: NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 67-1-51, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE DATE OF THE REPEALER ON THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO ISSUE A FESTIVAL WINE PERMIT; TO AMEND THE PACKAGE RETAILER'S PERMIT TO ALLOW EDIBLE ALCOHOL PRODUCT TO BE SOLD AT SUCH LICENSED PREMISES; TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN ON-PREMISES RETAILER'S PERMITTEES MAY SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BY THE GLASS TO A PATRON IN A VEHICLE USING A DRIVE-THROUGH METHOD OF DELIVERY IF THE PERMITTED PREMISES IS LOCATED IN A LEISURE AND RECREATION DISTRICT AND THAT SUCH A SALE WILL BE CONSIDERED TO BE MADE ON THE PERMITTED PREMISES; TO PROVIDE THAT THE RESTRICTIONS ON THE MANUFACTURING, SALE OR STORAGE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS WITHIN CERTAIN DISTANCES OF CHURCHES, SCHOOLS AND FUNERAL HOMES SHALL

NOT APPLY TO THE SALE OR STORAGE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT CERTAIN LOCATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 67-1-41, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE EXCEPTION TO THE STATUTE REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO SERVE AS A WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTOR AND SELLER OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR THOSE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES SOLD BY THE HOLDER OF A FESTIVAL WINE PERMIT; TO AMEND SECTION 67-1-77, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE EXPIRATION DATE ON THE AUTHORITY OF A DISTILLER, WINE MANUFACTURER, RECTIFIER, BLENDER OR BOTTLER TO HAVE A FINANCIAL INTEREST IN A WINE FESTIVAL PERMIT; TO AMEND SECTION 27-71-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE DATE OF THE REPEALER ON THE ANNUAL PRIVILEGE LICENSE TAX FOR A FESTIVAL WINE PERMIT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III (No Signature), Jody Steverson, Henry Zuber III

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Lydia Graves Chassaniol, Chris Johnson, Mike Thompson

On motion of Rep. Powell the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Boyd, A, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--106.

Nays--Arnold, Boyd, R, Darnell, Evans, B, Ladner, Newman, Turner. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Bounds, Clark, Scott, Walker. Total-4.

Present--Anthony, Crudup, Ford, J, Stamps. Total--4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--66

Rep. Currie called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 419: Tourism; provide assistance to destination marketing organizations and other entities.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 419: Tourism; provide assistance to destination marketing organization.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The COVID-19 public health emergency has had a significant negative impact on Mississippi's tourism industry. American Rescue Plan Act funds are specifically targeted toward assisting in the recovery of the tourism and hospitality sectors. The funds provided in this act are necessary expenditures related to COVID-19, the purpose of which is to publicize the resumption of tourism activities and steps taken to ensure a safe tourism experience and to support the travel and hospitality economy of Mississippi. It is the intention of the Legislature that the activities defined in this act will address the negative economic impacts of COVID-19 on the tourism, travel, and hospitality industries as allowed by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and subsequent guidance issued by the United States Department of Treasury.

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Destination marketing organization" means an organization that received funds under Section 57-123-7, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(b) "Marketing activities" means multimedia marketing and advertising, including digital media, broadcast media and printed media, including travel publications, production, travel market sector analysis, consumer travel sentiment, public relations, communication strategy, direct sales bookings, group tour bookings, tourism development and administrative costs to execute marketing activities related to the business disruption effects of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 as expressed in Section 1 of this act.

(2) (a) The Department of Finance and Administration shall establish a program for the purpose of providing funds to assist destination marketing organizations in paying costs for marketing activities as provided in this section and to assist certain museums as provided in this section. Monies disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration under this section shall be disbursed in compliance with all requirements and/or conditions on funds appropriated from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund for the program established under this section. Monies in the fund shall be disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration as follows:

(i) Twenty-one Million Dollars (\$21,000,000.00) shall be disbursed as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection (2) to assist destination marketing organizations in paying costs for marketing activities; and

(ii) One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be disbursed to the GRAMMY® Museum Mississippi, in Cleveland, Mississippi, to assist in paying costs associated with advertising and other forms of promoting and publicizing the museum and museum related activities, and repairs and renovations of and upgrades and improvements to the museum for health and safety purposes related to the Coronavirus Disease 19.

(b) (i) The Department of Finance and Administration shall determine, in conjunction with the destination marketing organizations, the allocation of funds under paragraph (a)(i) of this subsection (2) and shall disburse funds as follows:

1. Not more than Nine Million Four Hundred Twenty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-seven Dollars (\$9,427,557.00) of such monies shall be allocated to destination marketing organizations in a manner that will provide monies to a destination marketing organization in an amount equal to seventy-five percent (75%) of the destination marketing organization's marketing and advertising expenditures during the 2019 fiscal year, and

2. Not more than Eleven Million Five Hundred Seventy-two Thousand Four Hundred Forty-three Dollars (\$11,572,443.00) of such monies shall be allocated to destination marketing organizations based on the proportion that a destination marketing organization's contribution toward total tourism visitors in the state according to the 2019 Fiscal Year Visit Mississippi Visitors Profile Report bears to all destination marketing organizations' contributions toward total tourism visitors in the state according to the 2019 Fiscal Year Visit Mississippi Visitors Profile Report. However, a destination marketing organization shall not receive an amount less than One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) under this item 2.

(ii) Destination marketing organizations receiving funds under this paragraph (b) shall provide details related to their planned expenditures to the Department of Finance and Administration prior to funds being disbursed. If the plans submitted by the destination marketing organizations include activities described in this section as eligible under this program, the department shall approve the plan within thirty (30) days of receipt of the plans.

(iii) Before receiving funds under this paragraph (b), a destination marketing organization must certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that:

1. The funds will only be used for marketing activities, and
2. The destination marketing organization will comply with applicable federal and state regulations and requirements related to American Rescue Plan Act funds, and
3. The destination marketing organization will obligate all funds by December 31, 2024, and fully expend all funds by December 31, 2026.

(iv) Destination marketing organizations receiving funds under this paragraph (b) shall keep and maintain records related to expenditures. Destination marketing organizations receiving funds under this paragraph (b) shall also track impacts of their marketing activities through special levy tax receipts, hotel occupancy indicators, other tourism industry metrics, and analytics from marketing campaigns, as appropriate. Such destination marketing organizations shall provide semi-annual reports on expenditures and economic impacts of their marketing activities to the Department of Finance and Administration, the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Department of Audit.

(v) Subject to applicable purchasing laws, destination marketing organizations will give preference, when available and practical, to Mississippi-based companies for any new contracts entered into for marketing activities.

(3) The Department of Finance and Administration and the Department of Audit shall have all powers necessary for the implementation of this section.

SECTION 3. (1) The Department of Finance and Administration shall establish a program for the purpose of providing funds to certain entities as provided in this section. The Department of Finance and Administration shall disburse One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) under this section to NarraTrip LLC, to use to assist municipalities in the state in paying costs to participate in and be promoted as part of the business's mobile apps geared toward promoting tourism in the state, including, but not limited to, providing information regarding historic sites, roadside markers and dining, music and art experiences.

(2) The Department of Finance and Administration shall have all powers necessary for the implementation of this section.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO ASSIST CERTAIN MUSEUMS IN PAYING CERTAIN COSTS AND PROVIDING FUNDS TO DESTINATION MARKETING ORGANIZATIONS TO ASSIST IN PAYING COSTS OF CERTAIN MARKETING ACTIVITIES; TO DEFINE THE TERMS "DESTINATION MARKETING ORGANIZATION" AND "MARKETING ACTIVITIES" FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ACT; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO NARRATRIP LLC, TO USE TO ASSIST MUNICIPALITIES IN THE STATE IN PAYING COSTS TO PARTICIPATE IN AND BE PROMOTED AS PART OF THE BUSINESS'S MOBILE APPS GEARED TOWARD PROMOTING TOURISM IN THE STATE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Becky Currie, Manly Barton, Karl Oliver
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Lydia Graves Chassaniol, W. Briggs Hopson III (No Signature), Nicole Boyd

On motion of Rep. Currie the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B. Anderson, J. Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P. Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C. Bell, D. Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A. Boyd, R. Brown, B. Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B. Evans, M. Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J. Ford, K. Foster, Gibbs, K. Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total-111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C. Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Turner, Williamson. Total-7.

Absent or those not voting--Anthony, Walker. Total-2.

Present--Haney. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Scoggin called up the conference report # 3 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2487: Mississippi Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program; establish.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2487: Mississippi Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program; establish.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section 37-106-85, Mississippi Code of 1972:

37-106-85. Sections 37-106-85 through 37-106-93, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be known and may be cited as the "Mississippi Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program Act of 2023."

SECTION 2. The following shall be codified as Section 37-106-87, Mississippi Code of 1972:

37-106-87. There is hereby created the Mississippi Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program, to be administered by the Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board established under Section 37-106-9. The board shall set the dates and deadlines for applying for funding for dual enrollment/dual credit courses of eligible Mississippi high school students under the provisions of Sections 37-106-85 through 37-106-93 and award scholarships to participating institutions for those who meet the eligibility requirements provided herein.

SECTION 3. The following shall be codified as Section 37-106-89, Mississippi Code of 1972:

37-106-89. As used in this act, the following terms shall have the meaning ascribed in this section, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Institution" means any postsecondary educational institution that is a public state-supported institution of higher learning, a public state-supported community or junior college, or any not-for-profit private institution of higher learning in the state. The term does not include proprietary colleges or universities.

(b) "Student" means a high school student in a public school or charter school program in Mississippi.

(c) "Board" means the Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board established in Section 37-106-9, which is authorized and empowered to administer the provisions of Title 37, Chapter 106, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(d) "Director" means the individual designated by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning to administer the provisions of the various financial assistance programs by promulgating the necessary rules and regulations for their effective administration.

(e) "Dual enrolled student" means a student who is enrolled in a community or junior college or state institution of higher learning while enrolled in high school, as defined in Section 37-15-37(1)(a).

(f) "Dual credit student" means a student who is enrolled in a community or junior college or state institution of higher learning while enrolled in high school and who is receiving high school and college credit for postsecondary coursework, as defined in Section 37-15-38(1)(b).

(g) "Manual" means the procedures manual for the State of Mississippi Dual Enrollment and Accelerated Programs of which the contents of the manual are evaluated and approved by the academic officers of both the Mississippi Association of Community Colleges and the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning.

(h) "Program" means the Mississippi Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program.

SECTION 4. The following shall be codified as Section 37-106-91, Mississippi Code of 1972:

37-106-91. (1) (a) For institutions to be eligible for participation in the program, the institution shall adhere to the guidelines prescribed in the procedures manual for the State of Mississippi Dual Enrollment and Accelerated Programs, hereinafter the "manual," and the requirements established by the Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board for participating institutions set forth in this subsection.

(b) Eligibility for funding shall be incorporated into the manual, which shall outline the specific criteria for initial and continued eligibility for participation for institutions, dual enrollment students and dual credit students, respectively. The academic officers of both the Mississippi Association of Community Colleges and the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall evaluate and approve the contents of the manual each year.

(c) The board shall administer the Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program as outlined in the manual. Funds for the program shall be distributed by the board to the providing institution of higher education on behalf of each eligible student after the enrollment verification period. Funds shall not be distributed by the board directly to the student.

(d) Participation in the Mississippi Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program is optional for all institutions defined in Section 37-106-89(a).

However, in order to qualify for funding, all guidelines in the manual must be followed by each institution.

(e) All participating institutions shall be reimbursed at the rate of forty percent (40%) of the average community college credit hour tuition for the current academic year.

(f) Participating institutions may elect to exclude specific centers, branch campuses, collegiate academies and middle college's within their governance or purview from participating in the Mississippi Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program.

(2) For students to be eligible for participation in the program, the scholarship applicant shall satisfy the student eligibility requirements prescribed in Procedures Manual for the State of Mississippi Dual Enrollment and Accelerated Programs and the requirements established for student eligibility set forth in this subsection:

(a) Students in Grades 11 and 12 who are residents of the State of Mississippi shall be eligible to participate in the program, provided they meet minimum eligibility criteria in the manual. Resident status for the purpose of receiving assistance under this chapter shall be determined in the same manner as resident status for tuition purposes in Sections 37-103-1 through 37-103-29, with the exception of Section 37-103-17;

(b) Each eligible student shall be qualified for funding under this act for up to six (6) dual enrollment/dual credit semester credit hours prior to high school graduation;

(c) All students who meet the eligibility requirements as outlined in the manual, regardless of participation method, whether online, at a participating institution's campus, at a high school campus, academic or career and technical education (CTE), shall meet the requirements for funding allocation to the participating institution;

(d) All Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program student recipients shall be required to participate in an advising component related to the Mississippi Articulation and Transfer Tool (MATT) to ensure their understanding of course transferability. Credits earned with a final grade of C or above on the eligible student's college transcript in courses offered through the program, whether academic or career and technical, shall transfer to any postsecondary institution in Mississippi;

(e) Books, course materials, tools, supplies, lab fees, transportation costs and other applicable course fees shall be the responsibility of the student or high school district; and

(f) Middle college students shall be qualified for the Mississippi Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program funding only if the institution complies with the requirements of the manual.

(3) To ensure appropriate articulation of college credits to other institutions, only the courses on the "Approved Academic Dual Credit Listing" shall be eligible for funding.

(4) Early college students are not eligible for the Mississippi Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program funding.

SECTION 5. The following shall be codified as Section 37-106-93, Mississippi Code of 1972:

37-106-93. In addition to the criteria established in Section 37-106-91, the following program participation criteria must be adhered to:

(a) Future enrollment at the providing institution cannot be a requirement for a student to be eligible for Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program funds;

(b) Community college career and technical education (CTE) courses approved in the manual shall be eligible for funding;

(c) The board shall promulgate rules as necessary to implement and administer this section;

(d) The board shall develop rules for ensuring that expenses of the scholarship program in each fiscal year do not exceed funding for the program in that fiscal year. For that purpose, and any other provision of this section to the contrary notwithstanding, the board may limit the acceptance of scholarship applications and may limit the award amount of scholarships;

(e) If the state appropriation is insufficient to fully fund all students eligible for participation in the program in a given year, those funds shall be prorated to the student's account at the eligible participating institution by an amount to be determined by the board. The student or school district will then be responsible for the remaining balance due for the course taken at the providing institution;

(f) The board may conduct its own annual audits of any institution participating in the Mississippi Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program. The board may suspend or revoke an institution's eligibility to receive future funds under the program if it finds that the institution has not complied with the provisions of the manual and the requirements established in Section 37-106-91(1);

(g) The board may conduct its own annual audits of students participating in the Mississippi Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program. The board may suspend or revoke a high school's eligibility to participate in the program if it finds the student or high school has not complied with the provisions of the manual and the requirements established in Section 37-106-91(2);

(h) The average community college credit hour tuition amount for the current academic year, as referenced in Section 37-106-91(1)(e), shall be provided annually by the Mississippi Community College Board to the executive director of the board;

(i) If a public institution chooses not to participate in the program, or if a public institution in the eligible student's region does not have a particular program the eligible student wants to enroll in but the program is available at another public institution, a student shall have the option of enrolling at a program at another participating public institution;

(j) Public school districts or charter schools and institutions participating in the program shall be permitted to enter into agreements under Section 37-15-38, which allow students to enroll and complete additional dual credit or dual enrollment courses, with the goal of increasing the number of students graduating from high school with an associate level degree or other nationally recognized credential. This act is intended to provide funding and structure for a minimum standardized dual enrollment/dual credit program across the state;

(k) To encourage more participation in the program, a final grade of C or above in a three (3) credit hour dual credit course, academic or career and technical, shall be weighted the same as a three (3) or above in an Advanced Placement course final examination in the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System. Only courses included in the approved dual credit course list referenced in the manual shall be weighted in the model; and

(l) There is established in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated the "Mississippi Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program" into which shall be deposited those funds appropriated by the Legislature, and any other funds that may be made available, for the purpose of implementing the program established under this act. Money in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse into the General Fund, and interest earned on any amounts deposited into the fund shall be credited to the special fund;

(m) The program requires specific appropriation by the Legislature.

SECTION 6. Sections 37-106-85, 37-106-87, 37-106-89, 37-106-91 and 37-106-93, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall stand repealed on July 1, 2025.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO CREATE THE "MISSISSIPPI DUAL ENROLLMENT/DUAL CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ACT OF 2023" TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BOARD; TO DEFINE TERMINOLOGY; TO REQUIRE THE BOARD TO SET THE DATES AND DEADLINES FOR APPLYING FOR FUNDING FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT/DUAL CREDIT COURSES OF ELIGIBLE MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM BY POSTSECONDARY

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND STUDENTS; TO PROVIDE THE RATE AT WHICH PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS WILL BE REIMBURSED FOR PARTICIPATING STUDENTS; TO EXCLUDE THE PARTICIPATION OF EARLY COLLEGE STUDENTS FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM; TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY TO BE DESIGNATED THE "MISSISSIPPI DUAL ENROLLMENT/DUAL CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FUND" AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANY UNEXPENDED BALANCES APPROPRIATED BY THE LEGISLATURE REMAINING AVAILABLE AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR SHALL NOT LAPSE INTO THE STATE GENERAL FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Rita Potts Parks, W. Briggs Hopson III (No Signature), Dennis DeBar, Jr.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Donnie Scoggin, Kent McCarty, Manly Barton (No Signature)

On motion of Rep. Scoggin the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, McCray, Stamps, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, K, Walker. Total-2.

Present--Faulkner, Jackson, Summers, Young. Total--4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

At 11:05 AM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed until 1:00 PM.

At 1:00 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Mims called up the conference report # 3 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1626: Appropriation; Health, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1626: Appropriation; Health, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.

2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Department of Health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 48,127,694.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Department of Health which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 510,981,838.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2, Five Hundred Twenty-six Thousand One Hundred Two Dollars (\$526,102.00) shall be derived from the State General Fund and Thirteen Million Three Hundred Twenty-eight Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-three Dollars (\$13,328,783.00) shall be derived from the Health Care Expendable Fund, created in Section 43-13-407, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the support and maintenance of the State Department of Health. The funds provided in this section shall be allocated as follows:

Early Intervention Program for increased reimbursements	\$ 2,000,000.00
Breast and Cervical Cancer Program	\$ 50,000.00
MAGnet Community Health Disparity Program	\$ 2,000,000.00
Maternal and Child Health Care Program	\$ 1,242,943.00
Mississippi Health Care Alliance for the ST Elevated Myocardial Infarction Program (STEMI) and the Stroke System of Care Plan	\$ 100,000.00
Health Department Programs	\$ 8,461,942.00

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated in this act, Twenty-eight Million Dollars (\$28,000,000.00) is allocated to the Trauma Care System. Of the General Fund court assessments provided in Section 1, Seven Million Twenty-three Thousand One Hundred Ninety-seven Dollars (\$7,023,197.00) shall be allocated for Trauma Care Systems and One Million Eight Hundred Five Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-nine Dollars (\$1,805,859.00) shall be allocated for Emergency Medical Services. All additional funds are appropriated in Section 2. The State Department of Health may transfer a portion of Trauma Care System funds to the Division of Medicaid for the development and implementation of an enhanced reimbursement fee program related to trauma care and services, used to match federal funds, under a cooperative agreement between the State Department of Health and the Division of Medicaid.

It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds authorized herein for the Trauma Care System shall be expended to the benefit of any hospital located outside the boundaries of the State of Mississippi, unless otherwise excepted in this paragraph. Funds shall be expended by the Mississippi Department of Health for distribution to the Regional Medical Center or Le Bonheur Children's Hospital at Memphis, located in Memphis, Tennessee, or the University of South Alabama Medical Center located in Mobile, Alabama, or the Joseph M. Still Burn Centers, Inc., located in Augusta, Georgia, or any affiliates or any other Level 1 Trauma Center, or Tertiary Pediatric Trauma Center that participates in the Mississippi Trauma Care System, as determined by the Mississippi Department of Health.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) shall be derived from the Tobacco Control Program Fund, created in Section 41-113-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, and shall be allocated as follows:

University of Mississippi Medical Center Cancer

Institute \$ 4,250,000.00
Department of Education - Mary Kirkpatrick Haskell –
Mary Sprayberry Public School
Nurse Program \$ 3,060,000.00
Attorney General's Office - Alcohol and
Tobacco Enforcement Unit \$ 680,000.00
University of Mississippi Medical Center –
A Comprehensive Tobacco (ACT)
Center \$ 595,000.00
Mississippi Health Care Alliance - ST Elevated
Myocardial Infarction Program (STEMI) and
Stroke System of Care Plan \$ 595,000.00
Mississippi Qualified Health
Center Grant Program \$ 3,400,000.00
Mississippi Health Department Programs \$ 7,420,000.00

Of the funds appropriated in this section, the State Department of Health is authorized to expend funds to create and administer the Office of Tobacco Control within the department as outlined and created in Section 41-113-3, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, One Million One Hundred Two Thousand Nine Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$1,102,915.00) shall be allocated as follows:

Mississippi Health Care Alliance - ST Elevated
Myocardial Infarction Program (STEMI)
and Stroke System of Care Plan \$ 279,400.00
Mississippi Qualified Health Center
Grant Program \$ 600,000.00
Mississippi Health Department Programs \$ 223,515.00

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 699
Time-Limited: 1,306

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Department of Health shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 9. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2024
Target	
Health Services	
State Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 Live Births)	8.20
Percent of Women who Received Prenatal Care in First Trimester	72.50
Percent of Live Births Delivered Prior to 37 Weeks of Gestation	13.20
Teenage Live Birth Rate Age 15-19 Years (per 1,000 Women Age 15-19)	22.60
Percent of Newborns with Positive and Inconclusive Genetic Screens who Received Recommended Follow-Up	100.00
Percent of Adults who are Obese (Body Mass Index of 30 or More, Regardless of Sex)	39.10
Health Protection	
Percent of Mississippi Population Receiving Water From a Public Water Supply	92.00
Percent of Mississippi Population Receiving Optimally Fluoridated Water	50.00
Transfer Time of Level III and IV Trauma Centers to Appropriate Facilities for Treatment (Minutes)	130
Communicable Disease	
Primary and Secondary Syphilis: Case Rate per 100,000	38.35
Tuberculosis: Number of Cases	45
Tuberculosis: Case Rate per 100,000	1.40
HIV Disease: Number of Cases	442
HIV Disease: Case Rate per 100,000	14.93
Rate of Two Year Old Children Fully Immunized (National Immunization Survey: 4:3:1:3:3:1:4 series - 19 to 35 months)	72.20
Tobacco Control	
Percent of Current Smokers Among Public Middle School Students	2.00

Percent of Current Smokers Among Public High School Students	4.20
Percent of Current Smokers Among Adults 18 Years and Older	20.00
Public Health Emerg Prep/resp Time Required for Command Staff to Report to Emergency Operations Center in Response to a National or Man-Made Disaster (Minutes)	30
Admin & Support Services Percent of Mississippi Population Living in an Area Designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area: Mental Health	60.00
Percent of Mississippi Population Living in an Area Designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area: Dental	45.00
Percent of Mississippi Population Living in an Area Designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area: Primary Care	49.00
Medical Cannabis Number of Conditions Added to the List of Debilitating Medical Conditions	3
Number of Qualifying Patients Approved	3,000
Number of Designated Caregivers Approved	50
Number of Registry Identification Cards Revoked	20
Total Number of Patients with a Registry Identification Card	3,000
Number of Licensed Medical Practitioners	65
Number of Licensed Cannabis Cultivation Facilities	0
Number of Licensed Cannabis Processing Facilities	10
Number of Licensed Cannabis Testing Facilities	4
Number of Licensed Cannabis Waste Disposal Entities	12
Number of Licensed Cannabis Transportation Entities	12
Percent of Applications Approved	70.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that with the funds provided herein, the State Department of Health may provide and administer without charge, Hepatitis B vaccinations to Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel who are in need of such vaccinations through job related exposure.

SECTION 11. In addition to all other sums heretofore appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated to the credit of the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Emergency Loan Fund, and the Local Governments and Rural Water System Improvements Revolving Loan Fund as authorized in Chapter 521, Laws of 1995, to the State Department of Health for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Improvements Board, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 4,300,000.00.

The purpose of these funds is to provide funds necessary to match projected federal funds available through the following federal fiscal year from the annual Clean

Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) appropriations and from the supplemental Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) appropriations.

SECTION 12. In addition to all other sums heretofore appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Emergency Loan Fund, and the Local Governments and Rural Water System Improvements Revolving Loan Fund as authorized in Chapter 521, Laws of 1995, to the State Department of Health for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Improvements Board, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 38,640,146.00.

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated under Section 12 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 5
Time-Limited: 3

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall come from the Department of Human Services, Child Care Development Fund or other appropriate special funds for the purpose of child care licensure. These funds are to be transferred to the State Department of Health no later than July 31, 2023. The State Department of Health shall make a complete accounting of the uses of these funds to the Department of Human Services.

SECTION 15. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Department of Health shall expend not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) of the funds appropriated herein for providing the oil known as "Lorenzo's Oil" for the treatment of the genetic disorder adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD), to children and Mississippi residents over

the age of twenty-one (21) who have the genetic disorder adrenoleukodystrophy and for whom Medicaid does not reimburse the cost of providing the oil. The department may also provide needed pathology and biannual MRI exams.

SECTION 16. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) are provided for the purpose of purchasing AIDS drugs and other necessary AIDS related medical services.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated herein, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) is provided for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Program.

SECTION 18. In addition to all other funds heretofore appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act at the Department of Health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 7,843,426.00.

SECTION 19. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 18 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	0
Time-Limited:	34

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 20. In addition to all other funds heretofore appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Burn Care Fund which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department, for the purpose of funding reimbursement for uncompensated medical care to Mississippi burn victims through the trauma care system at in-state burn facilities including the Baptist Medical Center and the University of Mississippi Medical Center, or for uncompensated aero medical transportation to out-of-state qualified United States Burn Care facilities, and such

other provisions necessary to provide burn care for Mississippi residents, including reimbursement for travel, lodgings, meals and other reasonable travel-related expenses incurred by burn victims, family members and/or caregivers, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 5,000,000.00.

SECTION 21. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 20, Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office.

This appropriation is made to defray the expense of establishing and equipping a burn center for the State of Mississippi. The funds appropriated under this section shall be expended by the State Department of Health as a reimbursable grant to an entity or entities in which a burn center is established. In determining reimbursable expenses, the State Department of Health shall use allowable costs.

SECTION 22. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 23. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Health shall implement same day service to receive birth and death certificates.

SECTION 24. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi State Department of Health shall provide the Joint Legislative Budget Committee a report of all grants received by September 15, 2023. This notification will consist of the name of the grant and agency or nonprofit making the award, the award amount, and a short list of goals to be achieved.

SECTION 25. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi State Department of Health shall be the fiscal agent in all allowable grants awarded.

SECTION 26. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) shall come from the Department of Education for the purpose of maintenance of effort for the Early Intervention Program. These funds are to be transferred to the State Department of Health no later than December 31, 2023. The State Department of Health shall make a complete accounting of the uses of these funds to the Department of Education.

SECTION 27. The Mississippi Department of Health is authorized to obtain a line of credit through the State Treasurer from the Working Cash-Stabilization Fund or any other special source funds maintained in the State Treasury in an amount not exceeding Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) to fund shortfalls which, from time to time, may occur due to insufficient working cash spent in anticipation of receiving federal reimbursement. The length of indebtedness under this provision shall not carry past the end of the quarter following the loan origination. Loan proceeds shall be received by the State Treasurer and shall be placed in a Mississippi Department of Health designated special fund account. The division may pledge as security for such interim financing future funds that will be received by the division. Any such loans shall be repaid from the first available funds received by the department in the manner of and subject to the same terms provided in this section.

SECTION 28. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 29. With the funds appropriated herein, it is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Health is authorized to set the compensation of all nurse PINs, Epidemiologists and Disease Intervention Specialist Series based on the education and experience of the incumbent not to exceed the end salary as established by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 30. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Chairman of the Board of Health may appoint an official replacement or representative with voting privileges to the Advisory Board of the Office of Mississippi Physician Workforce.

SECTION 31. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Health Officer shall have the authority to transfer cash from one special fund treasury fund to another special fund treasury fund under the control of the Department of Health. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the State Health Officer shall submit written justification for the transfer to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration on or before the fifteenth of the month prior to the effective date of the transfer.

SECTION 32. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that Eight Hundred Fifty-nine Thousand Nine Hundred Three Dollars (\$859,903.00) shall be allocated to the Domestic Violence program that is supported from General Fund court assessments.

SECTION 33. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Mississippi State Department of Health shall have authority to escalate the various budgets in both funds and positions, with the approval of the State Fiscal Officer, from any special funds collected or available for HIV medical or support services, clinical quality management, and administrative expenses not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), to the agency for expenditure. Upon such approval, the Mississippi State Department of Health may expend such funds in the manner authorized by law. Funds may be made available to local HIV/AIDS service providers.

The Executive Director of the Mississippi State Department of Health shall submit to the Department of Finance and Administration a certified statement providing a detailed explanation for any escalation, including a justification for the establishment of any new positions or reclassification of existing positions.

SECTION 34. Notwithstanding any other provision, the Department of Health shall have the authority to escalate its headcount for any additional operational needs related to Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds, upon approval of the Department of Finance and Administration and the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 35. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Department of Health is hereby authorized to escalate, budget and expend funds for salaries and positions, with the approval of the State Fiscal Officer, from fund numbers 5331400000, 5331500000 and 5820130100, for the purpose of operating the State Department of Health programs as authorized by law, in accordance with rules and regulation of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds and when grant requirements have changed that result in staffing needs but do not result in new or additional funds.

The Executive Director of the State Department of Health or designee shall submit to the Department of Finance and Administration a certified statement providing a detailed explanation for any escalation, including a justification for the establishment of any new positions or reclassification of existing positions.

SECTION 36. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Healthcare Expendable Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Department of Health for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Healthcare Expendable Funds to defray the expenses of the Department of Health, as authorized in HB 1614, 2022 Regular Session for Non-Transport Emergency Services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 415,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 37. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Twelve Million Dollars (\$12,000,000.00) is allocated for the purpose of providing reimbursable grants from the Office of Interpersonal Violence as described in this section.

The funds appropriated under this section shall be expended by the State Department of Health as a reimbursable grant. In determining reimbursable expenses, the State

Department of Health shall use allowable costs as defined by the Office of Interpersonal Violence. Of the funds in this section, a minimum of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) is to be distributed to Children's Advocacy Centers for the purpose of conducting additional forensic interviews.

SECTION 38. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing the funds necessary to authorize the expenditure of funds for the State Health Plan Review.

SECTION 39. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing the funds necessary to authorize the expenditure of funds for the External Defibrillators in Public Places Grant Program as outlined in Senate Bill 2750, Regular Session 2023.

SECTION 40. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Mississippi Department of Health for the purpose of providing funds to the Sharkey-Issaquena hospital and nursing home impacted by the severe weather storm on March 24, 2023, and March 25, 2023, for the payment of unreimbursed expenses due to the emergency work for the period beginning upon the passage of this act and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 1,500,000.00.

SECTION 41. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 42. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023, with the exception of Section 40 which shall take effect and be in force from and after passage of this act.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Sam C. Mims, V, Donnie Scoggin

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Angela Burks Hill, Jenifer B. Branning

On motion of Rep. Mims the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Home, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Ladner. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Brown, C, Hopkins, Walker, Williamson, Young. Total-6.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Barnett called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2612: Residential builders and remodelers; revise license examination for certain license applicants.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2612: Construction; bring forward code sections concerning local permitting and State Board of Contractors licensing.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 19-5-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

19-5-9. (1) The construction codes published by a nationally recognized code group which sets minimum standards and has the proper provisions to maintain up-to-date amendments are adopted as minimum standard guides for building, plumbing, electrical, gas, sanitary, and other related codes in Mississippi. Any county within the State of Mississippi, in the discretion of the board of supervisors, may adopt building codes, plumbing codes, electrical codes, sanitary codes, or other related codes dealing with general public health, safety or welfare, or a combination of the same, within but not exceeding the provisions of the construction codes published by nationally recognized code groups, by order or resolution in the manner prescribed in this section, but those codes so adopted shall apply only to the unincorporated areas of the county. However, those codes shall not apply to the erection, maintenance, repair or extension of farm buildings or farm structures, except as may be required under the terms of the "Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973," and shall apply to a master planned community as defined in Section 19-5-10 only to the extent allowed in Section 19-5-10. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to authorize the adoption of any code which applies to the installation, repair or maintenance of electric wires, pipelines, apparatus, equipment or devices by or for a utility rendering public utility services, required by it to be utilized in the rendition of its duly authorized service to the public. Before any such code shall be adopted, it shall be either printed or typewritten and shall be presented in pamphlet form to the board of supervisors at a regular meeting. The order or resolution adopting the code shall not set out the code in full, but shall merely identify the same. The vote or passage of the order or resolution shall be the same as on any other order or resolution. After its adoption, the code or codes shall be certified to by the president and clerk of the board of supervisors and shall be filed as a permanent record in the office of the clerk who shall not be required to transcribe and record the same in the minute book as other orders and resolutions.

(2) If the board of supervisors of any county adopts or has adopted construction codes which do not have proper provisions to maintain up-to-date amendments, specifications in such codes for cements used in portland cement concrete shall be superseded by nationally recognized specifications referenced in any code adopted by the Mississippi Building Code Council.

(3) All provisions of this section shall apply to amendments and revisions of the codes mentioned in this section. The provisions of this section shall be in addition and supplemental to any existing laws authorizing the adoption, amendment or revision of county orders, resolutions or codes.

(4) Any code adopted under the provisions of this section shall not be in operation or force until sixty (60) days have elapsed from the adoption of same; however, any code adopted for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and general welfare may be effective from and after its adoption by a unanimous vote of the members of the board. Within five (5) days after the adoption or passage of an order or resolution adopting that code or codes the clerk of the board of supervisors shall publish in a legal newspaper published in the county the full text of the order or resolution adopting and approving the code, and the publication shall be inserted at least three (3) times, and shall be completed within thirty (30) days after the passage of the order or resolution.

(5) Any person or persons objecting to the code or codes may object in writing to the provisions of the code or codes within sixty (60) days after the passage of the order or resolution approving same, and if the board of supervisors adjudicates that ten percent (10%) or more of the qualified electors residing in the affected unincorporated areas of the county have objected in writing to the code or codes, then in such event the code shall be inoperative and not in effect unless adopted for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and general welfare until approved by a special election called by the board of supervisors as other special elections are called and conducted by the election commissioners of the county as other special elections are conducted, the special election to be participated in by all the qualified electors of the county residing in the unincorporated areas of the county. If the voters approve the code or codes in the special election it shall be in force and in operation thereafter until amended or modified as provided in this section. If the majority of the qualified electors voting in the special election vote against the code or codes, then, in such event, the code or codes shall be void and of no force and effect, and no other code or codes dealing with that subject shall be adopted under the provisions of this section until at least two (2) years thereafter.

(6) After any such code shall take effect the board of supervisors is authorized to employ such directors and other personnel as the board, in its discretion, deems necessary and to expend general county funds or any other funds available to the board to fulfill the purposes of this section.

(7) For the purpose of promoting health, safety, morals or the general welfare of the community, the governing authority of any municipality, and, with respect to the unincorporated part of any county, the governing authority of any county, in its discretion, is empowered to regulate the height, number of stories and size of building and other structures, the percentage of lot that may be occupied, the size of the yards, courts and other open spaces, the density or population, and the location and use of buildings, structures and land for trade, industry, residence or other purposes, but no permits shall be required except as may be required under the terms of the "Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973" for the erection, maintenance, repair or extension of farm buildings or farm structures outside the corporate limits of municipalities.

(8) The authority granted in this section is cumulative and supplemental to any other authority granted by law.

(9) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, any code adopted by a county before or after April 12, 2001, is subject to the provisions of Section 41-26-14(10).

(10) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, the Boards of Supervisors of Jackson, Harrison, Hancock, Stone and Pearl River Counties shall enforce the requirements imposed under Section 17-2-1 as provided in such section.

(11) Regardless of whether a county adopts or has adopted codes, as set forth in this section, each and every county in this state shall require permitting as a condition to construction within the unincorporated areas of the county * * * provided, however, that

each county with a population under twenty thousand five hundred (22,500) according to the most recent federal decennial census may opt out of requiring such permitting by a majority vote of the board of supervisors made before December 31, 2023. Such an opt out shall only be effective until July 1, 2028. If a county is eligible to opt out but does not do so, or if the county is not eligible to opt out, the required permits shall contain, on their face, in conspicuous print, (a) the contractor's material purchase certificate number to the extent furnished by the Department of Revenue pursuant to Section 27-65-21(3) or the contractor's Taxpayer Identification Number as furnished by the Internal Revenue Service, and either a copy of such material purchase certificate furnished by the Department of Revenue pursuant to Section 27-65-21(3), or a copy of the contractor's W-9, as the case may be, shall be required to be provided to the county as part of the prime contractor's application for such permit, prior to the issuance of such permit, and (b) the contractor's license or certificate of responsibility number as required by either Section 31-3-14 et seq., 51-5-1 et seq. or 73-59-1 et seq.

SECTION 2. Section 21-19-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

21-19-25. (1) Any municipality within the State of Mississippi may, in the discretion of its governing authority, adopt building codes, plumbing codes, electrical codes, gas codes, sanitary codes, or any other codes dealing with general public health, safety or welfare, or a combination of the same, by ordinance, in the manner prescribed in this section. Before any such code shall be adopted, it shall be either printed or typewritten, and it shall be presented in pamphlet form to the governing authority of the municipality at a regular meeting. The ordinance adopting the code shall not set out the code in full, but shall merely identify the same. The vote on passage of the ordinance shall be the same as on any other ordinances. After its adoption, the code shall be certified to by the mayor and clerk of the municipality, and shall be filed as a permanent record in the office of the clerk, who shall not be required to transcribe and record the same in the ordinance book as other ordinances. It shall not be necessary that the ordinance adopting the code or the code itself be published in full, but notice of the adoption of the code shall be given by publication in some newspaper of the municipality for one (1) time, or if there be no such newspaper, by posting at three (3) or more public places within the corporate limits, a notice in substantially the following form:

Notice is given that the city (or town or village) of _____, on the (give date of ordinance adopting code), adopted (state type of code and other information serving to identify the same) code.

(2) If the governing authority of any municipality adopts or has adopted construction codes which do not have proper provisions to maintain up-to-date amendments, specifications in such codes for cements used in portland cement concrete shall be superseded by nationally recognized specifications referenced in any code adopted by the Mississippi Building Code Council.

(3) All the provisions of this section shall apply to amendments and revisions of the code mentioned in this section. Any code adopted in accordance with this section shall not be in force for one (1) month after its passage, unless the municipal authorities in the ordinance authorize to the contrary. The provisions of this section shall be in addition and supplemental to any existing laws authorizing the adoption, amendment or revision of municipal ordinances or codes.

(4) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, any code adopted by a municipality before or after April 12, 2001, is subject to the provisions of Section 41-26-14(10).

(5) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, the governing authorities of each municipality in Jackson, Harrison, Hancock, Stone and Pearl River Counties shall enforce the requirements imposed under Section 17-2-1 as provided in such section.

(6) Regardless of whether the governing authority of any municipality adopts or has adopted construction codes, as set forth in this section, each and every governing authority of any municipality shall require permitting as a condition to construction within the municipality's jurisdiction * * *; provided, however, that each municipality with a population under seven thousand five hundred (7,500) according to the most recent federal decennial census may opt out of requiring such permitting by a majority vote of

the governing authority made by December 31, 2024. Such an opt out shall only be effective until July 1, 2028. If a municipality is eligible to opt out but does not do so, or is ineligible to opt out, all such permits shall contain on their faces, in conspicuous print, (a) the contractor's material purchase certificate number to the extent one is furnished by the Department of Revenue pursuant to Section 27-65-21(3) or the contractor's Taxpayer Identification Number as furnished by the Internal Revenue Service, and either a copy of such material purchase certificate furnished by the Department of Revenue pursuant to Section 27-65-21(3), or a copy of the contractor's W-9, as the case may be, shall be required to be provided to the governing authority of such municipality as part of the contractor's application for such permit, prior to the issuance of such permit, and (b) the contractor's license or certificate of responsibility number as required by either Section 31-3-14 et seq., 51-5-1 et seq. or 73-59-1 et seq.

(7) The provisions of this section shall apply to all municipalities of this state, whether operating under the code charter, a special charter, commission form, or other form of government.

SECTION 3. Section 73-59-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

73-59-1. For the purposes of this chapter, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein:

(a) "Board" means the State Board of Contractors created in Section 31-3-3, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(b) "Residential builder" means any corporation, partnership or individual who constructs a building or structure for sale for use by another as a residence or who, for a fixed price, commission, fee, wage or other compensation, undertakes or offers to undertake the construction, or superintending of the construction, of any building or structure which is not more than three (3) floors in height, to be used by another as a residence, when the total cost of the undertaking exceeds Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).

(c) "Remodeler" means any corporation, partnership or individual who, for a fixed price, commission, fee, wage or other compensation, undertakes or offers to undertake the construction, or superintending of the construction, of improvements to an existing residence when the total cost of the improvements exceeds * * * Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500.00).

(d) "Residential construction" means any undertaking described in paragraph (b) of this section performed by a residential builder.

(e) "Residential improvement" means any undertaking described in paragraph (c) of this section performed by a remodeler.

(f) "Active licensee" means any builder or remodeler licensed under this chapter and engaged in building and remodeling.

(g) "Inactive licensee" means any builder or remodeler licensed under this chapter and not engaged in building or remodeling.

(h) "Construction manager" means any person or entity, other than a residential builder, remodeler or owner, who has a contract or agreement with the owner of the property for residential construction or residential improvement, no matter if that owner himself is the general contractor or a holder of a building permit.

(i) "Residential solar contractor" means any person or entity who installs, modifies, maintains, and repairs thermal and photovoltaic solar energy systems.

SECTION 4. Section 73-59-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

73-59-3. (1) Except as otherwise provided in Section 73-59-15 or Section 33-1-39, the following persons or entities shall be licensed by the board annually as an active licensee or inactive licensee, as appropriate:

(a) Persons or entities acting in the capacity as a residential builder;

(b) Persons or entities acting in the capacity as a residential remodeler;

(c) Persons or entities acting in the capacity as a construction manager through a contract or an agreement with the owner of the property being improved or constructed upon;

(d) Any subcontractor, of any tier, performing the following work or within the following trade, on any residential construction or residential improvement project, no matter the dollar amount of the construction or improvements:

- (i) Electrical;
- (ii) Plumbing;
- (iii) Mechanical; and/or
- (iv) Heating, ventilation and/or air conditioning; and

(e) Persons or entities acting in the capacity as a residential solar contractor.

(2) As an alternative to examination provided for under Section 73-59-5(1)(c) and (d) only, an applicant who is a person or entity required to be licensed by subsection (1) of this section may be issued a license by the board if the applicant:

(a) (i) Is licensed by a municipality and/or county and submits documentation that the applicant has passed a standardized examination such as an International Code Council (ICC) examination or a municipality or county-administered examination; or

(ii) Can demonstrate, by notarized affidavit, that the applicant has been acting in the applicable capacity described in subsection (1)(d) of this section for not less than five (5) years and the applicant submits all of the following:

1. One (1) reference letter from a building official or board licensed contractor specifying the classification of work for which the applicant is seeking a license;

2. One (1) reference letter from a bank or other financial institution; and

3. One (1) general reference letter from a project owner, architect, supplier or similar person or entity; and

(b) Completes any applicable video course made available by the board and submits a certificate of completion for the course to the board.

No person required to be licensed under subsection (1) of this section may be issued a license under this subsection after June 30, 2024.

(** *3) As a prerequisite to obtaining a license or renewal thereof, each of the persons or entities in subsection (1) of this section shall submit to the board:

(a) Proof of workers' compensation insurance, if required by applicable law; however, workers' compensation insurance shall not be required for inactive licensees;

(b) A federal employment identification number or social security number.

(** *4) The board may require liability insurance to be licensed under this chapter and it shall be reflected on the certificate of licensure; however, liability insurance shall not be required for inactive licensees.

(** *5) The board shall issue or renew a license to persons or entities required by subsection (1) of this section to be licensed, upon payment to the board of the license fee. The initial license fee shall be Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). The license fee may thereafter be increased or decreased by the board and cannot exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00); however, the receipts from fees collected by the board shall be no greater than the amount required to pay all costs and expenses incurred by the board in enforcing the provisions of this chapter. Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of the fee required by this section which is assessed to residential builders licensed under the provisions of Section 73-59-1 et seq. shall be deposited to the Construction Education Fund created pursuant to Section 31-3-14 and shall be distributed to the Mississippi Housing Institute. The remaining fees collected under this chapter shall be deposited into the special fund in the State Treasury known as the "State Board of Contractors Fund" created pursuant to Section 31-3-17 and shall be used for the administration and enforcement of this chapter and as provided in Section 31-3-14. Amounts in such fund shall not lapse into the State General Fund at the end of a fiscal year. Interest accrued to such fund shall remain in the fund. All expenditures from the special fund shall be by requisition to the Department of Finance and Administration, signed by the executive director of the board and countersigned by the chairman or vice chairman of the board.

(** *6) Except as provided in Section 33-1-39, the license shall expire on the last day of the twelfth month following its issuance or renewal and shall become invalid unless renewed. The board may notify by mail or email every licensee under this chapter of the date of the expiration of his license and the amount of the fee required for renewal of the license for one (1) year. To receive notification by email, a licensee must notify the board of his desire to receive notification by email and provide an email address. Such notice may be mailed or emailed within thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date of the license. The failure on the part of any licensee to renew his license annually in such twelfth month shall not deprive such licensee of the right of renewal, provided that renewal is effected within one hundred eighty (180) days after the expiration date of the license by payment of the license fee plus a penalty of ten percent (10%) of the license fee. A new license required to replace a revoked, lost, mutilated or destroyed license may be issued, subject to the rules of the board, for a charge of not more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). An inactive licensee may become an active licensee upon application meeting all the requirements of this section.

(** *7) Any person who is not a resident of the State of Mississippi who desires to perform residential construction or residential improvement shall be licensed to perform such construction or improvement as provided by this chapter.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 19-5-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ALLOW CERTAIN COUNTIES TO OPT OUT OF REQUIRING PERMITTING AS A CONDITION TO CONSTRUCTION WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF A COUNTY; TO AMEND SECTION 21-19-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ALLOW CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES TO OPT OUT OF REQUIRING PERMITTING AS A CONDITION TO CONSTRUCTION WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY'S JURISDICTION; TO AMEND SECTION 73-59-1 TO INCREASE THE MONETARY THRESHOLD OF IMPROVEMENTS TO AN EXISTING RESIDENCE A PERSON MUST MEET IN ORDER TO FALL WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF REMODELER; TO AMEND 73-59-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ESTABLISH AN ALTERNATIVE LICENSURE PROCEDURE FOR THE STATE BOARD OF CONTRACTORS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Angela Burks Hill, Derrick T. Simmons (No Signature), Benjamin Suber

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Shane Barnett

On motion of Rep. Barnett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Arnold, Ladner, McLeod, Turner. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Hale, Johnson, Owen, Rushing, Walker. Total-5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

On request of Rep. Barnett, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in **S. B. No. 2612**:

Unanimous consent of the Senate and House is requested to make the following changes to Senate Bill No. 2612:

AMEND on line 131 by changing "twenty" to "twenty-two"

AMEND on line 297 by striking "(1)(c) and (d) only"

AMEND on line 298 before "subsection" by inserting "paragraph (c) and (d) of"

AMEND on line 322 before "subsection" by inserting "paragraphs (c) and (d) of"

At 1:08 PM on motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 2:06 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 510: Foster Parents' Bill of Rights; and Responsibilities; create and require to be provided to foster parents.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 510: Foster Parents' Bill of Rights; and Responsibilities; create and require to be provided to foster parents.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 43-15-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-15-13. (1) For purposes of this section, "children" means persons found within the state who are under the age of twenty-one (21) years, and who were placed in the custody of the Department of Child Protection Services by the youth court of the appropriate county. For purposes of this chapter, "commercial sexual exploitation" means any sexual act or crime of a sexual nature, which is committed against a child for financial or economic gain, to obtain a thing of value, for quid pro quo exchange of property or any other purpose.

(2) The Department of Child Protection Services shall establish a foster care placement program for children whose custody lies with the department, with the following objectives:

(a) Protecting and promoting the health, safety and welfare of children;

(b) Preventing the unnecessary separation of children from their families by identifying family problems, assisting families in resolving their problems and preventing the breakup of the family where the prevention of child removal is desirable and possible when the child can be cared for at home without endangering the child's health and safety;

(c) Remedying or assisting in the solution of problems that may result in the neglect, abuse, exploitation, commercial sexual exploitation, human trafficking or delinquency of children;

(d) Restoring to their families children who have been removed, by the provision of services to the child and the families when the child can be cared for at home without endangering the child's health and safety;

(e) Placing children in suitable adoptive homes approved by a licensed adoption agency or family protection specialist, in cases where restoration to the biological family is not safe, possible or appropriate;

(f) Assuring safe and adequate care of children away from their homes, in cases where the child cannot be returned home or cannot be placed for adoption, including temporary or emergency placement with a relative or fictive kin pending youth court action on the case. At the time of placement, the department shall implement concurrent planning, as described in subsection (8) of this section, so that permanency may occur at the earliest opportunity. Consideration of possible failure or delay of reunification should be given, to the end that the placement made is the best available placement to provide permanency for the child; and

(g) Providing a family protection specialist or worker or team of such specialists or workers for a family and child throughout the implementation of their permanent living arrangement plan. Wherever feasible, the same family protection specialist or worker or team shall remain on the case until the child is no longer under the jurisdiction of the youth court.

(3) The Department of Child Protection Services shall administer a system of individualized plans, reviews and reports once every six (6) months for each child under its custody within the State of Mississippi, which document each child who has been adjudged a neglected, abandoned or abused child, including a child alleged to have experienced commercial sexual exploitation and/or human trafficking and whose custody was changed by court order as a result of that adjudication, and each public or private facility licensed by the department. The Department of Child Protection Services' administrative review shall be completed on each child within the first three (3) months and a relative placement, fictive kin placement, or foster care review once every six (6) months after the child's initial forty-eight-hour shelter hearing. That system shall be for the purpose of enhancing potential family life for the child by the development of individual plans to return the child to the child's natural parent or parents, or to refer the child to the appropriate court for termination of parental rights and placement in a permanent relative's home, adoptive home or foster/adoptive home. The goal of the Department of Child Protection Services shall be to return the child to the child's natural parent(s) or refer the child to the appropriate court for termination of parental rights and placement in a permanent relative's home, adoptive home or foster/adoptive home within the time periods specified in this subsection or in subsection (4) of this section. In furthering this goal, the department shall establish policy and procedures designed to appropriately place children in permanent homes, and provide counseling services and other appropriate services to children who have been victims of commercial sexual exploitation or human trafficking. The policy shall include a system of reviews for all children in foster care, as follows: foster care counselors in the department shall make all possible contact with the child's natural parent(s), custodial parent(s) of all siblings of the child, and any interested relative for the first two (2) months following the child's entry into the foster care system, and provide care for victims of commercial sexual exploitation or human trafficking. For purposes of contacting custodial parent(s) of a sibling, siblings include those who are considered a

sibling under state law, and those who would have been considered a sibling under state law, except for termination or disruption of parental rights. For any child who has been in foster care for fifteen (15) of the last twenty-two (22) months regardless of whether the foster care was continuous for all of those twenty-two (22) months, the department shall file a petition to terminate the parental rights of the child's parents. The time period starts to run from the date the court makes a finding of abuse and/or neglect, or commercial sexual exploitation or human trafficking, or sixty (60) days from when the child was removed from his or her home, whichever is earlier. The department can choose not to file a termination of parental rights petition if the following apply:

(a) The child is being cared for by a relative; and/or

(b) The department has documented compelling and extraordinary reasons why termination of parental rights would not be in the best interests of the child. Before granting or denying a request by the department for an extension of time for filing a termination of parental rights action, the court shall receive a written report on the progress which a parent of the child has made in treatment, to be made to the court in writing by a mental health/substance abuse therapist or counselor.

(4) In the case of any child who is placed in foster care on or after July 1, 1998, except in cases of aggravated circumstances prescribed in Section 43-21-603(7)(c), the child's natural parent(s) will have a reasonable time to be determined by the court, which shall not exceed a six-month period of time, in which to meet the service agreement with the department for the benefit of the child unless the department has documented extraordinary and compelling reasons for extending the time period in the best interest of the child. If this agreement has not been satisfactorily met, simultaneously the child will be referred to the appropriate court for termination of parental rights and placement in a permanent relative's home, adoptive home or a foster/adoptive home. For children under the age of three (3) years, termination of parental rights shall be initiated within six (6) months, unless the department has documented compelling and extraordinary circumstances, and placement in a permanent relative's home, adoptive home or foster/adoptive home within two (2) months. For children who have been abandoned under the provisions of Section 97-5-1, termination of parental rights shall be initiated within thirty (30) days and placement in an adoptive home shall be initiated without necessity for placement in a foster home. The department need not initiate termination of parental rights proceedings where the child has been placed in durable legal custody, durable legal relative guardianship, or long-term or formalized foster care by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(5) The foster care review once every six (6) months shall be conducted by the youth court or its designee(s), and/or by personnel within the Department of Child Protection Services or by a designee or designees of the department and may include others appointed by the department, and the review shall include at a minimum an evaluation of the child based on the following:

(a) The extent of the care and support provided by the parents or parent while the child is in temporary custody;

(b) The extent of communication with the child by parents, parent or guardian;

(c) The degree of compliance by the agency and the parents with the social service plan established;

(d) The methods of achieving the goal and the plan establishing a permanent home for the child;

(e) Social services offered and/or utilized to facilitate plans for establishing a permanent home for the child; and

(f) Relevant testimony and recommendations from the foster parent of the child, the grandparents of the child, the guardian ad litem of the child, when appointed, the Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) of the child, representatives of any private care agency that has cared for the child, the family protection worker or family protection specialist assigned to the case, and any other relevant testimony pertaining to the case.

Each child's review plan once every six (6) months shall be filed with the court which awarded custody and shall be made available to natural parents or foster parents upon approval of the court. The court shall make a finding as to the degree of compliance

by the agency and the parent(s) with the child's social service plan. The court also shall find that the child's health and safety are the paramount concern. In the interest of the child, the court shall, where appropriate, initiate proceedings on its own motion. The Department of Child Protection Services shall report to the Legislature as to the number of those children, the findings of the foster care review board and relevant statistical information in foster care in a semiannual report to the Legislature to be submitted to the Joint Oversight Committee of the Department of Child Protection Services. The report shall not refer to the specific name of any child in foster care.

(6) (a) The Department of Child Protection Services, with the cooperation and assistance of the State Department of Health, shall develop and implement a training program for foster care parents to indoctrinate them as to their proper responsibilities upon a child's entry into their foster care. The program shall provide a minimum of twelve (12) clock hours of training, which shall include training foster care parents about providing mental and physical support to children who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation or human trafficking. The foster care training program shall be satisfactorily completed by such foster care parents before or within ninety (90) days after child placement with the parent. Record of the foster care parent's training program participation shall be filed with the court as part of a child's foster care review plan once every six (6) months.

(b) (i) The court may waive foster care training for an appropriate relative placement.

(ii) A relative exempted from foster care training is not eligible for board payments, foster care payments, kinship care payments, therapeutic care payments, or any other monthly payments from the department to assist in the care of the child.

(7) When the Department of Child Protection Services is considering placement of a child in a foster home and when the department deems it to be in the best interest of the child, the department shall give first priority to placing the child in the home of one (1) of the child's relatives within the third degree, as computed by the civil law rule.

(a) In placing the child in a relative's home, the department may waive any rule, regulation or policy applicable to placement in foster care that would otherwise require the child to have a separate bed or bedroom or have a bedroom of a certain size, if placing the child in a relative's home would be in the best interest of the child and those requirements cannot be met in the relative's home.

(b) The court may waive foster care training for a relative only when appropriate.

(8) The Legislature recognizes that the best interests of the child require that the child be placed in the most permanent living arrangement as soon as is practicably possible. To achieve this goal, the Department of Child Protection Services is directed to conduct concurrent planning so that a permanent living arrangement may occur at the earliest opportunity. Permanent living arrangements may include prevention of placement of a child outside the home of the family when the child can be cared for at home without endangering the child's health or safety; reunification with the family, when safe and appropriate, if temporary placement is necessary; or movement of the child toward the most permanent living arrangement and permanent legal status. When a child is placed in foster care or relative care, the department shall first ensure and document that reasonable efforts, as defined in Section 43-21-105, were made to prevent or eliminate the need to remove the child from the child's home. The department's first priority shall be to make reasonable efforts to reunify the family when temporary placement of the child occurs or shall request a finding from the court that reasonable efforts are not appropriate or have been unsuccessful. A decision to place a child in foster care or relative care shall be made with consideration of the child's health, safety and best interests. At the time of placement, consideration should also be given so that if reunification fails or is delayed, the placement made is the best available placement to provide a permanent living arrangement for the child. The department shall adopt rules addressing concurrent planning for reunification and a permanent living arrangement. The department shall consider the following factors when determining appropriateness of concurrent planning:

- (a) The likelihood of prompt reunification;
- (b) The past history of the family;

- (c) The barriers to reunification being addressed by the family;
- (d) The level of cooperation of the family;
- (e) The foster parents' willingness to work with the family to reunite;
- (f) The willingness and ability of the foster family or relative placement to provide an adoptive home or long-term placement;
- (g) The age of the child; and
- (h) Placement of siblings.

(9) If the department has placed a child in foster care or relative care under a court order, the department may not change the child's placement unless the department specifically documents to the court that the current placement is unsafe or unsuitable or that another placement is in the child's best interests unless the new placement is in an adoptive home or other permanent placement. Except in emergency circumstances as determined by the department or where the court orders placement of the child under Section 43-21-303, the foster parents, grandparents or other relatives of the child shall be given an opportunity to contest the specific reasons documented by the department at least seventy-two (72) hours before any such departure, and the court may conduct a review of that placement unless the new placement is in an adoptive home or other permanent placement. When a child is returned to foster care or relative care, the former foster parents or relative placement shall be given the prior right of return placement in order to eliminate additional trauma to the child.

(10) The Department of Child Protection Services shall provide the foster parents, grandparents or other relatives with at least a seventy-two-hour notice of departure for any child placed in their foster care or relative care, except in emergency circumstances as determined by the department or where the court orders placement of the child under Section 43-21-303. The parent/legal guardian, grandparents of the child, guardian ad litem and the court exercising jurisdiction shall be notified in writing when the child leaves foster care or relative care placement, regardless of whether the child's departure was planned or unplanned. The only exceptions to giving a written notice to the parent(s) are when a parent has voluntarily released the child for adoption or the parent's legal rights to the child have been terminated through the appropriate court with jurisdiction.

(11) There is hereby created a Foster Parents' Bill of Rights and Responsibilities which shall be provided to all foster parents at foster parent training. The Department of Child Protection Services shall extend the following rights to persons who provide foster care and relative care:

- (a) A clear understanding of their role while providing care and the roles of the birth parent(s) and the placement agency in respect to the child in care;
- (b) Respect, consideration, trust and value as a family who is making an important contribution to the agency's objectives;
- (c) Notification of benchmarks that will be required of the foster parent such as appointments, home visits with department personnel, visitations of the child at school and meetings between department personnel and the child's family;
- (d) Advance notice of information regarding scheduled meetings other than meetings where the Department of Child Protection Services personnel or social workers are going to the foster parent's home for site visits, appointments and court hearings concerning the foster child;
- (e) The opportunity to communicate with professionals who work with the foster child including therapists, physicians and teachers who work directly with the child;
- (f) The opportunity to communicate and collaborate, without threat of reprisal, with a department representative when further educational services are needed to ensure the child's educational needs are met, including services such as an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP), tutoring, occupational therapy, speech therapy and after-school programs;
- (g) The opportunity to attend all IEP meetings, along with the department worker, at the child's school as long as the child is in custody and receiving special educational services;
- (h) The opportunity to communicate with the foster child's guardian ad litem;

(i) The opportunity to attend all youth court hearings involving a foster child occurring while that child is placed in their care without being a party to the youth court action, unless the youth court determines that any foster parent should not be present. Foster parents may attend all youth court hearings and have legal counsel attend and observe with them if the child's permanent plan is adoption by the foster parents, unless the youth court determines that any foster parent should not be present. Foster parents may communicate with the guardian ad litem in writing at any time. Foster parents may ask to be heard concerning the best interest of the child at any disposition or permanency hearing;

(j) When the dates of the permanency hearing and permanency review hearing have been set by the youth court, and if necessary to fulfill the notice requirements, the judge or the judge's designee shall order the clerk of the youth court to issue a summons to the foster parents to appear personally at the hearings as provided by Section 43-21-501;

(k) The opportunity to request from the youth court permission to communicate with the child's birth family, previous foster parents of the child, and prospective and finalized adoptive parents of the child, without the threat of reprisal. However, this right creates no obligation of the birth family, previous foster parents, or prospective and finalized adoptive parents to communicate in return;

(** *) Involvement in all the agency's crucial decisions regarding the child as team members who have pertinent information based on their day-to-day knowledge of the child in care and involvement in planning, including, but not limited to, individual service planning meetings, foster care review, individual educational planning meetings, and medical appointments;

(m) The opportunity to participate in the planning of visitations between the child and the child's siblings, parents or former guardians or other biological family members which have been previously authorized by the youth court. Visitations shall be scheduled at a time and place meeting the needs of the child, the biological family, and the foster family. Recognizing that visitation with family members is an important right of children in foster care, foster parents shall be flexible and cooperative with regard to family visits but shall retain the right to reasonable advance notice of all scheduled visitations;

(n) The ability to communicate with department personnel or representatives twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, for the purpose of aiding the foster parent;

(o) A comprehensive list of all resources available to the foster parent and child, including dental providers, medical providers, respite workers in the area, day cares, and methods for submitting reimbursements;

(** *) Support from the family protection worker or the family protection specialist in efforts to do a better day-to-day job in caring for the child and in working to achieve the agency's objectives for the child and the birth family through provision of:

(i) A copy of the "Foster Child Information Form" and all other pertinent information about the child and the birth family, including medical, dental, behavioral health history, psychological information, educational status, cultural and family background, and other issues relevant to the child which are known to the department at the time the child is placed in foster care prior to the child's placement with a foster parent or parents. The department shall make reasonable efforts to gather and provide all additional current medical, dental, behavioral, educational and psychological information reasonably available from the child's service providers within fifteen (15) days of placement. When the department learns of such information after fifteen (15) days of placement, the department shall communicate such information to the foster parent as soon as practicable;

(ii) An explanation of the plan for placement of the child in the foster parent's home and the ongoing and timely communication of any necessary information which is relevant to the care of the child, including any changes in the case plan;

(** *iii) Help in using appropriate resources to meet the child's needs, including counseling or other services for victims of commercial sexual exploitation or human trafficking;

(** *iv) Direct interviews between the family protection worker or specialist and the child, previously discussed and understood by the foster parents;

(** *v) Information regarding whether the child experienced commercial sexual exploitation or human trafficking;

(vi) Information related to the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. Foster parents shall protect the confidentiality of the child by working directly with a designated school official to complete the application for free lunches.

(** *q) The opportunity to develop confidence in making day-to-day decisions in regard to the child;

(** *r) The opportunity to learn and grow in their vocation through planned education in caring for the child;

(** *s) The opportunity to be heard regarding agency practices that they may question;

(** *t) Information related to all costs eligible for reimbursement, including:

(i) Reimbursement for costs of the child's care in the form of a board payment based on the age of the child as prescribed in Section 43-15-17 unless the relative is exempt from foster care training and chooses to exercise the exemption; and

(** *ii) Reimbursement for property damages caused by children in the custody of the Department of Child Protection Services in an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), as evidenced by written documentation. The Department of Child Protection Services shall not incur liability for any damages as a result of providing this reimbursement.

(12) The Department of Child Protection Services shall require the following responsibilities from participating persons who provide foster care and relative care:

(a) Understanding the department's function in regard to the foster care and relative care program and related social service programs;

(b) Sharing with the department any information which may contribute to the care of children;

(c) Functioning within the established goals and objectives to improve the general welfare of the child;

(d) Recognizing the problems in home placement that will require professional advice and assistance and that such help should be utilized to its full potential;

(e) Recognizing that the family who cares for the child will be one of the primary resources for preparing a child for any future plans that are made, including return to birth parent(s), termination of parental rights or reinstitutionalization;

(f) Expressing their views of agency practices which relate to the child with the appropriate staff member;

(g) Understanding that all information shared with the persons who provide foster care or relative care about the child and his/her birth parent(s) must be held in the strictest of confidence;

(h) Cooperating with any plan to reunite the child with his birth family and work with the birth family to achieve this goal; and

(i) Attending dispositional review hearings and termination of parental rights hearings conducted by a court of competent jurisdiction, or providing their recommendations to the ** * guardian ad litem in writing.

(13) The department shall develop a grievance procedure for foster parents to raise any complaints or concerns regarding the provisions of Section 43-15-13(11) or (12).

(14) Nothing in this section shall be construed to create a private right of action or claim on the part of any individual, the department, or any child-placing agency.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-15-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AMEND THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF FOSTER PARENTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Angela Cockerham, Lee Yancey, Kevin Felsher

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Brice Wiggins, Nicole Boyd, Jason Barrett

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Byrd, Walker. Total-2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1216: Circuit judges and chancellors; increase office operating and expense allowances and support staff funding.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1216: Circuit judges and chancellors; increase office operating and expense allowances and support staff funding.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 9-1-36, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:
9-1-36. (1) Each circuit judge and chancellor shall receive an office operating allowance for the expenses of operating the office of the judge, including retaining a law clerk, legal research, stenographic help, stationery, stamps, furniture, office equipment,

telephone, office rent and other items and expenditures necessary and incident to maintaining the office of judge. The allowance shall be paid only to the extent of actual expenses incurred by the judge as itemized and certified by the judge to the Supreme Court in the amounts set forth in this subsection; however, the judge may expend sums in excess thereof from the compensation otherwise provided for his office. * * *

* * * From and after July 1, * * * 2023, the office operating allowance under this subsection shall be * * * Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) per annum.

(2) In addition to the amounts provided for in subsection (1), there is * * * created a separate office allowance fund for the purpose of providing support staff to judges. This fund shall be managed by the Administrative Office of Courts.

(3) Each judge who desires to employ support staff after July 1, 1994, shall make application to the Administrative Office of Courts by submitting to the Administrative Office of Courts a proposed personnel plan setting forth what support staff is deemed necessary. The plan may be submitted by a single judge or by any combination of judges desiring to share support staff. In the process of the preparation of the plan, the judges, at their request, may receive advice, suggestions, recommendations and other assistance from the Administrative Office of Courts. The Administrative Office of Courts must approve the positions, job descriptions and salaries before the positions may be filled. The Administrative Office of Courts shall not approve any plan which does not first require the expenditure of the funds in the support staff fund for compensation of any of the support staff before expenditure is authorized of county funds for that purpose. Upon approval by the Administrative Office of Courts, the judge or judges may appoint the employees to the position or positions, and each employee so appointed will work at the will and pleasure of the judge or judges who appointed him but will be employees of the Administrative Office of Courts. Upon approval by the Administrative Office of Courts, the appointment of any support staff shall be evidenced by the entry of an order on the minutes of the court. When support staff is appointed jointly by two (2) or more judges, the order setting forth any appointment shall be entered on the minutes of each participating court.

(4) The Administrative Office of Courts shall develop and promulgate minimum qualifications for the certification of court administrators. Any court administrator appointed on or after October 1, 1996, shall be required to be certified by the Administrative Office of Courts.

(5) Support staff shall receive compensation pursuant to personnel policies established by the Administrative Office of Courts * * * in an amount of * * * One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) per fiscal year per judge for whom all support staff is approved for the funding of support staff assigned to a judge or judges * * *.

The Administrative Office of Courts may approve expenditures from the fund for additional equipment for support staff appointed pursuant to this section in any year in which the allocation per judge is sufficient to meet the equipment expense after provision for the compensation of the support staff.

(6) For the purposes of this section, the following terms * * * have the meaning ascribed * * * in this subsection unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Judges" means circuit judges and chancellors, or any combination thereof * * *.

(b) "Support staff" means court administrators, law clerks, legal research assistants or secretaries, or any combination thereof, but shall not mean school attendance officers * * *.

(c) "Compensation" means the gross salary plus all amounts paid for benefits or otherwise as a result of employment or as required by employment; * * * however, * * * only salary earned for services rendered shall be reported and credited for Public Employees' Retirement System purposes. Amounts paid for benefits or otherwise, including reimbursement for travel expenses, shall not be reported or credited for retirement purposes * * *.

(d) "Law clerk" means a clerk hired to assist a judge or judges who has a law degree or who is a full-time law student who is making satisfactory progress at an accredited law school.

(7) Title to all tangible property, excepting stamps, stationery and minor expendable office supplies, procured with funds authorized by this section, shall be and forever remain in the State of Mississippi to be used by the circuit judge or chancellor during the term of his office and thereafter by his successors.

(8) Any circuit judge or chancellor who did not have a primary office provided by the county on March 1, 1988, shall be allowed an additional * * * Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00) per annum to defray the actual expenses incurred by the judge or chancellor in maintaining an office; however, any circuit judge or chancellor who had a primary office provided by the county on March 1, 1988, and who vacated the office space after that date for a legitimate reason, as determined by the Department of Finance and Administration, shall be allowed the additional office expense allowance provided under this subsection. The county in which a circuit judge or chancellor sits is authorized to provide funds from any available source to assist in defraying the actual expenses to maintain an office.

(9) The Supreme Court, through the Administrative Office of Courts, shall submit to the Department of Finance and Administration the itemized and certified expenses for office operating allowances that are directed to the court pursuant to this section.

(10) The Supreme Court, through the Administrative Office of Courts, shall have the power to adopt rules and regulations regarding the administration of the office operating allowance authorized pursuant to this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-1-36, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE OFFICE OPERATING ALLOWANCE, SUPPORT STAFF FUNDING AND THE ADDITIONAL OFFICE EXPENSE ALLOWANCE PAYABLE TO CIRCUIT JUDGES AND CHANCELLORS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Angela Cockerham, Thomas U. Reynolds, Joey Hood
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Brice Wiggins, Derrick T. Simmons, W. Briggs Hopson III

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Walker. Total-1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--60

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. C. R. No. 61: Legislature; extend 2023 Regular Session, suspend deadlines for certain bills, and set date of sine die adjournment.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. R. No. 204: Dr. Mac Huddleston; commend esteemed legislative career of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. C. R. No. 567: Designate April 13, 2023, as "Reman Day" in Mississippi.

S. C. R. No. 571: Israel; commend 75th Anniversary of independence of.

S. B. No. 2810: MS Workforce Training and Education Act; extend repealer on the act and in 2004 chapter law for conforming sections.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2239: Department of Public Safety; authorize officer use of uniforms, weapons and vehicles off duty while performing security services.

S. B. No. 3003: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station.

S. B. No. 3004: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service.

S. B. No. 3005: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center.

S. B. No. 3013: Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of.

S. B. No. 3018: Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board.

S. B. No. 3019: Appropriation; Ethics Commission.

S. B. No. 3022: Appropriation; Revenue, Department of.

S. B. No. 3025: Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of.

S. B. No. 3026: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road Construction, Office of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 3027: Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority.

S. B. No. 3028: Appropriation; Chiropractic Examiners, Board of.

S. B. No. 3030: Appropriation; Funeral Services Board.

S. B. No. 3032: Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of.

S. B. No. 3033: Appropriation; Counselors, Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional.

S. B. No. 3035: Appropriation; Architecture, Board of.

S. B. No. 3036: Appropriation; Gaming Commission.

S. B. No. 3040: Appropriation; Contractors, Board of.

S. B. No. 3041: Appropriation; Audit, Department of.

S. B. No. 3044: Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion.

S. B. No. 3046: Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 3047: Appropriation; Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to the Mississippi Development Authority.

S. B. No. 3048: Appropriation; Personnel Board.

S. B. No. 3049: Appropriation; Secretary of State.

S. B. No. 3051: Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2002: Memorial highways; designate segments of highways to Bradford C. Freeman and Douglas Anderson.

S. B. No. 2595: ARPA Workforce Development and Retention Act; provide expiration date of grant funds.

S. B. No. 3006: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of.

S. B. No. 3007: Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid.

S. B. No. 3008: Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center.

S. B. No. 3010: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges.

S. B. No. 3011: Appropriation; Corrections, Department of.

S. B. No. 3020: Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission.

S. B. No. 3021: Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of.

S. B. No. 3023: Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 3024: Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission.

S. B. No. 3031: Appropriation; Massage Therapy, Board of.

S. B. No. 3034: Appropriation; Veterinary Examiners, Board of.

S. B. No. 3039: Appropriation; Accountancy, Board of Public.

S. B. No. 3042: Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of.

S. B. No. 3045: Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department of.

S. B. No. 3050: Appropriation; Treasurer's Office.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ruby Fountain, and Tyeasha Leighann Denson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hobgood-Wilkes moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Kathleen Seal Skipper, which motion prevailed.

At 2:15 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Friday, March 31, 2023, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTY-SIXTH DAY, FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023

(EIGHTY-EIGHTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Charles Young, Jr.

Rep. Young led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Absent or those not voting--Hopkins, Walker. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Hopkins and Walker.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. C. R. No. 56: Representative Edward Blackmon, Jr.; commend distinguished legislative career and public service of upon the occasion of his retirement.

H. C. R. No. 57: Dr. Daphine Hill; commend accomplishments of.

H. C. R. No. 58: Dr. Kent Hoblet; commend for many years of dedicated service as Dean of Mississippi State University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

H. C. R. No. 59: Representative Tommy Reynolds; commend distinguished legislative career and public service of upon the occasion of his retirement.

H. C. R. No. 62: Representative Tom Weathersby; commend distinguished legislative career and public service of upon the occasion of his retirement.

H. C. R. No. 63: Representative Alyce G. Clarke; commend distinguished legislative career and public service upon the special occasion of her retirement.

H. C. R. No. 64: Speaker Philip Gunn; commend on the esteemed and laudable legislative career of.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMENDED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

H. B. No. 1613: Appropriation; Education, Department of.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

H. B. No. 252: Festival wine permits; extend repealers on authority to issue and certain provisions relating to.

H. B. No. 419: Tourism; provide assistance to destination marketing organization.

H. B. No. 510: Foster Parents' Bill of Rights; and Responsibilities; create and require to be provided to foster parents.

H. B. No. 521: Length of Service Award Program; authorize for the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters.

H. B. No. 834: Assistant District Attorneys and criminal investigators; increase authorized number of.

H. B. No. 1020: Capitol Complex Improvement District courts; authorize.

H. B. No. 1149: Path to permanency; provide for children in Child Protection Services.

H. B. No. 1216: Circuit judges and chancellors; increase office operating and expense allowances and support staff funding.

H. B. No. 1626: Appropriation; Health, Department of.

H. B. No. 1636: Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.

H. B. No. 1715: Appropriation; Health Department for funding the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program.

H. B. No. 1717: Appropriation; DFA - Office of Insurance for reimbursing the State Health Plan for eligible expenses incurred.

H. B. No. 1722: Appropriation; UMMC for construction, repair and renovation of the School of Dentistry.

Adopted: 03/30/23

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

S. B. No. 2343: Capitol police; revise jurisdiction of.

S. B. No. 2487: Mississippi Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program; establish.

S. B. No. 2612: Construction; bring forward code sections concerning local permitting and State Board of Contractors licensing.

S. B. No. 2749: School board members; increase pay.

S. B. No. 3000: Appropriation; IHL - General support.

S. B. No. 3001: Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs.

S. B. No. 3009: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses.

S. B. No. 3012: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.

S. B. No. 3052: Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund; FY2024 reappropriate to certain agencies.

S. B. No. 3113: Appropriation; additional to Office of Workforce Development for certain programs, ARPA funds.

S. B. No. 3118: Appropriation; additional to DFA - Bureau of Buildings, ARPA funds.

S. B. No. 3120: Capital Expense Fund; FY2024 appropriation to MDOT for certain infrastructure expenses.

Adopted: 03/30/23

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. R. No. 206: (Representative Bell (65th)) Jackson State University Lady Tigers Tennis Team; commend upon being 2022 SWAC Regular Season and Tournament Champions. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

H. R. No. 205: Representative Joel Bomgar; commend esteemed legislative career of. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

On request of Rep. Read, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following corrections in Conference Reports **H. B. No. 1626**, **H. B. No. 1623** and **H. B. No. 1624**:

It is requested that unanimous consent be granted to make the following clerical corrections:

HB 1626: Amend on line 578 by inserting the words "of Mississippi" after "Centers" and before "for".

HB 1623: Amend on line 34 by deleting the number "831" and inserting in lieu thereof the number "922".

HB 1624: Amend on line 54 by deleting the number "868" and inserting in lieu thereof the number "927".

Chairman John Read
Chairman W. Briggs Hopson, III
Rep. Bennett called up the conference report # 3 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1612: Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1612: Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Department of Archives and History for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 11,890,911.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Archives and History which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 34,133,859.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 155
Time-Limited: 10

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Archives and History shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 5. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Archives and History shall charge the maximum amount allowable for services

rendered, consistent with the cost of providing such services. The funds derived from these charges shall be deposited into a special fund account in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

SECTION 6. It is the intent of the Legislature that no part of the funds herein appropriated shall be required to be used for the payment of rent for the museum and public space in the State Historical Museum, Old Capitol Restoration.

SECTION 7. Of the funds provided in Section 2, Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) is provided to the Department of Archives and History from the Mississippi Landmark Grant Fund as created in House Bill No. 1082, Regular Session of 1999, to help support the preservation of Mississippi Landmark Properties.

SECTION 8. Of the funds provided under the provisions of this act, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) is provided for the purpose of capital development and maintenance of Beauvoir Shrine, the last home of Jefferson Davis, the only President of the Confederate States of America, subject to approval by the Department of Archives and History. The expenditure of funds available in this section shall be subject to prior approval by the Department of Archives and History.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 10. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Archives and History for the purpose of supporting the Statewide Oral History Project for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 45,748.00.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 12. Of the funds provided in Section 2, Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) is provided from Special Funds in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Treasury fund created in Section 27-19-56.69(8), Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of paying the costs of repair and renovation of the New Capitol, the Old Capitol, the Governor's Mansion, and the War Memorial Building, in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of funds.

SECTION 13. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the General Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Department of Archives and History for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of General Funds as authorized in HB 1599, 2022 Regular Session to provide for Beauvoir, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 100,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 14. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Department of Archives and History for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in HB 1599, 2022 Regular Session to defray expenses of the Department of Archives and History for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 8,096,270.00.

This appropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of funds as allocated herein:

- (a) De la Pointe-Krebs House \$ 96,270.00.
- (b) Repair, renovation, and construction

projects undertaken by the Department of
Archives and History \$ 8,000,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing the funds necessary to authorize the expenditure of funds for the Vicksburg Military Park Interpretive Center. As a condition of expending these funds, the Department shall enter into a memorandum of agreement or similar document with the U.S. Government National Park Services reflecting a plan for building an interpretive center and a lease agreement for lease space therein.

SECTION 16. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing the funds necessary to authorize the expenditure of funds for the Eudora Welty Gardens Project.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing the funds necessary to authorize the expenditure of funds for Natchez Projects.

SECTION 18. Of the funds provided in Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Historic Site Preservation Fund, for the purpose of making grants to nonprofit organizations as in Senate Bill 2834, 2021 Regular Session for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$2,000,000.00.

SECTION 19. Of the funds provided in Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Community Heritage Preservation Grant Fund, for the purpose of grant assistance to Historic County Courthouses, School Buildings and Other Historic Buildings as in Section 39-5-145, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 5,000,000.00.

SECTION 20. The Mississippi Department of Archives and History is authorized to accept and expend any grant, donation, or contribution from any individual, public, or private organization, or government entity for purposes of defraying the operational costs of the department. Such grants, donations or contributions shall be received and expended under the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

SECTION 21. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 22. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Richard Bennett, Timmy Ladner

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, J. Walter Michel, Sollie B. Norwood

On motion of Rep. Bennett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Home, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Williamson. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hopkins, McCarty, Owen, Rushing, Walker. Total-6.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1719: Appropriation; DFA to assist destination marketing organizations in paying for marketing activities.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1719: Appropriation; DFA to assist destination marketing organizations in paying for marketing activities.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose of providing funds to destination marketing organizations to assist in paying costs of marketing activities, and providing funds to the Grammy® Museum Mississippi to assist

in paying certain costs, as provided in Section 2 of House Bill No. 419, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024\$ 22,000,000.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose of providing funds to Mississippi Main Street Association as provided in Section 57-123-11, for the period beginning upon the passage of this act, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 3,000,000.00.

SECTION 3. (1) As used in this section and Section 4 of this act, the term "department" means the State Department of Health.

(2) The department shall not disburse any funds appropriated under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the expenditure sought is, in the department's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In addition, the department shall ensure that all funds appropriated under this act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

SECTION 4. (1) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds appropriated to the department under this act, the department shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to the department under this act complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

(2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA (a) determines that the department or recipient has expended or otherwise used any of the funds appropriated to the department under this act for any purpose that is not in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA, and (b) the State of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined were expended or otherwise used improperly by the department or recipient, then the department or recipient that expended or otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to the federal government.

SECTION 5. The money appropriated by this act shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, except for Section 1, which shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO ASSIST DESTINATION MARKETING

ORGANIZATIONS IN PAYING FOR MARKETING ACTIVITIES, TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE GRAMMY® MUSEUM MISSISSIPPI, AND TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO MISSISSIPPI MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Becky Currie

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Dennis DeBar, Jr.

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hopkins, McCarty, Owen, Walker. Total-5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2444: ARPA programs; revise provisions related to certain programs.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2444: ARPA programs; bring forward provisions related to for possible amendment.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 49-2-131, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-2-131. (1) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022."

(2) There is hereby established within the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure (MCWI) Grant Program under which municipalities, counties and certain public utilities not regulated by the Public Service Commission may apply until February 1, 2023, for

reimbursable grants to make necessary investments in water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure to be funded by the Legislature utilizing Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds made available under the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). Such grants shall be made available to municipalities and counties to be matched with the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds awarded or to be awarded to them under ARPA on a one-to-one matching basis. Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds that a county transfers to a municipality or that a county or municipality transfers to a public utility not regulated by the Public Service Commission are eligible on a one-to-one matching basis. Municipalities that received less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in the total allocation of Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds are eligible for a two-to-one match only on the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds awarded or to be awarded to them under ARPA. * * * The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality shall only accept two (2) rounds of submissions under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure (MCWI) Grant Program. The second round of submissions shall be the final round. The dollar amount for professional fees that can be allocated as a part of a county's, municipality's or public utility's matching share is not to exceed four percent (4%) of the total project cost.

(3) For purposes of this section, unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed herein:

(a) "MCWI Grant Program" means the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program.

(b) "ARPA" means the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, which amends Title VI of the Social Security Act.

(c) "State Recovery Funds" means Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds awarded through Section 602 of Title VI of the Social Security Act amended by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2.

(d) "Local Recovery Funds" means Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds awarded through Section 603 of Title VI of the Social Security Act amended by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2.

(e) "Department" means the Department of Environmental Quality.

(f) "Professional fees" means fees for the services of attorneys and engineering, surveying, and environmental studies.

(g) "Project" means the infrastructure improvements defined in an application that (i) complies with all requirements of ARPA, and (ii) is eligible for a grant award under this section.

(4) (a) On or before July 1, 2022, the Department of Environmental Quality shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to administer the MCWI Grant Program prescribed under this section, including application procedures and deadlines. The department is exempt from compliance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law in fulfilling the requirements of this section.

(b) The Department of Health shall advise the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality regarding all such rules and regulations as related to the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

(5) Funding under the MCWI Grant Program shall be allocated to projects certified by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality as eligible for federal funding, including, but not be limited to, the following:

(a) Construction of publicly owned treatment works;

(b) Projects pursuant to the implementation of a nonpoint source pollution management program established under the Clean Water Act (CWA);

(c) Decentralized wastewater treatment systems that treat municipal wastewater or domestic sewage;

(d) Management and treatment of stormwater or subsurface drainage water;

(e) Water conservation, efficiency, or reuse measures;

(f) Development and implementation of a conservation and management plan under the CWA;

(g) Watershed projects meeting the criteria set forth in the CWA;

(h) Energy consumption reduction for publicly owned treatment works;

(i) Reuse or recycling of wastewater, stormwater, or subsurface drainage water;

(j) Facilities to improve drinking water quality;

(k) Transmission and distribution, including improvements of water pressure or prevention of contamination in infrastructure and lead service line replacements;

(l) New sources to replace contaminated drinking water or increase drought resilience, including aquifer storage and recovery system for water storage;

(m) Storage of drinking water, such as to prevent contaminants or equalize water demands;

(n) Purchase of water systems and interconnection of systems;

(o) New community water systems;

(p) Culvert repair, resizing, and removal, replacement of storm sewers, and additional types of stormwater infrastructure;

(q) Dam and reservoir rehabilitation, if the primary purpose of dam or reservoir is for drinking water supply and project is necessary for the provision of drinking water;

(r) Broad set of lead remediation projects eligible under EPA grant programs authorized by the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act; and

(s) Any eligible drinking water, wastewater or stormwater project through ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury.

(6) The governing authority of a municipality, county or public utility that is not regulated by the Public Service Commission may submit an application for grant funds under this section if the applicant is an operator-member of Mississippi 811, Inc., as defined in Section 77-13-3. Applicants shall certify to the department that each expenditure of the funds awarded to them under this section is in compliance with ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the State Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds. Subsequent submissions will be due by the dates established by the department.

(7) An application for a grant under this section shall be submitted at such time, be in such form, and contain such information as the department prescribes. Each application for grant funds shall include the following at a minimum: (a) applicant contact information; (b) project description and type of project; (c) project map; (d) estimate of population affected by the project; (e) disadvantaged community criteria (population, median household income, unemployment, current water/sewer rates); (f) estimated project cost; (g) list of match funds of direct Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds received and to be received from the federal government, a certification that such funds have been or will be used for the project detailed in the application, and documentation of commitment; (h) estimated project schedule and readiness to proceed; (i) engineering services agreement; (j) engineering reports; and (k) information about status of obtaining any required permits.

(8) The department must apply a system for use in ranking the grant applications received, unless the Legislature funds all eligible grant requests under the program. When applying the ranking system, the department shall apply a greater weight to projects that have approved engineering/design, plans and permits if the department has deemed the project is ready to begin construction within six (6) months. Projects that are included on the municipal or county engineer's approved list and provide applicable supporting documentation shall receive additional consideration awarded to the application. The ranking system shall include the following factors, at a minimum: (a) the environmental impact of the proposed project; (b) the proposed project's ability to address noncompliance with state/federal requirements; (c) the extent to which the project promotes economic development; (d) the number of people served by the project and the number of communities the project serves; (e) impacts of the proposed project on disadvantaged/overburdened communities; (f) the grant applicant's prior efforts to secure

funding to address the proposed project's objectives; (g) the grant applicant's proposed contribution of other funds or in-kind cost-sharing to the proposed project; (h) the grant applicant's long-term plans for the financial and physical operation and maintenance of the project; (i) the grant applicant's capacity to initiate construction in a timely manner and complete the proposed project by the deadline specified by the United States Department of Treasury rules for ARPA funds; (j) the extent to which the project benefits multiple political subdivisions in a regional manner; (k) the project's ability to enhance public service infrastructure, including transportation and emergency access; and (l) any other factors as determined by the department.

(9) The grant program shall include a specific emphasis on addressing the needs of an economically disadvantaged community, including providing safe, reliable drinking water in areas that lack infrastructure, providing sewage treatment capacity in unsewered areas and providing regional development of infrastructure to serve multiple communities.

(10) Applications shall be reviewed and scored as they are received, unless the Legislature funds all eligible grant requests under the program. The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality shall certify whether each project submitted is a "necessary investment" in water, wastewater, or stormwater infrastructure as defined in the American Rescue Plan Act and all applicable guidance issued by the United States Department of the Treasury. The Department of Environmental Quality shall review the lists of recommended water infrastructure projects and issue its list of recommended projects to the Mississippi Department of Health for its advice. Grant agreements shall be executed between the recipient and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality. All final awards shall be determined at the discretion of the executive director of the department. Any funds awarded to the City of Jackson under this section shall be deposited in the Capital City Water/Sewer Projects Fund of the State Treasury. Funds shall be obligated to a grantee upon the execution of a grant agreement between the department and the approved applicant. Funds shall be made available to a grantee when the department obtains the necessary support for reimbursement. The department is authorized to conduct additional rounds of grants as needed; however, in the first round no more than forty percent (40%) of the total funds appropriated for each grant program may be awarded by the department, and the remaining funds may be awarded in the * * * final round which shall occur no later than six (6) months from the previous round. To ensure equitable treatment between the categories of projects, no less than twenty percent (20%) awarded under this section shall be allocated to each of the three (3) categories of drinking water projects, wastewater projects and stormwater projects. In * * * the final round, any funds not requested may be allocated to any category.

(11) Grant funds shall be used prospectively; however, grant funds may be used to reimburse expenses incurred before the enactment of this program if the costs are adequately documented and comply with applicable ARPA guidelines. An applicant must agree to obtain all necessary state and federal permits and follow all state bidding and contracting laws and fiscally sound practices in the administration of the funds.

(12) (a) Monies must be disbursed under this section in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund, established by the American Rescue Plan of 2021.

(b) The use of funds allocated under this program shall be subject to audit by the United States Department of the Treasury's Office of Inspector General and the Mississippi Office of the State Auditor. Each person receiving funds under these programs found to be fully or partially noncompliant with the requirements in this section shall return to the state all or a portion of the funds received.

(13) The department shall submit to the Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, House and Senate Appropriations Chairmen, and the Legislative Budget Office quarterly reports and annual reports that are due by the dates established in the Compliance and Reporting Guidance by the United States Department of Treasury. The reports shall contain the applications received, the score of the applications, the amount of grant funds awarded to each applicant, the amount of grant funds expended by each applicant, and status of each applicant's project. The score of the applications is not

required if the award was provided in the final round of grants and the Legislature provided the total amount of funds for all eligible grant requests.

(14) Grant funds shall be available under this section through December 31, 2026, or on the date of the fund expenditure deadline provided by the federal government, whichever occurs later. Each grant recipient shall certify for any project for which a grant is awarded that if the project is not completed by December 31, 2026, and the United States Congress does not enact an extension of the deadline on the availability of ARPA funds, then the grant recipient will complete the project through other funds.

(15) The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality may retain an amount not to exceed five percent (5%) of the total funds allocated to the program to defray administrative costs.

(16) The department shall be exempt from provisions of the Public Procurement Review Board for any requirements of personal or professional service contracts or the pre-approval of the solicitation for such contracts used in the execution of its responsibilities under this section. This subsection shall stand repealed on January 1, 2026.

(17) The provisions of this section shall stand repealed on January 1, 2027.

SECTION 2. Section 41-3-16.1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-3-16.1. (1) (a) The State Department of Health (department) shall establish a grant program to be known as the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program (program) to assist rural water associations and entities in the construction of eligible drinking water infrastructure projects as provided in the Final Rule for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as established by the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

(b) Rural water associations and any entity that received funding under the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program or the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure (MCWI) Grant Program before the date of passage of this act shall be ineligible for additional grants under this section.

(2) The program shall be funded from appropriations by the Legislature to the department from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund, and the department shall expend all such funds for the purposes provided in subsection (1) of this section. * * *

(3) The department shall obligate the funds by the deadline set by the rules and guidelines of the United States Department of the Treasury and will adhere to the Treasury's rules and guidelines for reporting and monitoring projects funded through ARPA.

(4) (a) The department shall develop a system for use in ranking the grant applications received. The ranking system shall include the following factors, at a minimum: (a) the environmental impact of the proposed project; (b) the proposed project's ability to address noncompliance with state/federal requirements; (c) the extent to which the project promotes economic development; (d) the number of people served by the project (both new and existing users); (e) impacts of the proposed project on disadvantaged/ overburdened communities; (f) the grant applicant's prior efforts to secure funding to address the proposed project's objectives; (g) the grant applicant's proposed contribution of other funds or in-kind cost-sharing to the proposed project; (h) the grant applicant's long-term plans for the financial and physical operation and maintenance of the project; and (i) the grant applicant's capacity to initiate construction in a timely manner and complete the proposed project by the deadline specified by rules and guidelines of the United States Department of the Treasury for ARPA funds.

(b) For the second round of grant awards, the department shall apply a greater weight to grant applications that promote consolidation of separate systems. In order to receive the additional weight, the systems that will consolidate shall be in a proximity of each other as determined by the department.

(c) In addition to the points awarded under paragraph (b) of this subsection, an additional ten (10) points shall be added to any application with at least one (1) system that has consolidated after January 1, 2018, and before application to this program and is otherwise eligible under this section.

(5) An application for a grant under this section shall be submitted at such time, be in such form, and contain such information as the department prescribes.

(6) (a) Upon the approval of an application for a grant under this section, the department shall enter into a project grant agreement with each grantee to establish the terms of the grant for the project, including the amount of the grant.

(b) (i) For the first award of grants, the maximum amount of funds that may be provided to any rural water association or entity from all grants under the program is Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00).

(ii) For the second round of grant awards, the maximum amount of funds that may be provided to any eligible association or entity from all grants under the program is Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00).

(c) Associations or entities that received funding under the first round of grant awards for this program or received funding in the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 are ineligible to receive funding under the second round.

(7) The department shall have all powers necessary to implement and administer the program. Of the funds appropriated to the department for the program, not more than five percent (5%) may be used by the department to cover the department's costs of administering the program.

(8) In carrying out its responsibilities under the program, for any contract under the purview of the Public Procurement Review Board (PPRB), the department shall be exempt from any requirement that the PPRB approve any personal or professional services contracts or pre-approve any solicitation of such contracts. This subsection shall stand repealed on July 1, 2026.

(9) The department shall submit an annual report regarding the program no later than December 31 of each year to the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House, and the Chairmen of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees.

(10) For the purposes of this section, "entity" means:

(a) Any entity operating as a rural water association, regardless of whether such entities were user created, were initially organized not for profit, or have been granted tax-exempt status under state or federal law.

(b) Any nonprofit water or sewer provider not owned by the municipality or county and are not a Rural Water Association.

(c) Any entity eligible under this program shall be currently operating as a not-for-profit entity.

(d) "Entity" under this subsection does not include any state agency. No state agency shall be eligible under this program.

SECTION 3. Section 57-123-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-123-11. (1) The Department of Finance and Administration shall establish a program for the purpose of providing funds to Mississippi Main Street Association as provided in this section. Monies disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration under this section shall be disbursed in compliance with all requirements and/or conditions on funds appropriated from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund for the program established under this section.

(a) For the first round of grants, the Department of Finance and Administration shall disburse funds under this section to Mississippi Main Street Association to be used for the purpose of making revitalization grants to Mississippi communities as follows:

2020 population	Number of communities	Grant amount	Total grants
More than 25,000	8	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00
Not more than 25,000	40	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 4,000,000.00
Total			\$ 5,000,000.00

(b) For the second round of grants, the Department of Finance and Administration shall disburse funds under this section to Mississippi Main Street Association to be used for the purpose of making revitalization grants to Mississippi communities as follows:

2020 Population	Number of Communities	Grant Amount	Total Grants
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More than 25,000	8	\$ 68,000.00	\$ 544,000.00
Not more than 25,000	40	\$ 61,400.00	\$ 2,456,000.00
Total			\$ 3,000,000.00

(2) The Department of Finance and Administration shall have all powers necessary for the implementation of this section.

SECTION 4. Section 45-2-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

45-2-41. (1) There is created the "Mississippi Law Enforcement and Fire Fighters Premium Pay Program," which shall be administered by the Department of Public Safety to provide premium pay to those law enforcement officers and firefighters in the State of Mississippi as provided for in subsection (2) of this section. Monies disbursed by the Department of Public Safety under this section shall be disbursed in compliance with all requirements and/or conditions on funds appropriated from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund for the program established under this section.

(2) The program shall be funded from monies appropriated by the Legislature from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund for that purpose. The Department of Public Safety shall distribute the monies for the program in accordance with the following:

(a) One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of premium pay shall be paid to each eligible individual, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (d) of this subsection (2).

(b) Eligible individuals are all certified, full-time and part-time law enforcement officers and certified, full-time and part-time firefighters who are serving in the State of Mississippi on July 1, 2022, except those excluded under paragraph (c) of this subsection (2). If a person is an eligible individual in more than one (1) position covered under this paragraph, that person shall only be eligible for one (1) payment of premium pay under paragraph (a) of this subsection.

(c) Any law enforcement officer who received hazard pay from the Governor's discretionary funds authorized by the Legislature from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act is not eligible to receive monies under this section.

(d) (i) Any law enforcement officer or firefighter who received One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or more of premium pay from the county, municipality or other governmental entity that employed them from funds received under the federal American Rescue Plan Act is not eligible to receive monies under this section.

(ii) Any law enforcement officer or firefighter who received less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of premium pay from the county, municipality or other governmental entity that employed the officer or firefighter from funds received under the federal American Rescue Plan Act is eligible to receive from the monies under this section the difference between the amount of premium pay received from their employer and One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

(**e) The department also shall distribute monies to counties, municipalities and other governmental entities that, before July 1, 2022, paid premium pay to law enforcement officers and firefighters employed by them from funds received under the federal American Rescue Plan Act, to reimburse those governmental entities for not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of the amount of premium pay that the governmental entity paid to each recipient.

SECTION 5. Section 25-3-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

25-3-25. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (2) through (**12) of this section, the salaries of sheriffs of the various counties are fixed as full compensation for their services.

The annual salary for each sheriff shall be based upon the total population of his county according to the latest federal decennial census in the following categories and for the following amounts; however, no sheriff shall be paid less than the salary authorized under this section to be paid the sheriff based upon the population of the county according to the most recent federal decennial census:

(a) For counties with a total population of more than one hundred thousand (100,000), a salary of One Hundred Four Thousand Dollars (\$104,000.00).

(b) For counties with a total population of more than forty-four thousand (44,000) and not more than one hundred thousand (100,000), a salary of Ninety-five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000.00).

(c) For counties with a total population of more than thirty thousand (30,000) and not more than forty-four thousand (44,000), a salary of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00).

(d) For counties with a total population of more than twelve thousand five hundred (12,500) and not more than thirty thousand (30,000), a salary of Eighty-five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000.00).

(e) For counties with a total population of not more than twelve thousand five hundred (12,500), a salary of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00).

(2) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1) of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Leflore County, in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such county for the following reasons:

(a) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates and maintains a restitution center within the county;

(b) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates and maintains a community work center within the county;

(c) There is a resident circuit court judge in the county whose office is located at the Leflore County Courthouse;

(d) There is a resident chancery court judge in the county whose office is located at the Leflore County Courthouse;

(e) The Magistrate for the Fourth Circuit Court District is located in the county and maintains his office at the Leflore County Courthouse;

(f) The Region VI Mental Health-Mental Retardation Center, which serves a multicounty area, calls upon the sheriff to provide security for out-of-town mental patients, as well as patients from within the county;

(g) The increased activity of the Child Support Division of the Department of Human Services in enforcing in the courts parental obligations has imposed additional duties on the sheriff; and

(h) The dispatchers of the enhanced E-911 system in place in Leflore County have been placed under the direction and control of the sheriff.

(3) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1) of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Rankin County, in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such county for the following reasons:

(a) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates and maintains the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility within the county;

(b) The State Hospital is operated and maintained within the county at Whitfield;

(c) Hudspeth Regional Center, a facility maintained for the care and treatment of persons with an intellectual disability, is located within the county;

(d) The Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Training Academy is operated and maintained within the county;

(e) The State Fire Academy is operated and maintained within the county;

(f) The Pearl River Valley Water Supply District, ordinarily known as the "Reservoir District," is located within the county;

(g) The Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport is located within the county;

(h) The patrolling of the state properties located within the county has imposed additional duties on the sheriff; and

(i) The sheriff, in addition to providing security to the nearly one hundred thousand (100,000) residents of the county, has the duty to investigate, solve and assist in the prosecution of any misdemeanor or felony committed upon any state property located in Rankin County.

(4) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1) of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County shall pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county an amount equal to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

(5) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1) of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Tunica County, in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county an amount equal to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), payable beginning April 1, 1997.

(6) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1) of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Hinds County shall pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county in an amount equal to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such county for the following reasons:

(a) Hinds County has the greatest population of any county, two hundred fifty-four thousand four hundred forty-one (254,441) by the 1990 census, being almost one hundred thousand (100,000) more than the next most populous county;

(b) Hinds County is home to the State Capitol and the seat of all state government offices;

(c) Hinds County is the third largest county in geographic area, containing eight hundred seventy-five (875) square miles;

(d) Hinds County is comprised of two (2) judicial districts, each having a courthouse and county office buildings;

(e) There are four (4) resident circuit judges, four (4) resident chancery judges, and three (3) resident county judges in Hinds County, the most of any county, with the sheriff acting as chief executive officer and provider of bailiff services for all;

(f) The main offices for the clerk and most of the judges and magistrates for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi are located within the county;

(g) The state's only urban university, Jackson State University, is located within the county;

(h) The University of Mississippi Medical Center, combining the medical school, dental school, nursing school and hospital, is located within the county;

(i) Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium, the state's largest sports arena, is located within the county;

(j) The Mississippi State Fairgrounds, including the Coliseum and Trade Mart, are located within the county;

(k) Hinds County has the largest criminal population in the state, such that the Hinds County Sheriff's Department operates the largest county jail system in the state, housing almost one thousand (1,000) inmates in three (3) separate detention facilities;

(l) The Hinds County Sheriff's Department handles more mental and drug and alcohol commitment cases than any other sheriff's department in the state;

(m) The Mississippi Department of Corrections maintains a restitution center within the county;

(n) The Mississippi Department of Corrections regularly houses as many as one hundred (100) state convicts within the Hinds County jail system; and

(o) The Hinds County Sheriff's Department is regularly asked to provide security services not only at the Fairgrounds and Memorial Stadium, but also for events at the Mississippi Museum of Art and Jackson City Auditorium.

(7) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1) of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Wilkinson County, in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such county because the Mississippi Department of Corrections contracts for the private incarceration of state inmates at a private correctional facility within the county.

(8) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1) of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Marshall County, in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

The Legislature finds and declares that the annual supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such county because the Mississippi Department of Corrections contracts for the private incarceration of state inmates at a private correctional facility within the county.

(9) In addition to the salary provided in subsection (1) of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Greene County, in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such county for the following reasons:

(a) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates and maintains the South Mississippi Correctional Facility within the county;

(b) In 1996, additional facilities to house another one thousand four hundred sixteen (1,416) male offenders were constructed at the South Mississippi Correctional Facility within the county; and

(c) The patrolling of the state properties located within the county has imposed additional duties on the sheriff justifying additional compensation.

(10) In addition to the salary provided in subsection (1) of this section, the board of supervisors of any county, in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). The amount of the supplement shall be spread on the minutes of the board. The annual supplement authorized in this subsection shall not be in addition to the annual supplements authorized in subsections (2) through (9).

(11) In addition to the salary provided in subsection (1) and the supplements authorized in subsections (2) through (10), the board of supervisors of any county, in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to the sheriff of any county in which a juvenile detention center is located. The amount of the supplement shall be spread on the minutes of the board.

(12) In addition to the salary provided in subsection (1) of this section and any supplements authorized in subsections (2) through (11) of this section, a sheriff may receive the premium pay provided for in Section 45-2-41 as part of the sheriff's compensation.

(** *13) (a) The salaries provided in this section shall be payable monthly on the first day of each calendar month by chancery clerk's warrant drawn on the general fund of the county; however, the board of supervisors, by resolution duly adopted and entered on its minutes, may provide that such salaries shall be paid semimonthly on the first and fifteenth day of each month. If a pay date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, salary payments shall be made on the workday immediately preceding the weekend or legal holiday.

(b) At least Ten Dollars (\$10.00) from each fee collected and deposited into the county's general fund under the provisions of paragraphs (a), (c) and (g) of subsection (1) of Section 25-7-19 shall be used for the sheriffs' salaries authorized in Section 25-3-25; as such Ten Dollar (\$10.00) amount was authorized during the 2007 Regular Session in Chapter 331, Laws of 2007, for the purpose of providing additional monies to the counties for sheriffs' salaries.

(** *14) (a) All sheriffs, each year, shall attend twenty (20) hours of continuing education courses in law enforcement. Such courses shall be approved by the Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement * * * Officer Standards and Training. Such education courses may be provided by an accredited law enforcement academy or by the Mississippi Sheriffs' Association.

(b) The Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement * * * Officer Standards and Training shall reimburse each county for the expenses incurred by sheriffs and deputy sheriffs for attendance at any approved training programs as required by this subsection.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-2-131, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE PROVISION OF LAW GOVERNING THE MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPALITY AND COUNTY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 41-3-16.1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE PROVISION OF LAW GOVERNING THE ARPA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 57-123-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE PROVISION OF LAW GOVERNING THE MISSISSIPPI MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION; TO AMEND SECTION 45-2-41, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE PROVISION OF LAW GOVERNING THE MISSISSIPPI LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRE FIGHTERS PREMIUM PAY PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE PROVISION CONCERNING A SHERIFF'S ABILITY TO RECEIVE PREMIUM PAY AS PART OF THE SHERIFF'S COMPENSATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Kevin Blackwell
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Angela Cockerham

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hopkins, McCarty, Owen, Walker. Total-5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Ford (54th) called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 521: Length of Service Award Program; authorize for the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 521: Length of Service Award Program; authorize for the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) The Mississippi Insurance Department shall establish the Mississippi Length-of-Service Award Program (LOSAP) for the recruitment and the retention of volunteer firefighters. Such program shall provide paid Length-of-Service Awards to eligible volunteer firefighters and shall be open to all Mississippi volunteer fire department members.

(2) The following words and phrases shall have the meanings as defined in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Length-of-Service Award Program" means a program to provide paid length-of-service awards to eligible volunteer firefighters.

(b) "Eligible volunteer firefighter" means a bona fide volunteer firefighter who is registered with the State of Mississippi or a political subdivision thereof and is an active part-time or on-call member of a volunteer fire department or a volunteer firefighter. Eligible volunteer firefighter shall not include full-time firefighters or career firefighters unless such firefighters are also active eligible volunteer firefighters when they are not acting as full-time or career firefighters and meet all other required qualifications as provided by the Mississippi Length-of-Service Award Program Board of Trustees in collaboration with the Mississippi Insurance Department.

(c) "Defined contribution" means the predefined contribution that the Mississippi Length-of-Service Award Program Board of Trustees in collaboration with the Mississippi Insurance Department establishes as a yearly contribution to an eligible volunteer firefighter's LOSAP account.

(3) (a) The LOSAP shall be administered by the Mississippi Length-of-Service Award Program Board of Trustees, which shall be comprised of the following members:

- (i) The Commissioner of Insurance, or his or her designee;
- (ii) The State Fire Coordinator, or his or her designee;
- (iii) The State Treasurer, or his or her designee;
- (iv) One (1) member from the state at large appointed by

the Governor; and

- (v) One (1) member from the state at large appointed by

the Lieutenant Governor.

(b) The LOSAP Board of Trustees, in collaboration with the Mississippi Insurance Department, shall have the following powers and duties:

(i) Establish a points system to be awarded to volunteer firefighters for their performance of certain activities as determined by the board and award LOSAP service credit based upon that points system;

(ii) Create a list of the activities that points will be awarded for. Such list shall include, at a minimum, the number of emergency and nonemergency calls responded to by the volunteer member; the activities and training of each member as determined on an annual basis; and the volunteer fire department members eligible time to be considered as an active member of the department before the establishment of the LOSAP on July 1, 2023;

(iii) Determine the annual contribution to each volunteer's LOSAP account; and

(iv) Promulgate any rules and regulations as necessary to implement the provisions of this section. All such rules and regulations shall be in compliance with Section 457(e)(11) of the United States Internal Revenue Code.

(4) There is hereby created in the State Treasury a special fund to be known as the "Mississippi Volunteer Firefighter Length-of-Service Awards Program Fund" (LOSAP Fund) to be maintained by the State Treasurer. The Treasurer of the State of Mississippi may invest the monies deposited in the special fund. The amounts to be invested shall be determined by the Treasurer and shall be in the approximate amount of the total monies deposited in said special fund less the anticipated withdrawals and disbursements from the Mississippi Length-of-Service Award Program to be made within the following ninety-day period. Such funds shall be invested by said Treasurer in short-term bonds, Treasury Bills, or other direct obligations of the United States of America, or any national or state banks in the State of Mississippi. Monies in the fund

shall first be used for the purpose of providing retirement benefits as a defined contribution to volunteer firefighters for the purpose of recruiting and retaining volunteer firefighters as provided in this section. Any other unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

(5) The Mississippi Insurance Department shall notify the Mississippi Length-of-Service Award Program Board of Trustees and the State Fire Marshal of any volunteer fire department member that is ineligible to receive LOSAP funds due to the member or department's failure to file required documentation or financial reports or failure to comply with an audit or review by the Mississippi Insurance Department. A volunteer fire department member or department reported by the Mississippi Insurance Department shall be ineligible to receive funds under this section until the Mississippi Insurance Department notifies the Mississippi Length-of-Service Award Program Board of Trustees and the State Fire Marshal that the volunteer member or department has come into compliance.

(6) A member of the Mississippi Length-of-Service Award Program may receive the funds allocated on their behalf to the program upon their withdrawal from the program.

(7) The Mississippi Length-of-Service Award Program may allocate a maximum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) in yearly defined contributions to each member's LOSAP account.

(8) The provisions of this section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI INSURANCE DEPARTMENT TO CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP) FOR THE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE PAID LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARDS TO ELIGIBLE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS; TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE LOSAP SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE MISSISSIPPI LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND TO PROVIDE THE MEMBERS WHO WILL SERVE ON THE BOARD; TO PROVIDE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE LOSAP BOARD OF TRUSTEES; TO CREATE THE "MISSISSIPPI VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM FUND" (LOSAP FUND) MAINTAINED BY THE STATE TREASURER AND TO PROVIDE WHAT MONIES IN THE FUND MAY BE USED FOR; TO PROVIDE THAT THE MISSISSIPPI INSURANCE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL AND THE LOSAP BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ANY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBER WHO IS INELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE LOSAP FUNDS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Henry Zuber III, Kevin Ford, Charles Busby

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: J. Walter Michel, Michael McLendon, W. Briggs Hopson III

On motion of Rep. Ford (54th) the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb,

Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hopkins, McCarty, Owen, Walker. Total-5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Felsher called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1318: Baby drop-off and safe haven; revise provisions that regulate.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1318: Baby drop-off and safe haven; revise provisions that regulate.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 43-15-201, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-15-201. (1) An emergency medical services provider, without a court order, shall take possession of a child who is * * * forty-five (45) days old or younger if the child is voluntarily:

(a) Delivered to the provider;

(b) Placed in a baby safety device that is sponsored by an emergency medical services provider and meets the requirements described in subsection (2) of this section by the child's parent and the parent did not express an intent to return for the child * * *;

(c) Delivered to an emergency medical services provider in response to an emergency call from the parent who expressed an intent to surrender the child to the law enforcement officer or emergency medical services provider and expressed an intent to not return for the child; or

(d) A person designated by the parent.

(2) For purposes of this chapter, the term "baby safety. device" shall meet all of the following specifications:

(a) Designed to permit a parent to anonymously place an infant in a climate controlled device with the intent to leave the infant for an emergency medical services provider to remove the infant from the device and take custody of the infant;

(b) Installed in a conspicuous location with an adequate dual alarm system connected to the physical location where the device is installed. The dual alarm system must be:

(i) Tested at least once per week to ensure the alarm system is in working order; and

(ii) Visually checked at least twice per day to ensure the alarm system is in working order; and

(iii) Approved by and located inside a participating emergency medical services provider that is:

1. Licensed or otherwise legally operating in this state; and

2. Staffed continuously on a twenty-four-hour basis, seven (7) days a week and three hundred sixty-five (365) days a year.

(c) Installed by a contractor licensed by the State of Mississippi.

(d) The supporting frame of the device is anchored to prevent movement of the unit as a whole.

(3) An adoption agency duly licensed by the Department of Child Protection Services shall be prohibited from installing and maintaining a baby safety device.

(** *4) The parent or a person designated by the parent who surrenders the baby shall not be required to provide any information pertaining to his or her identity, nor shall the emergency medical services provider inquire as to same. If the identity of the parent or a person designated by the parent is known to the emergency medical services provider, the emergency medical services provider shall keep the identity confidential.

(** *5) A female presenting herself to a hospital through the emergency room or otherwise, who is subsequently admitted for purposes of labor and delivery, does not give up the legal protections or anonymity guaranteed under this section. If the mother clearly expresses a desire to voluntarily surrender custody of the newborn after birth, the emergency medical services provider can take possession of the child, without further action by the mother, as if the child had been presented to the emergency medical services provider in the same manner outlined above in subsection (1) of this section.

(a) If the mother expresses a desire to remain anonymous, identifying information may be obtained for purposes of securing payment of labor and delivery costs only. If the birth mother is a minor, the hospital may use the identifying information to secure payment through Medicaid, but shall not notify the minor's parent or guardian without the minor's consent.

(b) The identity of the birth mother shall not be placed on the birth certificate or disclosed to the ** * any state or local agency or any other person.

(** *6) An emergency medical services provider who takes possession of a child under this section shall perform any act necessary to protect the physical health or safety of the child. No court order or other legal document shall be required in order for the emergency medical services provider to take possession of a child whose parent surrenders custody under the provisions of this act.

SECTION 2. Section 43-15-203, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-15-203. (1) No later than the close of the first business day after the date on which an emergency medical services provider takes possession of a child pursuant to Section 43-15-201, the provider shall notify the Department of ** * Child Protection Services that the provider has taken possession of the child.

(2) The department shall assume the care, control and custody of the child immediately on receipt of notice pursuant to subsection (1). The department shall be responsible for all medical and other costs associated with the child and shall reimburse the hospital for any costs incurred prior to the child being placed in the care of the department.

(3) (a) Immediately after assuming legal custody of the infant, the department shall contact the local law enforcement agency in the municipality or county in which the infant was surrendered and the Department of Public Safety to determine whether the infant is a missing child in this state or another state. If the department determines that the infant is a missing child, then the department shall perform its due diligence to reunite the infant with his or her family.

(b) A law enforcement agency that is contacted under the provisions of this subsection shall investigate whether the child is reported as missing.

(c) For purposes of this subsection (3), the term "missing child" means person under the age of eighteen (18) reported to police or by police as someone whose whereabouts are unknown for any reason.

SECTION 3. Section 43-15-205, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-15-205. It shall be an absolute affirmative defense to prosecution under Sections 97-5-1, 97-5-3 and 97-5-39 if the parent or a person designated by the parent voluntarily delivers the child unharmed to an emergency medical services provider pursuant to * * * this act.

SECTION 4. Section 43-15-207, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-15-207. For the purposes of this article, * * * the following words shall have the meanings described herein:

(a) "Emergency medical services provider" * * * means a licensed hospital, as defined in Section 41-9-3, which operates an emergency department, an adoption agency duly licensed by the Department of * * * Child Protection Services, any county or municipality that sponsors a baby safety device that meets the requirements of this act, state or local law enforcement agency or fire station or mobile ambulance staffed with full-time firefighters, emergency medical technicians or paramedics. An emergency medical services provider does not include the offices, clinics, surgeries or treatment facilities of private physicians or dentists. No individual licensed healthcare provider, including physicians, dentists, nurses, physician assistants or other health professionals shall be deemed to be an emergency medical services provider under this article unless such individual voluntarily assumes responsibility for the custody of the child.

(b) "Surrender" or "Surrenders" means the action of a parent in leaving an infant on the premises of an emergency medical services provider, with a facility employee or member of the professional medical community at the facility, or in a newborn safety device, without expressing an intention to return for the infant.

SECTION 5. Section 43-15-209, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-15-209. A person * * *, entity, county or municipality taking possession of a child under the provisions of this article shall be immune from liability for any civil action arising out of any act or omission resulting from taking possession of the child unless the act or omission was the result of the person's or entity's gross negligence or willful misconduct or failure to meet any other requirements of this act.

SECTION 6. The following shall be codified as Section 43-15-211, Mississippi Code of 1972:

43-15-211. (1) Any emergency services provider that installs a baby safety device shall post signage that is approved by the Department of Child Protection Services at the site of the device that clearly identifies the device and provides both written and pictorial instruction to the surrendering parent to open the access door, place the infant inside the device, and close the access door to engage the lock. The signage shall also clearly indicate all of the following:

(a) The maximum age of an infant who may be relinquished in accordance with this chapter.

(b) That the infant must not have been previously subjected to abuse or neglect.

(c) That by placing an infant in the newborn safety device, a parent is foregoing all parental responsibilities with respect to the infant and is giving consent for the state to take custody of the infant.

SECTION 7. Section 93-15-103, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

93-15-103. For purposes of this chapter, unless a different meaning is plainly expressed by the context, the following definitions apply:

(a) "Abandonment" means any conduct by the parent, whether consisting of a single incident or actions over an extended period of time, that evinces a settled purpose to relinquish all parental claims and responsibilities to the child. Abandonment may be established by showing:

(i) For a child who is under three (3) years of age on the date that the petition for termination of parental rights was filed, that the parent has deliberately made no contact with the child for six (6) months;

(ii) For a child who is three (3) years of age or older on the date that the petition for termination of parental rights was filed, that the parent has deliberately made no contact with the child for at least one (1) year; * * *

(iii) If the child is under six (6) years of age, that the parent has exposed the child in any highway, street, field, outhouse, or elsewhere with the intent to wholly abandon the child * * *; or

(iv) If the parent gives possession of the child to an emergency medical services provider pursuant to Sections 43-15-201 etc.

(b) "Child" means a person under eighteen (18) years of age.

(c) "Court" means the court having jurisdiction under the Mississippi Termination of Parental Rights Law.

(d) "Desertion" means:

(i) Any conduct by the parent over an extended period of time that demonstrates a willful neglect or refusal to provide for the support and maintenance of the child; or

(ii) That the parent has not demonstrated, within a reasonable period of time after the birth of the child, a full commitment to the responsibilities of parenthood.

(e) "Home" means any charitable or religious corporation or organization or the superintendent or head of the charitable or religious corporation or organization organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, any public authority to which has been granted the power to provide care for or procure the adoption of children by any Mississippi statute, and any association or institution engaged in placing children for adoption on July 1, 1955.

(f) "Interested person" means any person related to the child by consanguinity or affinity, a custodian or legal guardian of the child, a guardian ad litem representing the child's best interests, or an attorney representing the child's preferences under Rule 13 of the Uniform Rules of Youth Court Practice.

(g) "Minor parent" means any parent under twenty-one (21) years of age.

(h) "Parent" means a natural or adoptive parent of the child.

(i) "Permanency outcome" means achieving a permanent or long-term custodial arrangement for the custody and care of the child that ends the supervision of the Department of Child Protection Services.

(j) "Qualified health professional" means a licensed or certified professional who is engaged in the delivery of health services and who meets all applicable federal or state requirements to provide professional services.

(k) "Qualified mental health professional" means a person with at least a master's degree in mental health or a related field and who has either a professional license or a Department of Mental Health credential as a mental health therapist.

(l) "Reunification" means the restoration of the parent's custodial rights in providing for the safety and welfare of the child which ends the supervision of the Department of Child Protection Services.

SECTION 8. Section 93-15-109, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

93-15-109. (1) A parent may accomplish the surrender of a child to the Department of Child Protection Services or to a home by:

(a) Delivering the child to the Department of Child Protection Services or the home;

(b) Executing an affidavit of a written agreement that names the child and which vests in the Department of Child Protection Services or the home the exclusive custody, care and control of the child; and

(c) Executing a written voluntary release as set forth in Section 93-15-111(1).

(2) If a child has been surrendered to a home or other agency operating under the laws of another state, and the child is delivered into the custody of a petitioner or home within this state, the execution of consent by the nonresident home or agency shall be sufficient.

(3) A parent may accomplish the surrender of a child to an emergency medical services provider pursuant to Sections 43-15-201 etc. Nothing in this section * * * shall

be construed to limit or restrict the delivery and surrender of a child to an emergency medical services provider pursuant to * * * Section 43-15-201 * * * etc.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-15-201, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE AGE OF A CHILD THAT CAN BE DROPPED OFF UNDER THE "BABY DROP-OFF LAW"; TO AUTHORIZE A BABY TO BE DROPPED OFF IN A BABY SAFETY DEVICE SPONSORED BY AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER; TO AUTHORIZE ANY CITY OR COUNTY TO SPONSOR A BABY SAFETY DEVICE THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ACT; TO AMEND SECTIONS 43-15-203 AND 43-15-205, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES IS THE AGENCY OF CONTACT; TO AMEND SECTION 43-15-207, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF EMERGENCY SERVICES PROVIDER; TO AMEND SECTION 43-15-209, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING SECTION; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 43-15-211, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PRESCRIBE DUTIES TO INSTALL A BABY SAFETY DEVICE; TO AMEND SECTION 93-15-103, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THAT SURRENDER OF A CHILD UNDER THE "BABY DROP-OFF LAW" IS CONSIDERED ABANDONMENT FOR PURPOSES OF TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS; TO AMEND SECTION 93-15-109, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF EMERGENCY SERVICES PROVIDERS TO RECEIVE BABIES FOR PURPOSES OF TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Angela Cockerham, Kevin Felsher, Mark Tullos

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Brice Wiggins, Nicole Boyd, Jenifer B. Branning

On motion of Rep. Felsher the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hopkins, Karriem, Owen, Summers, Walker. Total-6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2382: Out-of-state lawyers; disclosure required in certain advertisements if not licensed to practice law in Mississippi.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2382: Out-of-state lawyers; required to disclose whether licensed to practice law in Mississippi in television ads.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section 73-3-38, Mississippi Code of 1972:

73-3-38. (1) If a lawyer, attorney at law, or counselor at law of another state is not licensed to practice law in Mississippi, a television or billboard advertisement of the person's legal services in any language must include in the advertisement the following: "THE PERSON APPEARING IN THIS AD IS NOT LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW IN MISSISSIPPI."

(2) (a) The notice must be of conspicuous size and duration in the visual component of an advertisement; the audio portion of an advertisement must plainly include substantially the same message. The notice must be in the languages used in the advertisement.

(b) In lieu of the disclaimer required in paragraph (a) of this subsection, the advertiser may conspicuously state in both the visual and audio components of the advertisement that the person is licensed only in the specific states in which the person is licensed to practice law.

(3) A violation of this section shall be subject to the rights and remedies as provided for by Title 75, Chapter 24, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 2. Section 75-24-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 1157, 2023 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

75-24-5. (1) Unfair methods of competition affecting commerce and unfair or deceptive trade practices in or affecting commerce are prohibited. Action may be brought under Section 75-24-5(1) only under the provisions of Section 75-24-9.

(2) Without limiting the scope of subsection (1) of this section, the following unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive trade practices or acts in the conduct of any trade or commerce are hereby prohibited:

(a) Passing off goods or services as those of another;

(b) Misrepresentation of the source, sponsorship, approval, or certification of goods or services;

(c) Misrepresentation of affiliation, connection, or association with, or certification by another;

(d) Misrepresentation of designations of geographic origin in connection with goods or services;

(e) Representing that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have or that a person has a sponsorship, approval, status, affiliation, or connection that he does not have;

(f) Representing that goods are original or new if they are reconditioned, reclaimed, used, or secondhand;

(g) Representing that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another;

(h) Disparaging the goods, services, or business of another by false or misleading representation of fact;

(i) Advertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised;

(j) Advertising goods or services with intent not to supply reasonably expectable public demand, unless the advertisement discloses a limitation of quantity;

(k) Misrepresentations of fact concerning the reasons for, existence of, or amounts of price reductions;

(l) Advertising by or on behalf of any licensed or regulated health care professional which does not specifically describe the license or qualifications of the licensed or regulated health care professional;

(m) Charging an increased premium for reinstating a motor vehicle insurance policy that was cancelled or suspended by the insured solely for the reason that he was transferred out of this state while serving in the United States Armed Forces or on active duty in the National Guard or United States Armed Forces Reserve. It is also an unfair practice for an insurer to charge an increased premium for a new motor vehicle insurance policy if the applicant for coverage or his covered dependents were previously insured with a different insurer and canceled that policy solely for the reason that he was transferred out of this state while serving in the United States Armed Forces or on active duty in the National Guard or United States Armed Forces Reserve. For purposes of determining premiums, an insurer shall consider such persons as having maintained continuous coverage. The provisions of this paragraph (m) shall apply only to such instances when the insured does not drive the vehicle during the period of cancellation or suspension of his policy * * *;

(n) Violating the provisions of Section 75-24-8; and

(o) Violating the provisions of Section 73-3-38.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 73-3-38, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROHIBIT OUT-OF-STATE ATTORNEYS FROM APPEARING IN A TELEVISION ADVERTISEMENT OFFERING THE PERFORMANCE OF LEGAL SERVICES WITHIN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; TO AMEND SECTION 75-24-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED BY HOUSE BILL NO. 1157, 2023 REGULAR SESSION, TO CONFORM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Brice Wiggins, Derrick T. Simmons, Jason Barrett
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Angela Cockerham, Thomas U. Reynolds, Karl Oliver

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eubanks, Hopkins, McCarty, Owen, Walker.
Total-6.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2384: Foster Care and Adoption Task Force; create.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2384: Foster Care and Adoption Task Force; create.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) There is hereby established the Mississippi Task Force on Foster Care and Adoption.

(2) The members of the task force are as follows:

- (a) The Chief Justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court or a designee;
- (b) The Executive Director of Child Protection Services or a designee;
- (c) The Attorney General or a designee;
- (d) The Chair of the Senate Judiciary, Division A Committee or a designee;
- (e) The Chair of the House Judiciary A Committee or a designee;
- (f) Two (2) sitting Chancery Court judges appointed by the Chief Justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court;
- (g) Two (2) sitting Youth Court judges, one (1) of whom is a County Court judge, and one (1) of whom is a Youth Court referee, appointed by the Chief Justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court;
- (h) Two (2) practicing attorneys with expertise in youth court matters and adoptions to be named by the Mississippi Board of Bar Commissioners;
- (i) A Guardian Ad Litem to be named by the Mississippi Board of Bar Commissioners;
- (j) A member of the Office of State Public Defender appointed by the State Public Defender to represent the interests of biological parents;
- (k) A person appointed by the Speaker of the House to represent the interests of foster parents;
- (l) An adult who spent time in state custody as a foster child to be appointed by the Governor;
- (m) A Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer to represent the interests of foster children to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor;
- (n) A representative from the Mississippi Association of Child Care Agencies, Inc., to be appointed by the president of the association; and
- (o) The Executive Director, or his or her designee of the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review.

(3) The members must be appointed to the task force within fifteen (15) days of the effective date of this act. Vacancies on the task force shall be filled in the manner

of the original appointment. Members are eligible for reappointment if upon reappointment they meet the qualifications required of a new appointee.

(4) The Chairpersons of the House and Senate Judiciary A Committees shall serve as co-chair of the task force. The task force must meet within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this act upon the call of the Chairpersons of the House and Senate Judiciary A Committees, and at its first meeting shall elect any officers from among its membership as it deems necessary for the efficient discharge of the task force's duties.

(5) The task force shall adopt rules and regulations governing times and places for meetings and governing the manner of conducting its business. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting any business of the task force, and a majority vote of all members present shall be required for any recommendations to the Legislature.

(6) Members of the task force shall receive a per diem in the amount provided in Section 25-3-69 for each day engaged in the business of the task force. Members of the task force other than the legislative members shall receive reimbursement for travel expenses incurred while engaged in official business of the task force in accordance with Section 25-3-41 and the legislative members of the task force shall receive the expense allowance provided for in Section 5-1-47.

(7) The Mississippi Judicial College shall provide necessary clerical support for the meetings of the task force and the preparation of the report, with assistance from the clerical and legal staff of the Mississippi House of Representatives and the Senate.

(8) The task force is authorized to apply for and accept gifts, grants, subsidies and other funds from persons, corporations, foundations, the United States government or other entities, and the receipt of any gifts, grants, subsidies and funds shall be reported and otherwise accounted for in the manner provided by law. If financial subsidies are sufficient, the task force may hire additional contract staff to support its work.

(9) The duties of the task force shall be as follows:

(a) Perform a comprehensive review and draft any necessary proposed revision of adoption statutes;

(b) Review the use of "reasonable efforts" and "diligent search" in the Child Protection Services statutes and determine whether a uniform definition is needed for each term, and, if so, to draft recommended language;

(c) Draft a definition (or examples through a nonexhaustive list) of what constitutes "compelling and extraordinary reasons why termination of parental rights would not be in the best interests of the child";

(d) Draft definitions of neglect as "willful" or "nonwillful" with a proposal for different courses of action depending on the type of neglect;

(e) Review of the Guardian Ad Litem role in the foster care system and termination of parental rights process, including the proper responsibility for payment of Guardians Ad Litem, how much they should be paid, whether more Guardians Ad Litem are needed, and whether Title IV-E funds can be used for that purpose;

(f) Review whether parent representatives should be provided, and if so, how to pay them and whether Title IV-E funds could be used to pay them;

(g) Review of the timeframes and guidelines followed once a child comes into Child Protection Services' custody and how to balance the length of these timeframes, the best interests of the child, and the interest of the biological parent(s);

(h) Review of the requirement to have concurrent permanency plans, whether this is currently taking place, and, if so, whether it is effective, and, if not effective, what needs to happen to ensure the courts and Child Protection Services are pursuing concurrent plans;

(i) Review of the requirement for a psychological assessment or evaluation for each child coming into custody, whether this is necessary in every case, and, if so, how to address the major shortage of medical providers that will be able to provide the services;

(j) Review of the diagnostic and evaluation shelters, whether the number is sufficient, and whether children are staying in these facilities too long before placement;

(k) Review of the course of action when a parent tests positive for drugs or alcohol, including when a mother tests positive for drugs during labor and delivery;

(l) Review of Title IV-E funding, whether these funds are being legally maximized, how they are being used and whether there are changes that need to be made to get the most out of these federal funds;

(m) To review laws, policies and procedures in other states;

(n) To review fatherhood initiative proposals and develop proposed policies to increase fatherhood participation of absent fathers; and

(o) Any other issues related to the Mississippi foster care system or adoption that the task force finds appropriate to address.

(10) The task force may request the assistance of the University of Mississippi School of Law and the Mississippi College School of Law, the Mississippi Judicial College, the Mississippi Administrative Office of Courts and the proper section of the Mississippi Bar Association, or any other related organization with expertise in domestic relations.

(11) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature annually not later than December 1 each year.

(12) The task force shall stand dissolved on December 1, 2023.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MISSISSIPPI TASK FORCE ON FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION; TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE TASK FORCE WILL STUDY MISSISSIPPI'S LAWS REGARDING FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION AND RELATED AREAS OF INQUIRY; TO PROVIDE FOR THE TASK FORCE TO CONDUCT ITS BUSINESS; TO REQUIRE THAT THE TASK FORCE WILL REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Brice Wiggins, Nicole Boyd, Jenifer B. Branning

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Angela Cockerham, Mark Tullos, Joey Hood

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hopkins, McCarty, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bennett called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2749: School board members; increase pay.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2749: School board members; increase pay.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 37-6-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-6-13. (1) Each person serving as a member of the school board of any school district shall receive per diem in the amount of * * * One Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$112.00) for no more than thirty-six (36) meetings of the school board during any one (1) fiscal year or, in his or her discretion, irrevocably may choose to receive as compensation for his or her services an annual salary * * *, subject to the following provisions:

(a) For a person serving as a member of the school board of a school district with less than five thousand (5,000) students enrolled in the school district, the person shall receive an annual salary of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00);

(b) For a person serving as a member of the school board of a school district with at least five thousand (5,000) students but less than ten thousand (10,000) students enrolled in the school district, the person shall receive an annual salary of not less than Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) but not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00); and

(c) For a person serving as a member of the school board of a school district with greater than ten thousand (10,000) students enrolled in the school district, the person shall receive an annual salary of not less than Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) but not more than Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00).

This choice shall remain in force for all successive terms or periods of service of that member. The receipt of the compensation shall not entitle any member of a school board to receive or be eligible for any state employee group insurance, retirement or other fringe benefits. Each member shall be reimbursed for the necessary expenses and mileage in attending meetings of the school board. In addition to the foregoing, all members may be reimbursed for mileage and actual expenses incurred in the further performance of their duties, including attendance at any mandatory school board training session or at regional and national education meetings, when such mileage and other expenses are authorized by the board prior to the date on which they occur. Detailed vouchers shall be submitted for reimbursement for all expenses authorized by this section. Such reimbursement shall be in accordance with Section 25-3-41.

Such expenses shall be paid on order of the school board by pay certificates issued by the superintendent of the school district involved against the funds available for payment of the administrative expense of the district.

(2) (a) If a member of a school board misses twenty percent (20%) or more of the meetings of the school board during a calendar year, except for absences caused by required military duty, the member must reimburse the school district that portion of the total salary paid to the member that year which is proportionate to the number of meetings missed by the member in relation to the total number of school board meetings held during that year. For purposes of this subsection, consideration may be given only to meetings of which public notice is required.

(b) Before February 1 of each year, the president of each local school board shall submit a report to the State Board of Education containing the names of any members of the school board who missed twenty percent (20%) or more of the school board meetings during the preceding calendar year.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-6-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE COMPENSATION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS BASED ON THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS' ENROLLMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Dennis DeBar, Jr., W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Richard Bennett, Kent McCarty, Jansen Owen

On motion of Rep. Bennett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hopkins, McCarty, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bennett called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1390: Abstinence education; delete repealer on school board requirement to adopt a policy on abstinence-only or abstinence-plus.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1390: Abstinence education; delete repealer on school board requirement to adopt a policy on abstinence-only or abstinence-plus.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 37-13-171, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-13-171. (1) The local school board of every public school district shall adopt a policy to implement abstinence-only or abstinence-plus education or sexual risk avoidance education into its curriculum * * *, which instruction in those subjects shall be implemented not later than the start of the * * * 2023-2024 school year or the local school board shall adopt the program which has been developed by the Mississippi Department of Human Services and the Mississippi Department of Health. The State Department of Education shall approve each district's curriculum for sex-related education and shall establish a protocol to be used by districts to provide continuity in teaching the approved curriculum in a manner that is age, grade and developmentally appropriate.

(2) Abstinence-only education shall remain the state standard for any sex-related education taught in the public schools. For purposes of this section, abstinence-only education includes any type of instruction or program which, at an appropriate age and grade:

(a) Teaches the social, psychological and health gains to be realized by abstaining from sexual activity, and the likely negative psychological and physical effects of not abstaining;

(b) Teaches the harmful consequences to the child, the child's parents and society that bearing children out of * * * marriage is likely to produce, including the health, educational, financial and other difficulties the child and his or her parents are likely to face, as well as the inappropriateness of the social and economic burden placed on others;

(c) Teaches that unwanted sexual advances are irresponsible and teaches how to reject sexual advances and how alcohol and drug use increases vulnerability to sexual advances;

(d) Teaches that abstinence from sexual activity before marriage, and fidelity within marriage, is the only certain way to avoid out-of- * * * marriage pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases and related health problems. The instruction or program may include a discussion on condoms or contraceptives, but only if that discussion includes a factual presentation of the risks and failure rates of those contraceptives. In no case shall the instruction or program include any demonstration of how condoms or other contraceptives are applied;

(e) Teaches the current state law related to sexual conduct, including forcible rape, statutory rape, paternity establishment, child support and homosexual activity; and

(f) Teaches that a mutually faithful, monogamous relationship in the context of marriage is the only appropriate setting for sexual intercourse.

(3) A program or instruction on sex-related education need not include every component listed in subsection (2) of this section for abstinence-only education. However, no program or instruction under an abstinence-only curriculum may include anything that contradicts the excluded components. For purposes of this section, abstinence-plus education includes every component listed under subsection (2) of this section that is age and grade appropriate, in addition to any other programmatic or instructional component approved by the department, which shall not include instruction and demonstrations on the application and use of condoms. Abstinence-plus education may discuss other contraceptives, the nature, causes and effects of sexually transmitted diseases, or the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS, along with a factual presentation of the risks and failure rates.

(4) Any course containing sex-related education offered in the public schools shall include instruction in either abstinence-only or abstinence-plus education.

(5) Local school districts, in their discretion, may host programs designed to teach parents how to discuss abstinence with their children.

(6) There shall be no effort in either an abstinence-only or an abstinence-plus curriculum to teach that abortion can be used to prevent the birth of a baby.

(7) At all times when sex-related education is discussed or taught, boys and girls shall be separated according to gender into different classrooms, sex-related education instruction may not be conducted when boys and girls are in the company of any students of the opposite gender.

* * *

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-13-171, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE THE REPEALER ON THE REQUIREMENT FOR SCHOOL BOARDS TO ADOPT A POLICY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ABSTINENCE-ONLY OR ABSTINENCE-PLUS EDUCATION INTO THE CURRICULUM; TO INCLUDE SEXUAL RISK AVOIDANCE EDUCATION AS AN ADDITIONAL POLICY FOR THE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS; TO MAKE NONSUBSTANTIVE CHANGES TO UPDATE ANTIQUATED LANGUAGE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Richard Bennett, Dana McLean, Lee Yancey

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Dennis DeBar, Jr., Brice Wiggins, John A. Polk

On motion of Rep. Bennett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Crawford, Criswell. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Crudup, Hopkins, McCarty, Owen, Summers, Walker. Total-7.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

At 10:36 AM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 10:48 AM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Owen called up the conference report # 3 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 400: Election crimes; revise the penalties for certain.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 400: Election crimes; revise the penalties for certain.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 97-13-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-13-3. If any person shall offer or give a gift, money, financial award, reward or other promise thereof to another for the purpose of inducing him, by any unlawful means not amounting to bribery, to procure any person to vote at any election for or against any person or measure, the person so giving or offering such reward shall, upon conviction thereof, be imprisoned in the *** State Penitentiary not more than *** three (3) years, or fined not more than *** Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

SECTION 2. Section 97-13-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-13-5. Any such manager who shall proceed to any election without having the ballot box locked and secured in the manner directed by law, or who shall open and read or consent to any other person opening and reading any ballot given him to be deposited in the box at such election, before it is put into the box, shall, upon conviction, be imprisoned in the *** State Penitentiary not more than *** three (3) years, or be fined not more than *** Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

SECTION 3. Section 97-13-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-13-7. Any manager of an election who, before the votes are counted, shall dispose of or deposit the ballot box in a manner not authorized by law, or shall, at any time after the election has begun and before the ballots are counted, give access to the ballot box with which he is entrusted to any other, shall, upon conviction, be imprisoned in the *** State Penitentiary not more than *** three (3) years, or be fined not more than *** Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

SECTION 4. Section 97-13-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-13-9. If any manager or clerk of any election shall knowingly make or consent to any false entry on the list of persons voting, or shall permit to be put in the ballot box any ballot not given by a voter, or shall take out of such box, or permit to be so taken out, any ballot deposited therein except in the manner prescribed by law, or shall, by any other act or omission, designedly destroy or change the ballots given by the electors, he shall, upon conviction, be punished by imprisonment in the State Penitentiary for a term not *** more than seven (7) years, or be fined not more than *** Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

SECTION 5. Section 97-13-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-13-35. (1) Any person who shall vote at any election, not being legally qualified, or who shall vote in more than one (1) county, or at more than one (1) place in any county or in any city, town, or village entitled to separate representation, *** or who shall vote or attempt to vote in the primary election of one (1) party when he shall have voted on the same date in the primary election of another party, shall, upon conviction, be imprisoned in the *** State Penitentiary not more than *** seven (7) years, or be fined not more than *** Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

(2) Any person who shall vote in the second primary election of one (1) party when he voted in the first primary election of another party preceding the same regular, special, or general election shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor and be

imprisoned in the county jail not more than six (6) months, or be fined not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or both.

(3) Any person who shall vote out of the district of his legal domicile shall, upon conviction, be imprisoned in the county jail not more than one (1) year, or be fined not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or both.

SECTION 6. Section 97-13-36, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-13-36. Any person who shall knowingly vote at any election in more than one (1) county or at more than one (1) place in any county, municipality or other political subdivision with the intent to have more than one (1) vote counted in any election shall be guilty of the crime of multiple voting and, upon conviction, shall be imprisoned in the State Penitentiary not more than * * * seven (7) years, or be fined not more than * * * Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or both * * *.

SECTION 7. Section 97-13-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-13-37. Whoever shall procure, or endeavor to procure, the vote of any elector, or the influence of any person over other electors, at any election, for himself or any candidate, by means of violence, threats of violence, or threats of withdrawing custom, or dealing in business or trade, or of enforcing the payment of a debt, or of bringing a suit or criminal prosecution, or by any other threat or injury to be inflicted by him, or by his means, or shall violate any provision of Section 23-15-871 or 23-15-874, shall, upon conviction, be imprisoned in the county jail not more than * * * seven (7) years, or be fined not more than * * * Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

SECTION 8. Section 97-13-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-13-43. Any person who willfully tampers with or damages any voting machine or tabulating computer or device to be used or being used at or in connection with any election or who prevents or attempts to prevent the correct operation of any voting machine or tabulating computer or device shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, be punished by imprisonment for not more than * * * fifteen (15) years, or be fined * * * Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

SECTION 9. Section 23-15-93, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-93. If any election commissioner or registrar shall refuse or neglect to perform any of the duties imposed upon him or her by this chapter regarding the registration of electors, or shall knowingly permit any person to sign a false affidavit or otherwise knowingly permit any person to violate any provision of this chapter regarding the registration of electors, or shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter regarding the registration of electors, or if any officer taking the affidavits as provided in this chapter regarding registration of electors shall make any false statement in his or her certificate thereto attached, he or she shall be deemed guilty of a crime and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding * * * Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or by imprisonment in the State Penitentiary not exceeding * * * three (3) years, or both, and shall be removed from office.

SECTION 10. Section 23-15-561, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-561. (1) It shall be unlawful during any primary or any other election for any candidate for any elective office or any representative of such candidate or any other person to publicly or privately put up or in any way offer any prize, cash award or other item of value to be raffled, drawn for, played for or contested for in order to encourage persons to vote or to refrain from voting in any election.

(2) Any person who shall violate the provisions of subsection (1) of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine in an amount not to exceed * * * Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00).

(3) Any candidate who shall violate the provisions of subsection (1) of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, in addition to the fine prescribed above, be punished by:

(a) Disqualification as a candidate in the race for the elective office;

or

(b) Removal from the elective office, if the offender has been elected thereto.

SECTION 11. Section 23-15-627, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-627. Any elector described in Section 23-15-713 may request an absentee ballot application and vote in person at the office of the registrar in the county in which he or she resides. The registrar shall be responsible for furnishing an absentee ballot application form to any elector authorized to receive an absentee ballot. Except as otherwise provided in Section 23-15-625, absentee ballot applications shall be furnished to a person only upon the oral or written request of the elector who seeks to vote by absentee ballot; however, the parent, child, spouse, sibling, legal guardian, those empowered with a power of attorney for that elector's affairs or agent of the elector, who is designated in writing and witnessed by a resident of this state who shall write his or her physical address on such designation, may orally request an absentee ballot application on behalf of the elector. The written designation shall be valid for one (1) year after the date of the designation. An absentee ballot application must have the seal of the circuit or municipal clerk affixed to it and be initialed by the registrar or his or her deputy in order to be used to obtain an absentee ballot. A reproduction of an absentee ballot application shall not be valid unless it is a reproduction provided by the office of the registrar of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held and which contains the seal and initials required by this section. Such application shall be substantially in the following form:

"OFFICIAL APPLICATION FOR ABSENT ELECTOR'S BALLOT

I, _____, duly qualified and registered in the ____ Precinct of the County of _____, and State of Mississippi, coming within the purview of the definition 'ABSENT ELECTOR' will be absent from the county of my residence on election day, or unable to vote in person because (check appropriate reason):

(PRESIDENTIAL APPLICANT ONLY:) I am currently a resident of Mississippi or have moved therefrom within thirty (30) days of the coming presidential election.

I am an enlisted or commissioned member, male or female, of any component of the United States Armed Forces and am a citizen of Mississippi, or spouse or dependent of such member.

I am a member of the Merchant Marine or the American Red Cross and am a citizen of Mississippi or spouse or dependent of such member.

I am a disabled war veteran who is a patient in any hospital and am a citizen of Mississippi or spouse or dependent of such veteran.

I am a civilian attached to and serving outside of the United States with any branch of the Armed Forces or with the Merchant Marine or American Red Cross, and am a citizen of Mississippi or spouse or dependent of such civilian.

I am a citizen of Mississippi temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States and the District of Columbia.

I am a student, teacher or administrator at a college, university, junior or community college, high, junior high, elementary or grade school, whose studies or employment at such institution necessitates my absence from the county of my voting residence or spouse or dependent of such student, teacher or administrator who maintains a common domicile outside the county of my voting residence with such student, teacher or administrator.

I will be outside the county on election day.

I have a temporary or permanent physical disability * * *.

I am sixty-five (65) years of age or older.

I am the parent, spouse or dependent of a person with a temporary or permanent physical disability who is hospitalized outside his or her county of residence or more than fifty (50) miles away from his or her residence, and I will be with such person on election day.

I am a member of the congressional delegation, or spouse or dependent of a member of the congressional delegation.

I am required to be at work on election day during the times which the polls will be open.

I hereby make application for an official ballot, or ballots, to be voted by me at the election to be held in _____, on _____.

Mail 'Absent Elector's Ballot' to me at the following address _____.

() I wish to receive an absentee ballot for the runoff election

_____.
I realize that I can be fined up to *** Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) and sentenced up to *** fifteen (15) years in the Penitentiary for making a false statement in this application and for selling my vote and violating the Mississippi Absentee Voter Law. (This sentence is to be in bold print.)

If you are temporarily or permanently disabled, you are not required to have this application notarized or signed by an official authorized to administer oaths for absentee balloting. You are required to sign this application in the proper place and have a person eighteen (18) years of age or older witness your signature and sign this application in the proper place.

DO NOT SIGN WITHOUT READING. (This sentence is to be in bold print.)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the _____ day of _____, 2____.

(Signature of absent elector)

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this the _____ day of _____, 2____.

(Official authorized to administer

oaths

for absentee balloting.)

TO BE SIGNED BY WITNESS FOR VOTERS TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY DISABLED:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this application for an absent elector's ballot was signed by the above-named elector in my presence and that I am at least eighteen (18) years of age, this the _____ day of _____, 2____.

(Signature of witness)

CERTIFICATE OF DELIVERY

I hereby certify that _____ (print name of voter) has requested that I, _____ (print name of person delivering application), deliver to the voter this absentee ballot application.

(Signature of person delivering application)

(Address of person delivering application)"

SECTION 12. Section 23-15-635, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-635. (1) The form of the elector's certificate, attesting witness certification and certificate of person providing voter assistance on the back of the envelope used by absentee voters who are not absent voters as defined in Section 23-15-673, shall be as follows:

"ELECTOR'S CERTIFICATE

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

I, _____, under penalty of perjury do solemnly swear that this envelope contains the ballot marked by me indicating my choice of the candidates or propositions to be submitted at the election to be held on the _____ day of _____, 2____, and I hereby authorize the registrar to place this envelope in the ballot box on my behalf, and I further authorize the election managers to open this envelope and place my ballot among

the other ballots cast before such ballots are counted, and record my name on the poll list as if I were present in person and voted.

I further swear that I marked the enclosed ballot in secret.

Penalties for vote fraud are up to *** seven (7) years in prison and a fine of up to *** Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00). (Miss. Code. Ann. Section 23-15-753.) Penalties for voter intimidation are *** not more than seven (7) years in jail and a fine of up to *** Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). (Miss. Code. Ann. Section 97-13-37.)

(Signature of voter)

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING WITNESS

Under penalty of perjury I affirm that the above named voter personally appeared before me, on this the ___ day of _____, 2____, and is known by me to be the person named, and who, after being duly sworn or having affirmed, subscribed the foregoing oath or affirmation. That the voter exhibited to me his or her blank ballot; that the ballot was not marked or voted before the voter exhibited the ballot to me; that the voter was not solicited or advised by me to vote for any candidate, question or issue, and that the voter, after marking his or her ballot, placed it in the envelope, closed and sealed the envelope in my presence, and signed and swore or affirmed the above certificate.

(Attesting witness)

(Address)

(Official title)

(City and State)

CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PROVIDING VOTER ASSISTANCE

(To be completed only if the voter has received assistance in marking the enclosed ballot.) I, under penalty of perjury, hereby certify that the above-named voter declared to me that he or she is blind, temporarily or permanently physically disabled, or cannot read or write, and that the voter requested that I assist the voter in marking the enclosed absentee ballot. I hereby certify that the ballot preferences on the enclosed ballot are those communicated by the voter to me, and that I have marked the enclosed ballot in accordance with the voter's instructions.

Penalties for vote fraud are up to *** seven (7) years in prison and a fine of up to *** Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00). (Miss. Code. Ann. Section 23-15-753.) Penalties for voter intimidation are *** not more than seven (7) years in jail and a fine of up to *** Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). (Miss. Code. Ann. Section 97-13-37.)

Signature of person providing assistance

Printed name of person providing assistance

Address of person providing assistance

Date and time assistance provided

Family relationship to voter (if any)"

(2) The envelope shall have printed on the flap on the back of the envelope in bold print and in a distinguishing color, the following: "YOUR VOTE WILL BE REJECTED AND NOT COUNTED IF THIS ENVELOPE IS NOT SIGNED ACROSS THE FLAP OF THIS ENVELOPE BY YOU AND AN ATTESTING WITNESS."

SECTION 13. Section 23-15-751, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-751. If any registrar or commissioner of elections shall refuse or neglect to perform any of the duties prescribed by Sections 23-15-621 through 23-15-735, or shall knowingly permit any person to sign a false affidavit or otherwise knowingly permit any person to violate Sections 23-15-621 through 23-15-735, or shall violate any of the provisions thereof, or if any officer taking the affidavits as provided in said acts shall make any false statement in his certificate thereto attached, he shall, upon conviction, be deemed guilty of a crime and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding *** Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or by imprisonment in the Penitentiary not exceeding *** three (3) years, and shall be removed from office.

SECTION 14. Section 23-15-753, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-753. (1) Any person who willfully, unlawfully and feloniously procures, seeks to procure, or seeks to influence the vote of any person voting by absentee ballot, by the payment of money, the promise of payment of money, or by the delivery of any other item of value or promise to give the voter any item of value, or by promising or giving the voter any favor or reward in an effort to influence his vote, or any person who aids, abets, assists, encourages, helps, or causes any person voting an absentee ballot to violate any provision of law pertaining to absentee voting, or any person who sells his vote for money, favor, or reward, has been paid or promised money, a reward, a favor or favors, or any other item of value, or any person who shall willfully swear falsely to any affidavit provided for in Sections 23-15-621 through 23-15-735, shall be guilty of the crime of "vote fraud" and, upon conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not *** more than *** Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or by imprisonment in the *** State Penitentiary for *** not more than *** three (3) years, or by both fine and imprisonment ***.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person who pays or compensates another person for assisting voters in marking their absentee ballots to base the pay or compensation on the number of absentee voters assisted or the number of absentee ballots cast by persons who have received the assistance. Any person who violates this section, upon conviction, shall *** be fined not *** more than *** Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00), or imprisoned in the State Penitentiary not *** more than *** seven (7) years, or both.

SECTION 15. Any person who shall deny a person the right to vote for a reason that is not provided in law shall be deemed guilty of a crime and punished by a fine not exceeding Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or by imprisonment in the Department of Corrections not exceeding ten (10) years, or both.

SECTION 16. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 97-13-3, 97-13-5, 97-13-7, 97-13-9, 97-13-35, 97-13-36, 97-13-37, 97-13-43, 23-15-93, 23-15-561, 23-15-627, 23-15-635, 23-15-751 AND 23-15-753, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE PENALTIES FOR COMMITTING CERTAIN ELECTION CRIMES; TO CREATE A NEW SECTION OF LAW TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PERSON WHO SHALL DENY A PERSON THE RIGHT TO VOTE SHALL BE DEEMED GUILTY OF A CRIME; TO PROVIDE THE PENALTIES FOR THE CRIME; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Nick Bain, Jansen Owen, Jill Ford

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Jeremy England, Dennis DeBar, Jr.

On motion of Rep. Owen the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb,

Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--73.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Criswell, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--42.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Evans, M, Hopkins, Miles, Read, Walker. Total-6.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--55

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1149: Path to permanency; provide for children in Child Protection Services.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1149: Path to permanency; provide for children in Child Protection Services.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 43-21-201, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-21-201. (1) (a) Each party shall have the right to be represented by counsel at all stages of the proceedings including, but not limited to, detention, shelter, adjudicatory and disposition hearings and parole or probation revocation proceedings.

(b) In delinquency matters the court shall appoint legal defense counsel who is not also a guardian ad litem for the same child. If the party is a child, the child shall be represented by counsel at all critical stages: detention, adjudicatory and disposition hearings; parole or probation revocation proceedings; and post-disposition matters. If indigent, the child shall have the right to have counsel appointed for him by the youth court.

(c) A child who is alleged to have been abused or neglected shall be deemed to be a party to the proceedings under this chapter. The child shall be represented by an attorney at all stages of any proceedings held pursuant to this chapter. The court shall appoint an attorney to any child who is unrepresented.

The guardian ad litem may serve a dual role as long as no conflict of interest is present. If a conflict of interest arises, the guardian ad litem shall inform the Youth Court of the conflict and the youth court shall retain the guardian ad litem to represent the best interest of the child and appoint an attorney to represent the child's preferences as required by Uniform Rule of Youth Court Practice 13(f).

(2) When a party first appears before the youth court, the judge shall ascertain whether he is represented by counsel and, if not, inform him of his rights including his right

to counsel. If the court determines that a parent or guardian who is a party in an abuse, neglect or termination of parental rights proceeding is indigent, the youth court judge may appoint counsel to represent the indigent parent or guardian in the proceeding.

(3) An attorney appointed to represent a * * * child shall be required to complete annual juvenile justice training that is approved by the Mississippi Office of State Public Defender and the Mississippi Commission on Continuing Legal Education. An attorney appointed to represent a parent or guardian in an abuse, neglect or termination of parental rights proceeding shall be required to complete annual training that is approved by the Office of State Public Defender and the Mississippi Commission on Continuing Legal Education. The Mississippi Office of State Public Defender and the Mississippi Commission on Continuing Legal Education shall determine the amount of juvenile justice training and continuing education required to fulfill the requirements of this subsection. The State Public Defender shall maintain a roll of attorneys who have complied with the training requirements and shall enforce the provisions of this subsection. Should an attorney fail to complete the annual training requirement or fail to attend the required training within six (6) months of being appointed to a youth court case, the attorney shall be disqualified to serve and the youth court shall immediately terminate the representation and appoint another attorney. Attorneys appointed by a youth court to five (5) or fewer cases a year are exempt from the requirements of this subsection.

(4) The child's attorney shall owe the same duties of undivided loyalty, confidentiality and competent representation to the child or minor as is due an adult client pursuant to the Mississippi Rules of Professional Conduct.

(5) An attorney shall enter his appearance on behalf of a party in the proceeding by filing a written notice of appearance with the youth court, by filing a pleading, notice or motion signed by counsel or by appearing in open court and advising the youth court that he is representing a party. After counsel has entered his appearance, he shall be served with copies of all subsequent pleadings, motions and notices required to be served on the party he represents. An attorney who has entered his appearance shall not be permitted to withdraw from the case until a timely appeal, if any, has been decided, except by leave of the court then exercising jurisdiction of the cause after notice of his intended withdrawal is served by him on the party he represents.

(6) Each designee appointed by a youth court judge shall be subject to the Code of Judicial Conduct and shall govern himself or herself accordingly.

(7) The Department of Child Protection Services shall be a necessary party at all stages of the proceedings involving a child for whom the department has custody, including, but not limited to, shelter, adjudicatory, disposition, permanency hearings and termination of parental rights.

SECTION 2. Section 43-21-501, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-21-501. When a petition has been filed and the date of hearing has been set by the youth court, the judge or his designee shall order the clerk of the youth court to issue a summons to the following to appear personally at such hearing:

- (a) The child named in the petition;
- (b) The person or persons who have custody or control of the child;
- (c) The parent or guardian of the child if such parent or guardian does not have custody of the child; * * *
- (d) The Department of Child Protection Services; and
- (* * *)e) Any other person whom the court deems necessary.

SECTION 3. Section 43-21-701, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-21-701. (1) There is * * * established the Mississippi Commission on a Uniform Youth Court System and Procedures. The commission shall consist of the following * * * twenty-one (21) members:

- (a) One (1) circuit court judge appointed by the Chief Justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court;
- (b) One (1) chancery court judge, appointed by the Chief Justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court;
- (c) The President of the Mississippi Council of Youth Court Judges, or his designee;

(d) Two (2) who may be either family court judges or county court judges, appointed by the President of the Mississippi Council of Youth Court Judges;

(e) Two (2) youth court referees, appointed by the President of the Mississippi Council of Youth Court Judges;

(f) One (1) member of the Mississippi House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(g) One (1) member of the Mississippi Senate to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor;

(h) The directors of the following state agencies or their designated representatives: the Mississippi Department of * * * Human Services and the Mississippi Department of * * * Child Protection Services;

(i) The director or his designated representative of the Governor's Office of Federal-State Programs;

(j) * * * Two (2) employees, other than the * * * commissioner, of the Department of * * * Child Protection Services who * * * are supervisors of social workers primarily assigned to youth cases, appointed by the Governor;

(k) One (1) employee, other than the commissioner, of the Department of Child Protection Services who is experienced with the legal process of youth court cases, appointed by the Governor;

(* * *l) One (1) municipal police chief, appointed by the Governor;

(* * *m) One (1) county sheriff, appointed by the Governor;

(* * *n) Two (2) lawyers experienced in youth court work, appointed by the Governor; and

(* * *o) Two (2) prosecuting attorneys who prosecute cases in youth court, appointed by the Governor.

(2) The members shall be appointed to the commission within fifteen (15) days of the effective date of Sections 43-21-701 and 43-21-703 and shall serve until the end of their respective terms of office, if applicable, or until October 1, * * * 2024, whichever occurs first. Vacancies on the commission shall be filled in the manner of the original appointment. Members shall be eligible for reappointment provided that upon such reappointment they meet the qualifications required of a new appointee.

(3) The commission may elect any officers from among its membership as it deems necessary for the efficient discharge of the commission's duties.

(4) The commission shall adopt rules and regulations governing times and places for meetings and governing the manner of conducting its business. * * * Twelve (12) or more members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting any business of the commission; provided, however, a vote of not less than * * * fourteen (14) members shall be required for any recommendations to the Legislature.

(5) Members of the commission shall serve without compensation, except that state and county employees and officers shall receive any per diem as authorized by law from appropriations available to their respective agencies or political subdivisions. All commission members shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for any actual and reasonable expenses incurred as a necessary incident to service on the commission, including mileage as provided by law.

(6) The commission may select and employ a research director who shall perform the duties which the commission directs, which duties shall include the hiring of such other employees for the commission as the commission may approve. The research director and all other employees of the commission shall be in the state service and their salaries shall be established by the commission subject to approval by the State Personnel Board. Employees of the commission shall be reimbursed for the expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their official duties in the same manner as other state employees. The commission may also employ any consultants it deems necessary, including consultants to compile any demographic data needed to accomplish the duties of the commission.

(7) The Governor's Office of Federal-State Programs shall support the Commission on a Uniform Youth Court System and shall act as agent for any funds made available to the commission for its use. In order to expedite the implementation of the Commission on a Uniform Youth Court System, any funds available to the Governor's

Office of Federal-State Programs for the * * * 2023-2024 fiscal year may be expended for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission created herein.

(8) The commission may contract for suitable office space in accordance with the provisions of Section 29-5-2, Mississippi Code of 1972. In addition, the commission may utilize, with their consent, the services, equipment, personnel, information and resources of other state agencies; and may accept voluntary and uncompensated services, contract with individuals, public and private agencies, and request information, reports and data from any agency of the state, or any of its political subdivisions, to the extent authorized by law.

(9) In order to conduct and carry out its purposes, duties and related activities as provided for in this section and Section 43-21-703, the commission is authorized to apply for and accept gifts, grants, subsidies and other funds from persons, corporations, foundations, the United States government or other entities, provided that the receipt of such gifts, grants, subsidies and funds shall be reported and otherwise accounted for in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 4. Section 43-21-703, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-21-703. (1) The commission shall study the youth court system in Mississippi, and prepare a report including any proposed changes in the youth court system and/or its procedures. It shall submit the report to the Legislature, on or before October 1, * * * 2024, along with a report detailing any legislation which may be needed to implement the plan. In preparing the report, the commission shall evaluate the existing juvenile services in the state and may recommend changes in the organizational concepts, institutions, laws and resources.

(2) In formulating its report, the commission shall take into consideration the following:

(a) Whether a uniform statewide youth court system would be desirable;

(b) How best the service needs of the state could be met in relation to the taxing and resource capacity of various multi-county districts now existing or proposed;

(c) Whether counties in a given service area or district may develop district shelters, detention centers and diagnostic centers to serve a multi-county area; and

(d) What proposals or alternatives would update or modernize the system to provide staffing for all counties and citizens.

(3) The commission, in addition to recommending the plan described in this section, shall serve as a clearinghouse and information center for the collection, preparation, analysis and dissemination of information on the youth court system in Mississippi and shall conduct ongoing research relating to the improvement of the youth court system. Pursuant to its duties under this subsection, the commission may request the regular submission to it of such reports, information and statistics by the courts, judges, prosecuting attorneys and agencies of this state which the commission deems necessary for the development of its reports.

SECTION 5. Section 93-15-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

93-15-107. (1) (a) Involuntary termination of parental rights proceedings are commenced upon the filing of a petition under this chapter. The petition may be filed by any interested person, or any agency, institution or person holding custody of the child. The simultaneous filing of a petition for adoption is not a prerequisite for filing a petition under this chapter.

(b) The proceeding shall be triable, either in term time or vacation, thirty (30) days after personal service of process to any necessary party or, for a necessary party whose address is unknown after diligent search, thirty (30) days after the date of the first publication of service of process by publication that complies with the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure.

(c) Necessary parties to a termination of parental rights action shall include the mother of the child, the legal father of the child, the putative father of the child when known, and any agency, institution or person holding custody of the child. The

absence of a necessary party who has been properly served does not preclude the court from conducting the hearing or rendering a final judgment.

(d) A guardian ad litem shall be appointed to protect the best interest of the child, except that the court, in its discretion, may waive this requirement when a parent executes a written voluntary release to terminate parental rights. The guardian ad litem fees shall be determined and assessed in the discretion of the court.

(2) Voluntary termination of parental rights by written voluntary release is governed by Section 93-15-111.

(3) In all cases involving termination of parental rights, a minor parent shall be served with process as an adult.

(4) The court may waive service of process if an adoptive child was born in a foreign country, put up for adoption in the birth country, and has been legally admitted into this country.

(5) The clerk shall docket cases seeking relief under this chapter as priority cases. The assigned judge shall be immediately notified when a case is filed in order to provide for expedited proceedings.

SECTION 6. Section 93-17-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

93-17-3. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a court of this state has jurisdiction over a proceeding for the adoption or readoption of a minor commenced under this chapter if:

(a) Immediately before commencement of the proceeding, the minor lived in this state with a parent, a guardian, a prospective adoptive parent or another person acting as parent, for at least six (6) consecutive months, excluding periods of temporary absence, or, in the case of a minor under six (6) months of age, lived in this state from soon after birth with any of those individuals and there is available in this state substantial evidence concerning the minor's present or future care;

(b) Immediately before commencement of the proceeding, the prospective adoptive parent lived in this state for at least six (6) consecutive months, excluding periods of temporary absence, and there is available in this state substantial evidence concerning the minor's present or future care;

(c) The agency that placed the minor for adoption is licensed in this state and it is in the best interest of the minor that a court of this state assume jurisdiction because:

(i) The minor and the minor's parents, or the minor and the prospective adoptive parent, have a significant connection with this state; and

(ii) There is available in this state substantial evidence concerning the minor's present or future care;

(d) The minor and the prospective adoptive parent or parents are physically present in this state and the minor has been abandoned or it is necessary in an emergency to protect the minor because the minor has been subjected to or threatened with mistreatment or abuse or is otherwise neglected, and the prospective adoptive parent or parents, if not residing in Mississippi, have completed and provided the court with a satisfactory Interstate Compact for Placement of Children (ICPC) home study and accompanying forms, unless the court determines that the home study is not necessary in the case of an adoption by a stepparent or a relative or in the case of an adoption in a foster-to-adopt placement;

(e) It appears that no other state would have jurisdiction under prerequisites substantially in accordance with paragraphs (a) through (d), or another state has declined to exercise jurisdiction on the ground that this state is the more appropriate forum to hear a petition for adoption of the minor, and it is in the best interest of the minor that a court of this state assume jurisdiction; or

(f) The child has been adopted in a foreign country, the agency that placed the minor for adoption is licensed in this state, and it is in the best interest of the child to be readopted in a court of this state having jurisdiction.

(2) A court of this state may not exercise jurisdiction over a proceeding for adoption of a minor if, at the time the petition for adoption is filed, a proceeding concerning the custody or adoption of the minor is pending in a court of another state exercising

jurisdiction substantially in conformity with the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act or this section unless the proceeding is stayed by the court of the other state.

(3) If a court of another state has issued a decree or order concerning the custody of a minor who may be the subject of a proceeding for adoption in this state, a court of this state may not exercise jurisdiction over a proceeding for adoption of the minor unless:

(a) The court of this state finds that the court of the state which issued the decree or order:

(i) Does not have continuing jurisdiction to modify the decree or order under jurisdictional prerequisites substantially in accordance with the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act or has declined to assume jurisdiction to modify the decree or order; or

(ii) Does not have jurisdiction over a proceeding for adoption substantially in conformity with subsection (1)(a) through (d) or has declined to assume jurisdiction over a proceeding for adoption; and

(b) The court of this state has jurisdiction over the proceeding.

(4) Any person may be adopted in accordance with the provisions of this chapter in term time or in vacation by an unmarried adult, by a married person whose spouse joins in the petition, by a married person whose spouse does not join in the petition because such spouse does not cohabit or reside with the petitioning spouse, and in any circumstances determined by the court that the adoption is in the best interest of the child. Only the consenting adult will be a legal parent of the child. The adoption shall be by sworn petition filed in the chancery court of the county in which the adopting petitioner or petitioners reside or in which the child to be adopted resides or was born, or was found when it was abandoned or deserted, or in which the home is located to which the child has been surrendered by a person authorized to do so. The petition shall be accompanied by a doctor's or nurse practitioner's certificate showing the physical and mental condition of the child to be adopted and a sworn statement of all property, if any, owned by the child. In addition, the petition shall be accompanied by affidavits of the petitioner or petitioners stating the amount of the service fees charged by any adoption agencies or adoption facilitators used by the petitioner or petitioners and any other expenses paid by the petitioner or petitioners in the adoption process as of the time of filing the petition. If the doctor's or nurse practitioner's certificate indicates any abnormal mental or physical condition or defect, the condition or defect shall not, in the discretion of the chancellor, bar the adoption of the child if the adopting parent or parents file an affidavit stating full and complete knowledge of the condition or defect and stating a desire to adopt the child, notwithstanding the condition or defect. The court shall have the power to change the name of the child as a part of the adoption proceedings. The word "child" in this section shall be construed to refer to the person to be adopted, though an adult.

(5) No person may be placed in the home of or adopted by the prospective adopting parties before a court-ordered or voluntary home study is satisfactorily completed by a licensed adoption agency, a licensed, experienced social worker approved by the chancery court, a court-appointed guardian ad litem that has knowledge or training in conducting home studies if so directed by the court, or by the Department of * * * Child Protection Services on the prospective adoptive parties if required by Section 93-17-11.

(6) No person may be adopted by a person or persons who reside outside the State of Mississippi unless the provisions of the Interstate Compact for Placement of Children (Section 43-18-1 et seq.) have been complied with. In such cases Forms 100A, 100B (if applicable) and evidence of Interstate Compact for Placement of Children approval shall be added to the permanent adoption record file within one (1) month of the placement, and a minimum of two (2) post-placement reports conducted by a licensed child-placing agency shall be provided to the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services Interstate Compact for Placement of Children office.

(7) No person may be adopted unless the provisions of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) have been complied with, if applicable. When applicable, proof of compliance shall be included in the court adoption file prior to finalization of the adoption. If not applicable, a written statement or paragraph in the petition for adoption shall be included in the adoption petition stating that the provisions of ICWA do not apply before finalization.

(8) The readoption of a child who has automatically acquired United States citizenship following an adoption in a foreign country and who possesses a Certificate of Citizenship in accordance with the Child Citizenship Act, CAA, Public Law 106-395, may be given full force and effect in a readoption proceeding conducted by a court of competent jurisdiction in this state by compliance with the Mississippi Registration of Foreign Adoptions Act, Article 9 of this chapter.

(9) For adult adoptees who consent to the adoption, a chancellor may waive any of the petition requirements and procedural requirements within subsections (4), (5), (6) and (7) of this section.

(10) The clerk shall docket cases seeking relief under this chapter as priority cases. The assigned judge shall be immediately notified when a case is filed in order to provide for expedited proceedings.

Once the petition for termination of parental rights is filed with the court of competent jurisdiction, the court shall hold a hearing on the petition within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days of the date the petition is filed. For purposes of this section, the one hundred twenty (120) calendar day time period will commence when perfected service is made on the parents.

SECTION 7. Section 43-26-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-26-1. (1) There is * * * created a Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services.

(2) The Chief Administrative Officer of the Department of Child Protection Services shall be the Commissioner of Child Protection Services who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The commissioner shall possess the following qualifications:

(a) A bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher learning and ten (10) years' experience in management, public administration, finance or accounting; or

(b) A master's or doctoral degree from an accredited institution of higher learning and five (5) years' experience in management, public administration, finance, law or accounting.

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(3) The Department of Child Protection Services shall provide the services authorized by law to every individual determined to be eligible therefor, and in carrying out the purposes of the department, the commissioner is authorized:

(a) To formulate the policy of the department regarding child welfare services within the jurisdiction of the department;

(b) To adopt, modify, repeal and promulgate, after due notice and hearing, and where not otherwise prohibited by federal or state law, to make exceptions to and grant exemptions and variances from, and to enforce rules and regulations implementing or effectuating the powers and duties of the department under any and all statutes within the department's jurisdiction;

(c) To apply for, receive and expend any federal or state funds or contributions, gifts, devises, bequests or funds from any other source;

(d) To enter into and execute contracts, grants and cooperative agreements with any federal or state agency or subdivision thereof, or any public or private institution located inside or outside the State of Mississippi, or any person, corporation or association in connection with carrying out the programs of the department; and

(e) To discharge such other duties, responsibilities, and powers as are necessary to implement the programs of the department.

(4) The commissioner shall establish the organizational structure of the Department of Child Protection Services, which shall include the creation of any units necessary to implement the duties assigned to the department and consistent with specific requirements of law.

(5) The commissioner shall appoint heads of offices, bureaus, and divisions, as defined in Section 7-17-11, who shall serve at the pleasure of the commissioner. The salary and compensation of such office, bureau and division heads shall be subject to the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the State Personnel Board. The

commissioner shall have the authority to organize offices as deemed appropriate to carry out the responsibilities of the department.

(6) The Department of Child Protection Services shall be responsible for the development, execution, and provision of services in the following areas:

- (a) Protective services for children;
- (b) Foster care;
- (c) Adoption services;
- (d) Special services;
- (e) Interstate compact;
- (f) Licensure;
- (g) Prevention services; and
- (h) Such other services as may be designated. Services enumerated

under Section 43-15-13 et seq., for the foster care program shall be provided by qualified staff with appropriate case loads.

(7) The Department of Child Protection Services shall have the following powers and duties:

- (a) To provide basic services and assistance statewide to needy and disadvantaged individuals and families;
- (b) To promote integration of the many services and programs within its jurisdiction at the client level thus improving the efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery and providing easier access to clients;
- (c) To employ personnel and expend funds appropriated to the department to carry out the duties and responsibilities assigned to the department by law;
- (d) To fingerprint and conduct a background investigation on every employee, contractor, subcontractor and volunteer:
 - (i) Who has direct access to clients of the department who are children or vulnerable adults;
 - (ii) Who is in a position of fiduciary responsibility;
 - (iii) Who is in a position with access to Federal Tax Information (FTI); or
 - (iv) Who is otherwise required by federal law or regulations to undergo a background investigation.

Every such employee, contractor, subcontractor and volunteer shall provide a valid current social security number and/or driver's license number, which shall be furnished to conduct the background investigation for determination as to good moral character and to ensure that no person placed in any position referenced in this paragraph (d) has a felony conviction that would prevent employment or access to Federal Tax Information according to department policy. If no disqualifying record is identified at the state level, the fingerprints shall be forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a fingerprint-based national criminal history record check. The department shall be the recipient of the results of any background investigation and/or criminal history record check performed in accordance with this paragraph;

- (e) To establish and maintain programs not inconsistent with the terms of this chapter and the rules, regulations and policies of the Department of Child Protection Services, and publish the rules and regulations of the department pertaining to such programs;
- (f) To provide all other child welfare programs and services previously provided by the Department of Human Services or a division thereof; and
- (g) Make such reports in such form and containing such information as the federal government may, from time to time, require, and comply with such provisions as the federal government may, from time to time, find necessary to assure the correctness and verification of such reports.

(* * *8) The Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services shall submit a copy of the federal Annual Progress and Services Report (APSR) to the Chair of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee, the Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, the Chair of the House Public Health and Human Services Committee, the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor by December 1 of each year.

(***) (a) The Commissioner of Child Protection Services shall hire a Coordinator of Services for Victims of Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation within the Department of Child Protection Services whose duties shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(i) To form specialized human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation assessment teams to respond on an as-needed basis to act as an emergency, separate and specialized response and assessment team to rapidly respond to the needs of children who are victims of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation;

(ii) To identify victims of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation;

(iii) To monitor, record and distribute federal human trafficking funds received by the Department of Child Protection Services;

(iv) To employ staff to investigate allegations of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation; and

(v) To develop and coordinate services within the Department of Child Protection Services and with outside service providers for victims of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation.

(b) The Commissioner of Child Protection Services shall develop standard operating procedures for the investigation, custody and services provided to alleged victims of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation.

(c) The Commissioner shall require two (2) hours of training regarding the subject of identifying, assessing, and providing comprehensive services to a child who has experienced or is alleged to have experienced commercial sexual exploitation or human trafficking. The training must be incorporated into the pre-service training requirements of all Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services family specialists, adoption specialists, licensure specialists, direct supervisors of family protection specialists, direct supervisors of adoption specialists, and direct supervisors of licensure specialists.

(10) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2028.

SECTION 8. The following shall be codified as Section 43-26-5, Mississippi Code of 1972:

43-26-5. (1) The Department of Child Protection Services shall establish a record-keeping procedure to ensure that all referrals of neglect and/or abuse are accurately and adequately maintained for future or cross-reference.

(2) In addition to a toll-free abuse reporting telephone system, the department shall establish a uniform intake procedure for the receipt and referral to the appropriate personnel for investigation. The uniform intake procedure shall be made available to all appropriate agencies and the public in order to facilitate the necessary protective services.

SECTION 9. The following shall be codified as Section 43-26-7, Mississippi Code of 1972:

43-26-7. The Department of Child Protection Services shall have the authority to use the services and resources of the State Department of Education, the State Department of Health, the State Department of Human Services, the State Department of Mental Health, Division of Medicaid, and all other appropriate state departments, agencies, institutions or political subdivisions as will aid in carrying out the purposes of this chapter. It shall be the duty of all such state departments, agencies and institutions to make available such services and resources to the department, including, but not necessarily limited to, such services and resources as may be required to perform appropriate criminal history record checks on prospective foster and relative child placements for the purpose of preventing and detecting abuse and neglect.

SECTION 10. The following shall be codified as Section 43-26-9, Mississippi Code of 1972:

43-26-9. It is the intent of the Legislature that the resources devoted to family and children's services and to public assistance programs be clearly delineated and that all resources intended for child protection and other related purposes be expended in service of that goal.

SECTION 11. The following shall be codified as Section 43-26-11, Mississippi Code of 1972:

43-26-11. (1) There shall be created local offices of the Department of Child Protection Services in those locations throughout the state as determined by the commissioner. It shall be the duty of the board of supervisors of each county in which a local office is located to provide office space for the local offices.

The local office of the Department of Child Protection Services shall administer all forms of child welfare services with the exception of those administered by the Department of Human Services. The local offices shall comply with such regulations and submit such reports as may be established or required by the commissioner. Subject to the approval of the commissioner, the local offices may cooperate with other departments, agencies and institutions, state and local, when so requested, in performing services in conformity with the provisions of this chapter.

(2) The Department of Child Protection Services may enter into a lease with each county board of supervisors in each county where a local office is located to allow the department to maximize the availability of federal funds. Fair market value for the county-furnished building will be established and the department shall pay the federal share for the rent to the county. All other expenses related to the operation of the local office shall be split between the department, providing the federal share, and the county, being responsible for the remainder or the state share. This includes, but is not limited to, electricity, water, gas, internet, and janitorial services and supplies. All maintenance and repairs of the local office shall be the responsibility of the county due to the prohibition of federal funds for improvements of real property.

SECTION 12. The following shall be codified as Section 43-26-13, Mississippi Code of 1972:

43-26-13. The governing authority of any municipality or county in this state is authorized and empowered, in its discretion, to expend such funds as it deems necessary and desirable, from any available funds of the municipality or county, to: (a) match any state, federal or private funds available for any program administered by the Department of Child Protection Services in this state; and/or (b) make a voluntary contribution to any such program.

SECTION 13. The following shall be codified as Section 43-26-15, Mississippi Code of 1972:

43-26-15. The Department of Finance and Administration shall furnish office space for the Department of Child Protection Services in the City of Jackson and is authorized to rent suitable quarters in the city if there is not sufficient room in one (1) of the state office buildings.

SECTION 14. The following shall be codified as Section 43-26-17, Mississippi Code of 1972:

43-26-17. The Department of Child Protection Services shall cooperate with the federal government, its agencies and instrumentalities, in carrying out the provisions of any federal acts concerning public welfare for children, and in other matters of mutual concern pertaining to public welfare for children, including the adoption of such methods of administration as are found by the federal government to be necessary for the efficient operation of plans for public assistance and welfare services for children in accordance with the provisions of the federal Social Security Act, as amended. It shall also cooperate with other departments, agencies and institutions, federal, state and local or private, when so requested, in performing services in conformity with the laws applicable to the department.

SECTION 15. The following shall be codified as Section 43-26-19, Mississippi Code of 1972:

43-26-19. The Department of Child Protection Services may, in its discretion, destroy or cause to be destroyed, or otherwise disposed of, any and all abandoned applications, closed case files, communications, information, memoranda, records, reports, paid checks, and files, in the office of the Department of Child Protection Services when and as they become three (3) or more completed fiscal years old and which, in the opinion of the department, are no longer useful or necessary.

SECTION 16. The following shall be codified as Section 43-26-21, Mississippi Code of 1972:

43-26-21. All political subdivisions of the state, or combinations of political subdivisions, are authorized to employ assistant prosecutors to prosecute for the crimes

under Section 97-19-71 and the Department of Child Protection Services is authorized to contract with any political subdivision to subsidize payment for the reasonable and necessary cost of prosecutions and investigations in any program where federal matching funds are available.

SECTION 17. The following shall be codified as Section 43-26-23, Mississippi Code of 1972:

43-26-23. (1) Any sums paid to or on behalf of any person, entity or subgrantee or the value of any aid or benefit or services obtained or received under any state or federally funded assistance program for children as a result of any false statement, misrepresentation, concealment of a material fact, failure to disclose assets, or by whatever means, becomes a debt due to the Department of Child Protection Services. The amount of value of any assistance shall be recoverable from the recipient or his or her estate in a civil action brought in the name of the Department of Child Protection Services pursuant to this section. If such action is brought, the department shall be entitled to recover, in addition to the amount of assistance, a reasonable amount of attorney's fees and its cost incurred therein. Where an attorney from the county attorney's office represents the department in such action, the attorney's fee awarded shall be for the use and benefit of that particular office and shall be forwarded to that office upon receipt by the department.

(2) In any civil action for the recovery of the amount of value of any aid or benefits or services improperly paid to the recipient, proof that a conviction or guilty plea on a misdemeanor or felony charge under Section 97-19-71 shall be deemed prima facie evidence that such assistance was improperly obtained under the provision of this section.

(3) Repayment of the assistance improperly obtained pursuant to this section shall not constitute a defense to or ground of dismissal of criminal charges brought under Section 97-19-71.

SECTION 18. Section 11-46-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

11-46-1. As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) "Claim" means any demand to recover damages from a governmental entity as compensation for injuries.

(b) "Claimant" means any person seeking compensation under the provisions of this chapter, whether by administrative remedy or through the courts.

(c) "Board" means the Mississippi Tort Claims Board.

(d) "Department" means the Department of Finance and Administration.

(e) "Director" means the executive director of the department who is also the executive director of the board.

(f) "Employee" means any officer, employee or servant of the State of Mississippi or a political subdivision of the state, including elected or appointed officials and persons acting on behalf of the state or a political subdivision in any official capacity, temporarily or permanently, in the service of the state or a political subdivision whether with or without compensation, including firefighters who are members of a volunteer fire department that is a political subdivision. The term "employee" shall not mean a person or other legal entity while acting in the capacity of an independent contractor under contract to the state or a political subdivision; and

(i) For purposes of the limits of liability provided for in Section 11-46-15, the term "employee" shall include:

1. Physicians under contract to provide health services with the State Board of Health, the State Board of Mental Health or any county or municipal jail facility while rendering services under the contract;

2. Any physician, dentist or other health care practitioner employed by the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) and its departmental practice plans who is a faculty member and provides health care services only for patients at UMMC or its affiliated practice sites, including any physician or other health care practitioner employed by UMMC under an arrangement with a public or private health-related organization;

3. Any physician, dentist or other health care practitioner employed by any university under the control of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning who practices only on the campus of any university under the control of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning;

4. Any physician, dentist or other health care practitioner employed by the State Veterans Affairs Board and who provides health care services for patients for the State Veterans Affairs Board;

(ii) The term "employee" shall also include Mississippi Department of * * * Child Protection Services licensed foster parents for the limited purposes of coverage under the Tort Claims Act as provided in Section 11-46-8; and

(iii) The term "employee" also shall include any employee or member of the governing board of a charter school but shall not include any person or entity acting in the capacity of an independent contractor to provide goods or services under a contract with a charter school.

(g) "Governmental entity" means the state and political subdivisions.

(h) "Injury" means death, injury to a person, damage to or loss of property or any other injury that a person may suffer that is actionable at law or in equity.

(i) "Political subdivision" means any body politic or body corporate other than the state responsible for governmental activities only in geographic areas smaller than that of the state, including, but not limited to, any county, municipality, school district, charter school, volunteer fire department that is a chartered nonprofit corporation providing emergency services under contract with a county or municipality, community hospital as defined in Section 41-13-10, airport authority, or other instrumentality of the state, whether or not the body or instrumentality has the authority to levy taxes or to sue or be sued in its own name.

(j) "State" means the State of Mississippi and any office, department, agency, division, bureau, commission, board, institution, hospital, college, university, airport authority or other instrumentality thereof, whether or not the body or instrumentality has the authority to levy taxes or to sue or be sued in its own name.

(k) "Law" means all species of law, including, but not limited to, any and all constitutions, statutes, case law, common law, customary law, court order, court rule, court decision, court opinion, court judgment or mandate, administrative rule or regulation, executive order, or principle or rule of equity.

SECTION 19. Section 11-46-8, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

11-46-8. Mississippi Department of * * * Child Protection Services licensed foster parents shall be covered under this chapter for claims made by parties other than the foster child which are based on inadequate supervision or inadequate care of the foster child on the part of the foster parent.

SECTION 20. Section 25-1-109, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

25-1-109. No law enforcement agency shall disclose the name of any person arrested for any misdemeanor, issued a citation, or being held for any misdemeanor unless such person shall be formally charged and arrested for the offense, except to other law enforcement agencies or to the Mississippi Department of Human Services, the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services or child day care providers where such information is used to help determine suitability of persons to serve as child care providers or child service workers. No political subdivision nor any employee thereof shall be held liable for the disclosure of any information prohibited by this section.

SECTION 21. Section 27-104-203, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-104-203. From and after July 1, 2016, no state agency shall charge another state agency a fee, assessment, rent, audit fee, personnel fee or other charge for services or resources received. The provisions of this section shall not apply (a) to grants, contracts, pass-through funds, project fees or other charges for services between state agencies and the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, any public university, the Mississippi Community College Board, any public community or junior college, and the State Department of Education, nor (b) to charges for services between the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, any public university, the

Mississippi Community College Board, any public community or junior college, and the State Department of Education, nor (c) to federal grants, pass-through funds, cost allocation charges, surplus property charges or project fees between state agencies as approved or determined by the State Fiscal Officer, nor (d) telecommunications, data center services, and/or other information technology services that are used on an as-needed basis and those costs shall be passed through to the using agency, nor (e) to federal grants, special funds, or pass-through funds, available for payment by state agencies to the Department of Finance and Administration related to Mississippi Management and Reporting Systems (MMRS) Statewide Application charges and utilities as approved or determined by the State Fiscal Officer, nor (f) to grants, contracts, pass-through funds, project fees or charges for services between the State Department of Health and the State Department of Revenue, and other state agencies or entities, including, but not limited to, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, any public university, the Mississippi Community College Board, any public community or junior college, and the State Department of Education, for the operation of the medical cannabis program as established by the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act, nor (g) to charges between the Department of Human Services and the Department of Child Protection Services for services or resources received by either department from the other. The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, any public university, the Mississippi Community College Board, any public community or junior college, and the State Department of Education shall retain the authority to charge and be charged for expenditures that they deemed nonrecurring in nature by the State Fiscal Officer.

SECTION 22. Section 37-31-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-31-107. Qualified students for the classes or courses may be accepted by the schools from any source, but priority of enrollment will be given referrals from the * * * Department of Child Protection Services, state employment service, vocational rehabilitation, and nonretired veterans. The state employment service will assist with student job placement and referral whenever possible.

For the purposes of Sections 37-31-101 through 37-31-111, a qualified student is an adult, at least eighteen (18) years old, who is underemployed or unemployed and is not enrolled in school.

Students will not be eligible if they have dropped out of regular school for the specific purpose of enrolling in the manpower programs.

SECTION 23. Section 37-106-69, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-106-69. (1) There is established a forgivable loan program to encourage family protection workers employed by the Department of * * * Child Protection Services to obtain the college education necessary to become licensed as a social worker, master social worker or certified social worker and become a family protection specialist for the department.

(2) Any person who is employed as a family protection worker for the Department of * * * Child Protection Services shall be eligible for a forgivable loan from the board which shall be used to pay the costs of the person's education at a state institution of higher learning in Mississippi to obtain a college degree that is necessary to become licensed as a social worker, master social worker or certified social worker and become a family protection specialist for the department. The annual amount of a forgivable loan award under the program shall be equal to the total cost of tuition and fees at the college or university in which the student is enrolled, not to exceed an amount equal to the highest total cost of tuition and fees assessed by a state institution of higher learning during that school year.

(3) Forgivable loans made under the program shall be available to both full-time and part-time students. Students enrolling on a full-time basis may receive a maximum of two (2) annual awards. The maximum number of forgivable loans that may be made to students attending school on a part-time basis, and the maximum time period for part-time students to complete the number of academic hours necessary to obtain the necessary degree, shall be established by rules and regulations of the board. Forgivable loans made under the program shall not be based upon an applicant's financial need. A

student must maintain a "C" average or higher in his or her college coursework in order to continue receiving the forgivable loan.

(4) Repayment and conversion terms shall be the same as those outlined in Section 37-106-53, except for the following:

(a) After a person who received a forgivable loan under the program has obtained a college degree that is necessary to become licensed as a social worker, master social worker or certified social worker and has received such a license from the Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, the person shall render service as a family protection specialist for the Department of *** Child Protection Services for a period of not less than three (3) years from the date that the person became a family protection specialist;

(b) Any person who fails to complete his or her service obligation as a family protection specialist for the Department of *** Child Protection Services for not less than three (3) years, as required under subsection (4)(a) of this section, shall become liable immediately to the board for the sum of all forgivable loan awards made to that person, plus interest accruing at the current Stafford Loan rate at the time the person discontinues his or her service.

(5) It is the intent of the Legislature that the pursuit of necessary college education by family protection workers through the forgivable loan program shall not interfere with the duties of the family protection workers with the Department of *** Child Protection Services. The department shall promulgate regulations regarding family protection workers who participate in the forgivable loan program to ensure that such participation does not interfere with their duties with the department.

(6) The board shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the proper administration of the forgivable loan program established under this section. The board shall be the administering agency of the program.

(7) The total amount of state funds that may be expended for this program shall not exceed Three Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$320,000.00) in any fiscal year.

SECTION 24. Section 37-115-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-115-43. (1) The University of Mississippi Medical Center, in collaboration with the Mississippi Department of *** Child Protection Services and the Office of the Attorney General, is authorized and empowered to establish a Center of Excellence (Center) *** to provide care for abused and neglected children at the Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children located in Jackson, Mississippi, where suspected victims of child maltreatment referred by the Department of *** Child Protection Services or law enforcement will receive comprehensive physical examinations conducted by medical professionals who specialize in child maltreatment. The University of Mississippi Medical Center shall promulgate such policies as may be necessary and desirable to carry out the programs of the Center. The Center shall serve as a resource for the assessment, investigation and prosecution of child maltreatment. The Center shall work in collaboration with the Office of the Attorney General, the Mississippi Department of *** Child Protection Services, and other such state agencies and entities that provide services to children *** to ensure that CARE Clinic services are provided in a uniform fashion throughout the state.

(2) The Department of Pediatrics may use the Center for educational and outreach programs, telemedicine consultations, to develop satellite clinics in other locations in the state in cooperation with the local community or private hospital when applicable, and to conduct major research initiatives in child maltreatment.

(3) The Center of Excellence shall provide services to maltreated children and comply with national certification standards as necessary to provide services to the Department of *** Child Protection Services, the youth courts, state child advocacy centers, district attorney's offices and law enforcement agencies.

(4) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be known as the Children's Safe Center Fund. The University of Mississippi Medical Center shall expend funds pursuant to appropriation therefor by the Legislature for the support and maintenance of the Children's Safe Center. The University of Mississippi Medical Center is authorized to accept any and all grants, donations or matching funds from private, public or federal sources in order to add to, improve and enlarge the physical facilities of the

Center and to expend any such funds for the support and maintenance of the Center. Assessments from Section 99-19-73 designated for the Children's Safe Center Fund shall be deposited into the fund. Monies remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned from the investment of monies in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

SECTION 25. Section 41-3-18, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-3-18. (1) The board shall assess fees in the following amounts and for the following purposes:

(a) Food establishment annual permit fee, based on the assessment factors of the establishment as follows:

Assessment Category 1	\$ 30.00
Assessment Category 2	100.00
Assessment Category 3	150.00
Assessment Category 4	200.00

(b) Private water supply approval fee.....\$ 10.00

The board may develop such reasonable standards, rules and regulations to clearly define each assessment category. Assessment categories shall be based upon the factors to the public health implications of the category and type of food preparation being utilized by the food establishment, utilizing the model Food Code of 1995, or as may be amended by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

Any increase in the fees charged by the board under this subsection shall be in accordance with the provisions of Section 41-3-65.

(2) The fee authorized under subsection (1)(a) of this section shall not be assessed for:

(a) Food establishments operated by public schools, public junior and community colleges, or state agencies or institutions, including, without limitation, the state institutions of higher learning and the State Penitentiary; and

(b) Persons who make infrequent casual sales of honey and who pack or sell less than five hundred (500) gallons of honey per year, and those persons shall not be inspected by the State Department of Health unless requested by the producer.

(3) The fee authorized under subsection (1)(b) of this section shall not be assessed for private water supplies used by foster homes licensed by the Department of * * * Child Protection Services.

SECTION 26. Section 41-67-12, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-67-12. (1) The department shall assess fees in the following amounts for the following purposes:

(a) A fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) shall be levied for soil and site evaluation and recommendation of individual on-site wastewater disposal systems. The department may increase the amount of the fee authorized in this paragraph (a) not more than two (2) times during the period from July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2020, with the percentage of each increase being not more than five percent (5%) of the amount of the fee in effect at the time of the increase.

(b) A fee of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) shall be levied once every three (3) years for the certification of installers and pumpers.

(c) A fee of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) shall be levied once every three (3) years for the registration of manufacturers.

Any increase in the fee charged by the department under paragraph (b) or (c) of this subsection shall be in accordance with the provisions of Section 41-3-65.

(2) In the discretion of the board, a person shall be liable for a penalty equal to one and one-half (1-1/2) times the amount of the fee due and payable for failure to pay the fee on or before the date due, plus any amount necessary to reimburse the cost of collection.

(3) No fee authorized under this section shall be assessed by the department for state agencies or institutions, including, without limitation, foster homes licensed by the Mississippi Department of * * * Child Protection Services.

SECTION 27. Section 41-87-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by Senate Bill No. 2485, 2023 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

41-87-5. Unless the context requires otherwise, the following definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter:

(a) "Eligible infants and toddlers" or "eligible children" means children from birth through thirty-six (36) months of age who need early intervention services because they:

(i) Are experiencing developmental delays as measured by appropriate diagnostic instruments and procedures in one or more of the following areas:

- (A) Cognitive development;
- (B) Physical development, including vision or hearing;
- (C) Communication development;
- (D) Social or emotional development;
- (E) Adaptive development;

(ii) Have a diagnosed physical or mental condition, as defined in state policy, that has a high probability of resulting in developmental delay;

(iii) Are at risk of having substantial developmental delays if early intervention services are not provided due to conditions as defined in state policy. (This category may be served at the discretion of the lead agency contingent upon available resources.)

(b) "Early intervention services" are developmental services that:

(i) Are provided under public supervision;

(ii) Are provided at no cost except where federal or state law provides for a system of payments by families, including a schedule of sliding fees;

(iii) Are designed to meet the developmental needs of an infant or toddler with a disability in any one or more of the following areas:

- (A) Physical development;
- (B) Cognitive development;
- (C) Communication development;
- (D) Social or emotional development; or
- (E) Adaptive development;

(iv) Meet the requirements of Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and the early intervention standards of the State of Mississippi;

(v) Include, but are not limited to, the following services:

(A) Assistive technology devices and assistive technology services;

- (B) Audiology;
- (C) Family training, counseling and home visits;
- (D) Health services necessary to enable a child

to benefit from other early intervention services;

(E) Medical services only for diagnostic or

evaluation purposes;

- (F) Nutrition services;
- (G) Occupational therapy;
- (H) Physical therapy;
- (I) Psychological services;
- (J) Service coordination (case management);
- (K) Social work services;
- (L) Special instruction;
- (M) Speech-language pathology;
- (N) Transportation and related costs that are

necessary to enable an infant or toddler and her/his family to receive early intervention services; and

(O) Vision services;

(vi) Are provided by qualified personnel as determined by the state's personnel standards, including:

- (A) Audiologists;
- (B) Family therapists;
- (C) Nurses;
- (D) Nutritionists;
- (E) Occupational therapists;
- (F) Orientation and mobility specialists;
- (G) Pediatricians and other physicians;
- (H) Physical therapists;
- (I) Psychologists;
- (J) Social workers;
- (K) Special educators;
- (L) Speech and language pathologists;
- (M) Individuals who hold a degree in Human

Development and Family Science or Child and Family Science with a concentration in child development and licensure in Pre-Kindergarten to Kindergarten;

(vii) Are provided, to the maximum extent appropriate, in natural environments, including the home, and community settings in which children without disabilities would participate;

(viii) Are provided in conformity with an individualized family service plan.

(c) "Council" means the State Interagency Coordinating Council established under Section 41-87-7.

(d) "Lead agency" means the State Department of Health.

(e) "Participating agencies" includes, but is not limited to, the State Department of Education, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Child Protection Services, the State Department of Health, the Division of Medicaid, the State Department of Mental Health, the University Medical Center, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning and the Mississippi Community College Board.

(f) "Local community" means a county either jointly, severally, or a portion thereof, participating in the provision of early intervention services.

(g) "Primary service agency" means the agency, whether a state agency, local agency, local interagency council or service provider which is designated by the lead agency to serve as the fiscal and contracting agent for a local community.

(h) "Multidisciplinary team" means a group comprised of the parent(s) or legal guardian and the service providers, as appropriate, described in paragraph (b) of this section, who are assembled for the purposes of:

(i) Assessing the developmental needs of an infant or toddler;

(ii) Developing the individualized family service plan; and

(iii) Providing the infant or toddler and his or her family with the appropriate early intervention services as detailed in the individualized family service plan.

(i) "Individualized family service plan" means a written plan designed to address the needs of the infant or toddler and his or her family as specified under Section 41-87-13.

(j) "Early intervention standards" means those standards established by any agency or agencies statutorily designated the responsibility to establish standards for infants and toddlers with disabilities, in coordination with the council and in accordance with Part C of IDEA.

(k) "Early intervention system" means the total collaborative effort in the state that is directed at meeting the needs of eligible children and their families.

(l) "Parent," for the purpose of early intervention services, means a parent, a guardian, a person acting as a parent of a child, foster parent, or an appointed surrogate parent. The term does not include the state if the child is a ward of the state where the child has not been placed with individuals to serve in a parenting capacity, such as foster parents, or when a surrogate parent has not been appointed. When a child is the ward of the state, a * * * Department of Child Protection Services representative will act as parent for purposes of service authorization.

(m) "Policies" means the state statutes, regulations, Governor's orders, directives by the lead agency, or other written documents that represent the state's position concerning any matter covered under this chapter.

(n) "Regulations" means the United States Department of Education's regulations concerning the governance and implementation of Part C of IDEA, the Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities.

SECTION 28. Section 41-101-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-101-1. (1) There is created the Mississippi Council on Obesity Prevention and Management, hereinafter referred to as the "council," within the State Department of Health to be in existence for the period from July 1, 2001, until July 1, 2006, or until the council is established as a nonprofit corporation, whichever is the earlier date. The council may accept and expend grants and private donations from any source, including federal, state, public and private entities, to assist it to carry out its functions.

(2) The powers, functions and duties of the council shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(a) The collection and analysis of data regarding the extent to which children and adults in Mississippi suffer from obesity, and the programs and services currently available to meet the needs of overweight children and adults, and the funds dedicated by the state to maintain those programs and services.

(b) The collection and analysis of data to demonstrate the economic impact on the state of treating obesity and the estimated cost savings of implementing a comprehensive statewide obesity prevention and management model.

(c) The establishment and maintenance of a resources data bank containing information about obesity and related subjects accessible to educational and research institutions, as well as members of the general public.

(d) Consideration of the feasibility of awarding tax incentives for work sites that promote activities to reduce obesity in the work force.

(e) The establishment of recommendations to enhance funding for effective prevention and management programs and services, including Medicaid, private health insurance programs, and other state and federal funds.

(f) The establishment of recommendations designed to assure that children of school age who may have early indicators of obesity have access to affordable, effective prevention and management services.

(g) The establishment of recommendations for changes to statewide elementary and secondary education curricula to implement comprehensive, coordinated obesity awareness and education programs.

(h) Recommendations to enhance clinical education curricula in medical, nursing and other schools of higher education to implement comprehensive, coordinated obesity awareness and education courses.

(i) Recommendations to increase education and awareness among primary care physicians and other health professionals regarding the recognition, prevention and effective management of obesity.

(j) Consideration of a state prevention campaign to increase public awareness of the need for early prevention and management of obesity, possibly including:

(i) A broad-based public education campaign outlining health risks associated with failure to receive treatment for obesity.

(ii) A health professional training campaign.

(iii) A targeted public education campaign directed toward high risk populations.

(k) Coordination with the United States Department of Agriculture, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the United States Department of Education, the United States Centers for Disease Control and the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention to share resources and information in order to ensure a comprehensive approach to obesity and obesity-related conditions.

(l) Coordination with the State Departments of Education, Health, Human Services and Child Protection Services and the Division of Medicaid to share

resources and information in order to ensure a comprehensive approach to obesity and obesity-related conditions.

(m) Identification of and recommendations to reduce cultural, environmental and socioeconomic barriers to prevention and management of obesity in Mississippi.

(3) The council shall be composed of the following members:

- (a) The Executive Director of the State Department of Health, or his designee;
- (b) The Executive Director of the Department of Human Services, or his designee;
- (c) The State Superintendent of Education, or his designee;
- (d) The Executive Director of the State Department of Mental Health, or his designee;
- (e) The Commissioner of Child Protection Services, or his designee;
- (** *f) A representative of the Office of the Governor, to be appointed by the Governor;
- (** *g) A member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- (** *h) A member of the Senate, appointed by the Lieutenant Governor;
- (** *i) Two (2) representatives of the public-at-large, to be selected by the Governor;
- (** *j) The President of either the Mississippi Medical Association or the African-American Obesity Research and Treatment Association (AAORTA), or his designee;
- (** *k) The President of the Mississippi State Nurses Association, or his designee;
- (** *l) The President of the Mississippi Pharmacists Association, or his designee;
- (** *m) The President of the Mississippi Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, or his designee;
- (** *n) The Vice Chancellor of the University of Mississippi Medical Center, or his designee;
- (** *o) A representative appointed from the Mississippi state office of the American Association of Retired Persons;
- (** *p) A representative of the Mississippi Dietetic Association;
- (** *q) A representative of the Mississippi Restaurant Association;
- (** *r) The President of the Mississippi Physical Therapy Association, or his designee;
- (** *s) A member appointed by the Mississippi Commissioner of Insurance;
- (** *t) A representative from a food processor or food manufacturer;
- and
- (** *u) A representative from the Mississippi Soft Drink Association.

(4) The council shall meet upon call of the Governor not later than August 1, 2001, and shall organize for business by selecting a chairman who shall serve for a one-year term and may be selected for subsequent terms. The council shall adopt internal organizational procedures necessary for efficient operation of the council. Council procedures shall include duties of officers, a process for selecting officers, quorum requirements for conducting business and policies for any council staff. Each member of the council shall designate necessary staff of their departments to assist the council in performing its duties and responsibilities. The council shall meet and conduct business at least quarterly. Meetings of the council shall be open to the public and opportunity for public comment shall be made available at each such meeting. The chairman of the council shall notify all persons who request that notice as to the date, time and place of each meeting.

(5) Members of the council shall receive no compensation for their services.

(6) The council shall submit a report, including proposed legislation if necessary, to the Governor and to the House and Senate Health and Welfare Committees

before the convening of the 2004 legislative session. The report shall include a comprehensive state plan for implementation of services and programs in the State of Mississippi to increase prevention and management of obesity in adults and children and an estimate of the cost of implementation of such a plan.

(7) All departments, boards, agencies, officers and institutions of the state and all subdivisions thereof shall cooperate with the council in carrying out its purposes under this section.

SECTION 29. Section 43-1-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-1-9. There shall be created in each county of the state a county department of *** human services which shall consist of a county director of *** human services, and such other personnel as may be necessary for the efficient performance of the duties of the county department. It shall be the duty of the board of supervisors of each county to provide office space for the county department.

County director. The *** Executive Director of Human Services shall designate, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the State Personnel Board, with the approval of the Governor, a county director of *** human services who shall serve as the executive and administrative officer of the county department and shall be responsible to the state department for its management. Such director shall be a resident citizen of the county and shall not hold any political office of the state, county, municipality or subdivision thereof. However, in cases of emergency, the *** executive director may appoint a director of *** human services who is a nonresident of such county, to serve during the period of emergency only.

The county department of *** human services shall administer within the county all forms of public assistance and welfare services, with the exception of child welfare services administered by the Department of Child Protection Services. The county department shall comply with such regulations and submit such reports as may be established or required by the state department. Subject to the approval of the state department, the county department may cooperate with other departments, agencies and institutions, state and local, when so requested, in performing services in conformity with the provisions of this chapter.

In counties having two (2) judicial districts, the *** Executive Director of Human Services may create and establish in each of the judicial districts a separate county department of *** human services which shall consist of a director of *** human services and such other personnel as may be necessary for the efficient performance of the duties of the department thus established. In such cases the two (2) departments so established shall be dealt with as though each is a separate and distinct county department of *** human services, and each of the departments and each of the directors shall operate and have jurisdiction coextensive with the boundaries of the judicial district in which it is established; and, also, in such cases the words "county" and "director of *** human services" when used in this chapter shall, where applicable, mean each judicial district, and the director of *** human services appointed therefor; and where the board of supervisors is authorized to appropriate funds or provide office space or like assistance for one (1) county *** department or director, such board may, as the case may be, appropriate the amount specified by law or render the assistance required by law to each of the departments or directors. *** However, *** the *** Executive Director of Human Services shall not create and establish a separate county department of *** human services pursuant to this paragraph in any county in which such separate county department of *** human services is not in existence on January 1, 1983. *** In addition, in any county having two (2) county departments of *** human services on January 1, 1983, but only one (1) county director of *** on *** that date, the *** Executive Director of Human Services shall not authorize and establish the second position of county director of *** human services in such county.

In any county not having two (2) judicial districts which is greater than fifty (50) miles in length, the *** Executive Director of Human Services may establish one (1) branch office of the county department of *** human services which shall be staffed with existing employees and administrative staff of such county department for not less than four (4) days per week.

SECTION 30. Section 43-1-101, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-1-101. (1) There is created the Mississippi Interagency Council on Homelessness. The purpose of the council is to establish, develop and implement a plan to reduce homelessness that includes a strong focus on the needs of homeless children, youth and families, as well as individuals and veterans who are homeless.

(2) In addition to the duties prescribed in subsection (1) the council shall annually make a report to the Governor, the House of Representatives, the Senate and the public regarding the council's progress in meeting its goals and objectives.

(3) The council shall be composed of the following members:

(a) A representative from the Office of the Governor, appointed by the Governor;

(b) The Chairperson or his designee of the Youth and Family Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives and the Chairperson or his designee of the Housing Committee of the Senate;

(c) The Executive Director of the Department of * * * Human Services or his designee;

(d) The Executive Director of the Department of Mental Health or his designee;

(e) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Development Authority or his designee;

(f) The Commissioner of Child Protection Services or his designee;

(* * *g) The State Superintendent of the Department of Education or his designee;

(* * *h) A representative of Partners to End Homelessness, appointed by the Governor;

(* * *i) A representative of Mississippi United to End Homelessness, appointed by the Governor;

(* * *j) A representative of Open Doors Counseling Center, appointed by the Governor;

(* * *k) A representative of a school district that is working on the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act, appointed by the State Superintendent of Education;

(* * *l) A representative of the Mississippi Campaign to End Child Homelessness, appointed by the Governor;

(* * *m) Two (2) directors from homeless and domestic violence emergency shelters, appointed by the Governor;

(* * *n) A youth who is or has been homeless, appointed by the State Superintendent of Education;

(* * *o) A representative of the Oakley Youth Development Center, appointed by the Governor;

(* * *p) The Executive Director of the State Veterans Affairs Board or his designee;

(* * *q) The Executive Director of Hope Enterprises, or his designee; and

(* * *r) A representative from a community action agency appointed by the Governor.

(4) Appointments shall be made within thirty (30) days after July 1, 2013. Within fifteen (15) days thereafter on a day to be designated jointly by the Speaker of the House and the Lieutenant Governor, the council shall meet and organize by selecting from its membership a chairperson and a vice chairperson. The vice chairperson shall also serve as secretary and shall be responsible for keeping all records of the council. A majority of the members of the council shall constitute a quorum. In the selection of its officers and the adoption of rules, resolutions and reports, an affirmative vote of a majority of the council shall be required. All members shall be notified in writing of all meetings, and those notices shall be mailed at least fifteen (15) days before the date on which a meeting is to be held.

(5) Members of the council shall serve without compensation for their services, and the council shall perform its duties without legislative appropriation or the use of any

state funds for that purpose; however, the council, by approval of a majority of the appointed members of the council, is authorized to accept funds that may be donated or provided in the form of financial grants from public or private sources. In addition, any department, division, board, bureau, commission or agency of the state, or of any political subdivision thereof, shall provide, at the request of the chair of the council, such facilities, assistance and data as will enable the council to carry out its duties.

SECTION 31. Section 43-14-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-14-1. (1) The purpose of this chapter is to provide for the development, implementation and oversight of a coordinated interagency system of necessary services and care for children and youth, called the Mississippi Statewide System of Care, up to age twenty-one (21) with serious emotional/behavioral disorders including, but not limited to, conduct disorders, or mental illness who require services from a multiple services and multiple programs system, and who can be successfully diverted from inappropriate institutional placement. The Mississippi Statewide System of Care is to be conducted in the most fiscally responsible (cost-efficient) manner possible, based on an individualized plan of care which takes into account other available interagency programs, including, but not limited to, Early Intervention Act of Infants and Toddlers, Section 41-87-1 et seq., Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment, Section 43-13-117(A)(5), waived program for home- and community-based services for developmentally disabled people, Section 43-13-117(A)(29), and waived program for targeted case management services for children with special needs, Section 43-13-117(A)(31), those children identified through the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 1997 as having a serious emotional disorder (EMD), the Mississippi Children's Health Insurance Program and waived programs for children with serious emotional disturbances, Section 43-13-117(A)(46), and is tied to clinically and functionally appropriate outcomes. Some of the outcomes are to reduce the number of inappropriate out-of-home placements inclusive of those out-of-state and to reduce the number of inappropriate school suspensions and expulsions for this population of children. This coordinated interagency system of necessary services and care shall be named the Mississippi Statewide System of Care. Children to be served by this chapter who are eligible for Medicaid shall be screened through the Medicaid Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) and their needs for medically necessary services shall be certified through the EPSDT process. For purposes of this chapter, the Mississippi Statewide System of Care is defined as a coordinated network of agencies and providers working as a team to make a full range of mental health and other necessary services available as needed by children with mental health problems and their families. The Mississippi Statewide System of Care shall be:

- (a) Child centered, family focused, family driven and youth guided;
- (b) Community based;
- (c) Culturally competent and responsive; and shall provide for:
 - (i) Service coordination or case management;
 - (ii) Prevention and early identification and intervention;
 - (iii) Smooth transitions among agencies and providers,

and to the transition-age and adult service systems;

- (iv) Human rights protection and advocacy;
- (v) Nondiscrimination in access to services;
- (vi) A comprehensive array of services composed of

treatment and informal supports that are identified as best practices and/or evidence-based practices;

(vii) Individualized service planning that uses a strengths-based, wraparound process;

- (viii) Services in the least restrictive environment;
- (ix) Family participation in all aspects of planning, service

delivery and evaluation; and

- (x) Integrated services with coordinated planning across

child-serving agencies.

Mississippi Statewide System of Care services shall be timely, intensive, coordinated and delivered in the community. Mississippi Statewide System of Care services shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (a) Comprehensive crisis and emergency response services;
- (b) Intensive case management;
- (c) Day treatment;
- (d) Alcohol and drug abuse group services for youth;
- (e) Individual, group and family therapy;
- (f) Respite services;
- (g) Supported employment services for youth;
- (h) Family education and support and family partners;
- (i) Youth development and support and youth partners;
- (j) Positive behavioral supports (PBIS) in schools;
- (k) Transition-age supported and independent living services; and
- (l) Vocational/technical education services for youth.

(2) There is established the Interagency Coordinating Council for Children and Youth (hereinafter referred to as the "ICCCY"). The ICCCY shall consist of the following membership:

- (a) The State Superintendent of Public Education;
- (b) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Mental Health;
- (c) The Executive Director of the State Department of Health;
- (d) The Executive Director of the Department of Human Services;
- (e) The Executive Director of the Division of Medicaid, Office of the Governor;
- (f) The Executive Director of the State Department of Rehabilitation Services;
- (g) The Executive Director of Mississippi Families as Allies for Children's Mental Health, Inc.;
- (h) The Commissioner of Child Protection Services;
- (**i) The Attorney General;
- (**j) A family member of a child or youth in the population named in this chapter designated by Mississippi Families as Allies;
- (**k) A youth or young adult in the population named in this chapter designated by Mississippi Families as Allies;
- (**l) A local MAP team coordinator designated by the Department of Mental Health;
- (**m) A child psychiatrist experienced in the public mental health system designated by the Mississippi Psychiatric Association;
- (**n) An individual with expertise and experience in early childhood education designated jointly by the Department of Mental Health and Mississippi Families as Allies;
- (**o) A representative of an organization that advocates on behalf of disabled citizens in Mississippi designated by the Department of Mental Health; and
- (**p) A faculty member or dean from a Mississippi university specializing in training professionals who work in the Mississippi Statewide System of Care designated by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning.

If a member of the council designates a representative to attend council meetings, the designee shall bring full decision-making authority of the member to the meeting. The council shall select a chairman, who shall serve for a one-year term and may not serve consecutive terms. The council shall adopt internal organizational procedures necessary for efficient operation of the council. Each member of the council shall designate necessary staff of their departments to assist the ICCCY in performing its duties and responsibilities. The ICCCY shall meet and conduct business at least twice annually. The chairman of the ICCCY shall notify all ICCCY members and all other persons who request such notice as to the date, time, place and draft agenda items for each meeting.

(3) The Interagency System of Care Council (ISCC) is created to serve as the state management team for the ICCCY, with the responsibility of collecting and analyzing data and funding strategies necessary to improve the operation of the Mississippi

Statewide System of Care, and to make recommendations to the ICCCY and to the Legislature concerning such strategies on, at a minimum, an annual basis. The System of Care Council also has the responsibility of coordinating the local Multidisciplinary Assessment and Planning (MAP) teams and "A" teams and may apply for grants from public and private sources necessary to carry out its responsibilities. The Interagency System of Care Council shall be comprised of one (1) member from each of the appropriate child-serving divisions or sections of the State Department of Health, the Department of Human Services (** *Division of Youth Services), the Department of Child Protection Services, the State Department of Mental Health (Division of Children and Youth, Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse, and Bureau of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities), the State Department of Education (Office of Special Education and Office of Healthy Schools), the Division of Medicaid of the Governor's Office, the Department of Rehabilitation Services, and the Attorney General's office. Additional members shall include a family member of a child, youth or transition-age youth representing a family education and support 501(c)(3) organization, working with the population named in this chapter designated by Mississippi Families as Allies, an individual with expertise and experience in early childhood education designated jointly by the Department of Mental Health and Mississippi Families as Allies, a local MAP team representative and a local "A" team representative designated by the Department of Mental Health, a probation officer designated by the Department of Corrections, a family member and youth or young adult designated by Mississippi Families as Allies for Children's Mental Health, Inc., (MSFAA), and a family member other than a MSFAA representative to be designated by the Department of Mental Health and the Director of the Compulsory School Attendance Enforcement of the State Department of Education. Appointments to the Interagency System of Care Council shall be made within sixty (60) days after June 30, 2010. The council shall organize by selecting a chairman from its membership to serve on an annual basis, and the chairman may not serve consecutive terms.

(4) (a) As part of the Mississippi Statewide System of Care, there is established a statewide system of local Multidisciplinary Assessment, Planning and Resource (MAP) teams. The MAP teams shall be comprised of one (1) representative each at the county level from the major child-serving public agencies for education, human services, health, mental health and rehabilitative services approved by respective state agencies of the Department of Education, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Child Protection Services, the Department of Health, the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Rehabilitation Services. These agencies shall, by policy, contract or regulation require participation on MAP teams and "A" teams at the county level by the appropriate staff. Three (3) additional members may be added to each team, one (1) of which may be a representative of a family education/support 501(c)(3) organization with statewide recognition and specifically established for the population of children defined in Section 43-14-1. The remaining members will be representatives of significant community-level stakeholders with resources that can benefit the population of children defined in Section 43-14-1. The Department of Education shall assist in recruiting and identifying parents to participate on MAP teams and "A" teams.

(b) For each local existing MAP team that is established pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection, there shall also be established an "A" (Adolescent) team which shall work with a MAP team. The "A" teams shall provide System of Care services for youthful offenders who have serious behavioral or emotional disorders. Each "A" team shall be comprised of, at a minimum, the following five (5) members:

- (i) A school counselor, mental health therapist or social worker;
- (ii) A community mental health professional;
- (iii) A social services/child welfare professional;
- (iv) A youth court counselor; and
- (v) A parent who had a child in the juvenile justice system.

(c) The Interagency Coordinating Council for Children and Youth and the Interagency System of Care Council shall work to develop MAP teams statewide that will serve to become the single point of entry for children and youth about to be placed in out-of-home care for reasons other than parental abuse/neglect.

(5) The Interagency Coordinating Council for Children and Youth may provide input to one another and to the ISCC relative to how each agency utilizes its federal and state statutes, policy requirements and funding streams to identify and/or serve children and youth in the population defined in this section. The ICCCY shall support the implementation of the plans of the respective state agencies for comprehensive, community-based, multidisciplinary care, treatment and placement of these children.

(6) The ICCCY shall oversee a pool of state funds that may be contributed by each participating state agency and additional funds from the Mississippi Tobacco Health Care Expenditure Fund, subject to specific appropriation therefor by the Legislature. Part of this pool of funds shall be available for increasing the present funding levels by matching Medicaid funds in order to increase the existing resources available for necessary community-based services for Medicaid beneficiaries.

(7) The local interagency coordinating care MAP team or "A" team will facilitate the development of the individualized System of Care programs for the population targeted in this section.

(8) Each local MAP team and "A" team shall serve as the single point of entry and re-entry to ensure that comprehensive diagnosis and assessment occur and shall coordinate needed services through the local MAP team and "A" team members and local service providers for the children named in subsection (1). Local children in crisis shall have first priority for access to the MAP team and "A" team processes and local System of Care services.

(9) The Interagency Coordinating Council for Children and Youth shall facilitate monitoring of the performance of local MAP teams.

(10) Each ICCCY member named in subsection (2) of this section shall enter into a binding memorandum of understanding to participate in the further development and oversight of the Mississippi Statewide System of Care for the children and youth described in this section. The agreement shall outline the system responsibilities in all operational areas, including ensuring representation on MAP teams, funding, data collection, referral of children to MAP teams and "A" teams, and training. The agreement shall be signed and in effect by July 1 of each year.

SECTION 32. Section 43-14-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-14-5. There is created in the State Treasury a special fund into which shall be deposited all funds contributed by the Department of Human Services, Department of Child Protection Services, State Department of Health, Department of Mental Health * * * and State Department of Rehabilitation Services insofar as recipients are otherwise eligible under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and State Department of Education for the operation of a statewide System of Care by MAP teams and "A" teams utilizing such funds as may be made available to those MAP teams through a Request for Proposal (RFP) approved by the ICCCY.

SECTION 33. Section 43-15-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-15-3. The Department of Human Services * * * and the Department of Child Protection Services are authorized, empowered and directed to cooperate fully with the United States Children's Bureau and Secretary of Labor in establishing, extending and strengthening "child welfare services" for the protection and care of homeless, dependent and neglected children and children in danger of becoming delinquent. * * * Those departments * * * are further authorized, empowered and directed to cooperate with the United States Children's Bureau and Secretary of Labor in developing plans for * * * those "child welfare services" and extending any other cooperation necessary under Section 521 of Public Law No. 271-74th Congress of the United States.

In furtherance of the "child welfare services" referred to in the first paragraph hereof the State Treasurer is * * * authorized and directed to receive on behalf of the state, and to execute all instruments incidental thereto, federal or other funds to be used for "child welfare services," and to place such funds in a special account to the credit of the "child welfare services," which * * * funds shall be expended by the Department of Human Services and the Department of Child Protection Services for the purposes and under the provisions of this article and Section 521 of Public Law No. 271-74th Congress of the

United States. It shall be paid out by the State Treasurer as funds appropriated to carry out the provisions of * * * those laws.

The Department of Human Services or the Department of Child Protection Services shall issue all checks on * * * the "child welfare services" fund to persons entitled to payment from * * * the fund. All such sums shall be drawn upon the "child welfare services" fund upon requisition of the Director of the Department of Human Services or the Commissioner of Child Protection Services.

The money in the "child welfare services" fund shall be expended in accordance with the rules and regulations of the United States Children's Bureau and Secretary of Labor and in accordance with the plan developed by the Department of Human Services or Department of Child Protection Services and the United States Children's Bureau under Section 521 of Public Law No. 271-74th Congress of the United States, and shall not be used for any other purpose.

If a claim for foster care and/or adoption assistance under Title IV-E of the federal Social Security Act is not acted upon within a reasonable time after the filing of the claim, or is denied in whole or in part, the claimant may appeal to the * * * Commissioner of Child Protection Services in the manner and form prescribed by the Department of * * * Child Protection Services. The * * * Commissioner of Child Protection Services shall, upon receipt of such an appeal, give the claimant reasonable notice and opportunity for a fair hearing. The * * * Commissioner of Child Protection Services may also, upon his or her own motion, review any decision regarding a claim, and may consider any claim upon which a decision has not been made within a reasonable time. All decisions of the * * * Commissioner of Child Protection Services shall be final and binding.

SECTION 34. Section 43-15-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-15-5. (1) The Department of * * * Child Protection Services shall have authority and it shall be its duty to administer or supervise all public child welfare services, including those services, responsibilities, duties and powers with which the * * * local offices of child protection services are charged and empowered in this article; administer and supervise the licensing and inspection of all private child placing agencies; provide for the care of dependent and neglected children in foster family homes or in institutions, supervise the care of such children and those of illegitimate birth; supervise the importation of children; and supervise the operation of all state institutions for children. The Department of * * * Child Protection Services shall be authorized to purchase hospital and medical insurance coverage for those children placed in foster care by the state or * * * local offices of child protection services who are not otherwise eligible for medical assistance under the Mississippi Medicaid Law. The Department of * * * Child Protection Services shall be further authorized to purchase burial or life insurance not exceeding One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for those children placed in foster care by the state or * * * local offices of child protection services. All insurance coverage authorized herein may be purchased with any funds other than state funds available to the Department of * * * Child Protection Services, including those funds available to the child which are administered by the department.

(2) Any person, partnership, group, corporation, organization or association desiring to operate a child residential home, as defined in Section 43-16-3, may make application for a license for such a facility to the Department of * * * Child Protection Services on the application forms furnished for this purpose by the department. If an applicant meets the published rules and regulations of the department regarding minimum standards for a child residential home, then the applicant shall be granted a license by the department.

SECTION 35. Section 43-15-6, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-15-6. (1) Any person, institution, facility, clinic, organization or other entity that provides services to children in a residential setting where care, lodging, maintenance, and counseling or therapy for alcohol or controlled substance abuse or for any other emotional disorder or mental illness is provided for children, whether for compensation or not, that holds himself, herself, or itself out to the public as providing such services, and that is entrusted with the care of the children to whom he, she, or it

provides services, because of the nature of the services and the setting in which the services are provided shall be subject to the provisions of this section.

(2) Each entity to which this section applies shall complete, through the appropriate governmental authority, a national criminal history record information check and a child abuse registry check for each owner, operator, employee, prospective employee, volunteer or prospective volunteer of the entity and/or any other that has or may have unsupervised access to a child served by the entity. In order to determine the applicant's suitability for employment, the entity shall ensure that the applicant be fingerprinted by local law enforcement, and the results forwarded to the Department of Public Safety. If no disqualifying record is identified at the state level, the fingerprints shall be forwarded by the Department of Public Safety to the FBI for a national criminal history record check.

(3) An owner, operator, employee, prospective employee, volunteer or prospective volunteer of the entity and/or any other that has or may have unsupervised access to a child who has a criminal history of conviction or pending indictment of a crime, whether a misdemeanor or a felony, that bears upon an individual's fitness to have responsibility for the safety and well-being of children as set forth in this chapter may not provide child care or operate, or be licensed as, a residential child care program, foster parent, or foster home.

(4) All fees incurred in compliance with this section shall be borne by the individual or entity to which subsection (1) applies.

(5) The Department of Human Services and the Department of Child Protection Services shall have the authority to set fees, to exclude a particular crime or crimes or a substantiated finding of child abuse and/or neglect as disqualifying individuals or entities from providing foster care or residential child care, and adopt such other rules and regulations as may be required to carry out the provisions of this section.

(6) Any entity that violates the provisions of this section by failure to complete sex offense criminal history record information and felony conviction record information checks, as required under subsection (3) of this section, shall be subject to a penalty of up to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for each such violation and may be enjoined from further operation until it complies with this section in actions maintained by the Attorney General.

(7) The Department of Human Services and the Department of Child Protection Services and/or *** their officers, employees, attorneys, agents and representatives shall not be held civilly liable for any findings, recommendations or actions taken pursuant to this section.

SECTION 36. Section 43-15-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-15-7. *** Any local office of child protection services is authorized to provide protective services for children as will conserve home life; assume responsibility for the care and support of dependent children needing public care away from their homes; place children found by the *** local office to be dependent or without proper care in suitable institutions or private homes, and cooperate with public and private institutions and agencies in placing such children in suitable institutions or private homes; accept custody or guardianship, through one of its designated employees, of any child, when appointed as custodian or guardian in the manner provided by law.

The board of supervisors in each county is *** empowered, in its discretion, to set aside and appropriate out of the tax levied and collected to support the poor of the county or out of the county general fund necessary monies to be administered by the *** local office of child protection services to carry out the provisions of this section.

SECTION 37. Section 43-15-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-15-11. (1) The board of supervisors of any county and/or the mayor and board of commissioners of any city and/or the mayor and board of aldermen of any municipality in this state are *** authorized and empowered, in their discretion, to expend out of any *** monies in their respective treasuries, to be drawn by warrant thereon, a sum or sums of money not exceeding a total of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) annually per One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) of the assessed valuation of the real and personal property thereof for the purpose of providing for the care, support and maintenance of

homeless or destitute children of any county or municipality of this state who are supported, cared for, maintained and placed for adoption by any children's home society which operates over and serves the entire State of Mississippi, and which is approved and licensed by the Mississippi Department of * * * Child Protection Services.

(2) The authority granted in this section is supplemental of and in addition to all existing authority for the expenditure of funds by such boards of supervisors and municipal governing authorities.

SECTION 38. Section 43-15-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-15-15. The * * * Department of * * * Child Protection Services shall maintain a registry of children whose custody lies with them and private or public agencies licensed by the department. * * * The registry shall contain classifications of children as:

(a) Temporary custody for evaluation, not to exceed three (3) months;

(b) Temporary custody not to exceed one (1) year with the plan to return custody to the natural parents;

(c) Temporary custody, not to exceed two (2) years, with a plan to free for adoption;

(d) Children freed for adoption;

(e) Children ages fourteen (14) and above who have voluntarily chosen not to be adopted and cannot be returned to their own homes; and

(f) Children who are institutionalized and for whom placement in an adoptive home is not feasible.

SECTION 39. Section 43-15-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-15-19. (1) The * * * Department of * * * Child Protection Services shall maintain a Mississippi Adoption Resource Exchange registry, which shall contain a total listing of all children freed for adoption as well as a listing of all persons who wish to adopt children and who are approved by a licensed adoption agency in the State of Mississippi. * * * The registry shall be distributed to all county * * * offices of child protection services and licensed adoption agencies within the state and shall be updated at least quarterly. The * * * Department of * * * Child Protection Services shall establish regulations for listing descriptive characteristics while protecting the privacy of the children's names. Listed names shall be removed when adoption placement plans are made for a child or when a person withdraws an application for adoption.

(2) Adoptive parents shall be given the option of having their names placed in the registry. To be placed in the registry, they shall be required to give written authority to the * * * Department of Child Protection Services.

SECTION 40. Section 43-15-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-15-21. Anyone violating or releasing information of a confidential nature without the approval of the court with jurisdiction or the * * * Department of * * * Child Protection Services, upon being found guilty, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of no more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisonment of six (6) months, or both.

SECTION 41. Section 43-15-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-15-23. (1) As used in this section the term "placing out" means to arrange for the free care of a child in a family, other than that of the child's parent, stepparent, grandparent, brother, sister, uncle or aunt or legal guardian, for the purpose of adoption or for the purpose of providing care.

(2) No person, agency, association, corporation, institution, society or other organization, except a child placement agency licensed by the Department of * * * Child Protection Services under Section 43-15-5, shall request, receive or accept any compensation or thing of value, directly or indirectly, for placing out of a child.

(3) No person shall pay or give any compensation or thing of value, directly or indirectly, for placing out of a child to any person, agency, association, corporation, institution, society or other organization except a child placement agency licensed by the Department of * * * Child Protection Services.

(4) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to (a) prevent the payment of salaries or other compensation by a child placement agency licensed by the Department of * * * Child Protection Services to the officers or employees thereof; (b) prevent the payment of legal fees, which have been approved by the chancery court, to an attorney for services performed in regard to adoption proceedings; (c) prevent the payment of reasonable and actual medical fees or hospital charges for services rendered in connection with the birth or medical treatment of such child to the physician or hospital which rendered the services; or (d) prevent the receipt of such payments by such attorney, physician or hospital.

(5) Any person, agency, association, corporation, institution, society or other organization violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of illegal placement of children and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or by imprisonment not more than five (5) years, or both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 42. Section 43-15-103, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-15-103. As used in this article:

(a) "Agency" means a residential child-caring agency or a child-placing agency.

(b) "Child" or "children" mean(s) any unmarried person or persons under the age of eighteen (18) years.

(c) "Child placing" means receiving, accepting or providing custody or care for any child under eighteen (18) years of age, temporarily or permanently, for the purpose of:

(i) Finding a person to adopt the child;

(ii) Placing the child temporarily or permanently in a home

for adoption; or

(iii) Placing a child in a foster home or residential

child-caring agency.

(d) "Child-placing agency" means any entity or person which places children in foster boarding homes or foster homes for temporary care or for adoption or any other entity or person or group of persons who are engaged in providing adoption studies or foster care studies or placement services as defined by the rules of the department.

(e) "Department" means the Mississippi Department of * * * Child Protection Services.

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(* * *f) "Family boarding home" or "foster home" means a home (occupied residence) operated by any entity or person which provides residential child care to at least one (1) child but not more than six (6) children who are not related to the primary caregivers.

(* * *g) "Group care home" means any place or facility operated by any entity or person which provides residential child care for at least seven (7) children but not more than twelve (12) children who are not related to the primary caregivers.

(* * *h) "Licensee" means any person, agency or entity licensed under this article.

(* * *i) "Maternity home" means any place or facility operated by any entity or person which receives, treats or cares for more than one (1) child or adult who is pregnant out of wedlock, either before, during or within two (2) weeks after childbirth; provided, that the licensed child-placing agencies and licensed maternity homes may use a family boarding home approved and supervised by the agency or home, as a part of their work, for as many as three (3) children or adults who are pregnant out of wedlock, and provided further, that the provisions of this definition shall not include children or women who receive maternity care in the home of a person to whom they are kin within the sixth degree of kindred computed according to civil law, nor does it apply to any maternity care provided by general or special hospitals licensed according to law and in which maternity treatment and care are part of the medical services performed and the care of children is brief and incidental.

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(** *) "Person associated with a licensee" means an owner, director, member of the governing body, employee, provider of care and volunteer of a human services licensee.

(** *k) "Related" means children, step-children, grandchildren, step-grandchildren, siblings of the whole or half-blood, step-siblings, nieces or nephews of the primary care provider.

(** *) "Residential child care" means the provision of supervision, and/or protection, and meeting the basic needs of a child for twenty-four (24) hours per day, which may include services to children in a residential setting where care, lodging, maintenance and counseling or therapy for alcohol or controlled substance abuse or for any other emotional disorder or mental illness is provided for children, whether for compensation or not.

(** *m) "Residential child-caring agency" means any place or facility operated by any entity or person, public or private, providing residential child care, regardless of whether operated for profit or whether a fee is charged. Such residential child-caring agencies include, but are not limited to, maternity homes, runaway shelters, group homes that are administered by an agency, and emergency shelters that are not in private residence.

SECTION 43. Section 43-15-105, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-15-105. (1) The ** * Department of Child Protection Services shall be the licensing authority ** * under this article, and is vested with all the powers, duties and responsibilities described in this article. The ** * department shall make and establish rules and regulations regarding:

(a) Approving, extending, denying, suspending and revoking licenses for foster homes, residential child-caring agencies and child-placing agencies;

(b) Conditional licenses, variances from department rules and exclusions;

(c) Basic health and safety standards for licensees; and

(d) Minimum administration and financial requirements for licensees.

(2) The ** * department shall:

(a) Define information that shall be submitted to the ** * department with an application for a license;

(b) Establish guidelines for the administration and maintenance of client and service records, including staff qualifications, staff to client ratios;

(c) Issue licenses in accordance with this article;

(d) Conduct surveys and inspections of licensees and facilities;

(e) Establish and collect licensure fees;

(f) Investigate complaints regarding any licensee or facility;

(g) Have access to all records, correspondence and financial data required to be maintained by a licensee or facility;

(h) Have authority to interview any client, family member of a client, employee or officer of a licensee or facility; and

(i) Have authority to revoke, suspend or extend any license issued by the ** * department.

SECTION 44. Section 43-15-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-15-107. (1) Except as provided in Section 43-15-111, no person, agency, firm, corporation, association or other entity, acting individually or jointly with any other person or entity, may establish, conduct or maintain foster homes, residential child-caring agencies and child-placing agencies or facility and/or engage in child placing in this state without a valid and current license issued by and under the authority of the ** * department as provided by this article and the rules of the ** * department. Any out-of-state child-placing agency that provides a full range of services, including, but not limited to, adoptions, foster family homes, adoption counseling services or financial aid, in this state must be licensed by the ** * department under this article.

(2) No license issued under this article is assignable or transferable.

(3) A current license shall at all times be posted in each licensee's facility, in a place that is visible and readily accessible to the public.

(4) (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, each license issued under this article expires at midnight (Central Standard Time) twelve (12) months from the date of issuance unless it has been:

- (i) Previously revoked by the * * * department; or
- (ii) Voluntarily returned to the * * * department by the

licensee.

(b) (i) For any child-placing agency located in Mississippi that remains in good standing, the license issued under this article expires at midnight (Central Standard Time) twenty-four (24) months from the date of issuance unless it has been:

- 1. Previously revoked by the * * * department;
- or
- 2. Voluntarily returned to the * * * department by

the licensee.

(ii) Any child-placing agency whose license is governed by this paragraph (b) shall submit the following information to the * * * department annually:

- 1. A copy of an audit report and IRS Form 990 for the agency;
- 2. The agency's fee schedule; and
- 3. The agency's client list.

(c) A license may be renewed upon application and payment of the applicable fee, provided that the licensee meets the license requirements established by this article and the rules and regulations of the * * * department.

(5) Any licensee or facility which is in operation at the time rules are made in accordance with this article shall be given a reasonable time for compliance as determined by the rules of the * * * department.

SECTION 45. Section 43-15-109, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-15-109. (1) An application for a license under this article shall be made to the * * * department and shall contain information that the * * * department determines is necessary in accordance with established rules.

(2) Information received by the office through reports, complaints, investigations and inspections shall be classified as public in accordance with Title 25, Chapter 61, Mississippi Code of 1972, Mississippi Public Records Act.

SECTION 46. Section 43-15-113, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-15-113. (1) If a license is revoked, the * * * department may grant a new license after:

(a) Satisfactory evidence is submitted to the * * * department, evidencing that the conditions upon which revocation was based have been corrected; and

(b) Inspection and compliance with all provisions of this article and applicable rules.

(2) The * * * department may only suspend a license for a period of time which does not exceed the current expiration date of that license.

(3) When a license has been suspended, the * * * department may completely or partially restore the suspended license upon a determination that the:

(a) Conditions upon which the suspension was based have been completely or partially corrected; and

(b) Interests of the public will not be jeopardized by restoration of the license.

SECTION 47. Section 43-15-115, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-15-115. (1) The * * * department may, for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with the provisions of this article and its rules and regulations, enter and inspect on a routine basis the facility of a licensee.

(2) Before conducting an inspection under subsection (1), the * * * department shall, after identifying the person in charge:

- (a) Give proper identification;
- (b) Request to see the applicable license;

(c) Describe the nature and purpose of the inspection; and
(d) If necessary, explain the authority of the * * * department to conduct the inspection and the penalty for refusing to permit the inspection.

(3) In conducting an inspection under subsection (1), the * * * department may, after meeting the requirements of subsection (2):

- (a) Inspect the physical facilities;
- (b) Inspect records and documents;
- (c) Interview directors, employees, clients, family members of clients

and others; and

- (d) Observe the licensee in operation.

(4) An inspection conducted under subsection (1) shall be during regular business hours and may be announced or unannounced.

(5) The licensee shall make copies of inspection reports available to the public upon request.

(6) The provisions of this section apply to on-site inspections and do not restrict the * * * department from contacting family members, neighbors or other individuals, or from seeking information from other sources to determine compliance with the provisions of this article.

SECTION 48. Section 43-15-117, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-15-117. (1) Except as provided in this article, no person, agency, firm, corporation, association or group children's home may engage in child placing, or solicit money or other assistance for child placing, without a valid license issued by the * * * department. No out-of-state child-placing agency that provides a full range of services, including, but not limited to, adoptions, foster family homes, adoption counseling services or financial aid, may operate in this state without a valid license issued by the * * * department. No child-placing agency shall advertise in the media markets in Mississippi seeking birth mothers or their children for adoption purposes unless the agency holds a valid and current license issued either by the * * * department or the authorized governmental licensing agency of another state that regulates child-placing agencies. Any child-placing agency, physician or attorney who advertises for child placing or adoption services in Mississippi shall be required by the * * * department to show their principal office location on all media advertising for adoption services.

(2) An attorney who provides legal services to a client in connection with proceedings for the adoption of a child by the client, who does not receive, accept or provide custody or care for the child for the purposes specified in Section 43-15-103(c), shall not be required to have a license under this article to provide those legal services.

(3) An attorney, physician or other person may assist a parent in identifying or locating a person interested in adopting the parent's child, or in identifying or locating a child to be adopted. However, no payment, charge, fee, reimbursement of expense, or exchange of value of any kind, or promise or agreement to make the same, may be made for that assistance.

(4) Nothing in this section precludes payment of reasonable fees for medical, legal or other lawful services rendered in connection with the care of a mother, delivery and care of a child including, but not limited to, the mother's living expenses, or counseling for the parents and/or the child, and for the legal proceedings related to lawful adoption proceedings; and no provision of this section abrogates the right of procedures for independent adoption as provided by law.

(5) The * * * department is specifically authorized to promulgate rules under the Administrative Procedures Law, Title 25, Chapter 43, Mississippi Code of 1972, to regulate fees charged by licensed child-placing agencies, if it determines that the practices of those licensed child-placing agencies demonstrates that the fees charged are excessive or that any of the agency's practices are deceptive or misleading; however, those rules regarding fees shall take into account the use of any sliding fee by an agency that uses a sliding fee procedure to permit prospective adoptive parents of varying income levels to utilize the services of those agencies or persons.

(6) The * * * department shall promulgate rules under the Administrative Procedures Law, Title 25, Chapter 43, Mississippi Code of 1972, to require that all licensed child-placing agencies provide written disclosures to all prospective adoptive

parents of any fees or other charges for each service performed by the agency or person, and file an annual report with the *** department that states the fees and charges for those services, and to require them to inform the *** department in writing thirty (30) days in advance of any proposed changes to the fees or charges for those services.

(7) The *** department is specifically authorized to disclose to prospective adoptive parents or other interested persons any fees charged by any licensed child-placing agency, attorney or counseling service or counselor for all legal and counseling services provided by that licensed child-placing agency, attorney or counseling service or counselor.

SECTION 49. Section 43-15-119, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-15-119. (1) If the *** department finds that a violation has occurred under this article or the rules and regulations of the *** department, it may:

(a) Deny, suspend or revoke a license or place the licensee on probation, if the *** department discovers that a licensee is not in compliance with the laws, standards or regulations governing its operation, and/or it finds evidence of aiding, abetting or permitting the commission of any illegal act; or

(b) Restrict or prohibit new admissions to the licensee's program or facility, if the *** department discovers that a licensee is not in compliance with the laws, standards or regulations governing its operation, and/or it finds evidence of aiding, abetting or permitting the commission of any illegal act.

(2) If placed on probation, the agency or licensee shall post a copy of the notice in a conspicuous place as directed by the *** department and with the agency's or individual's license, and the agency shall notify the custodians of each of the children in its care in writing of the agency's status and the basis for the probation.

SECTION 50. Section 43-15-121, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-15-121. In addition to, and notwithstanding, any other remedy provided by law, the *** department may, in a manner provided by law and upon the advice of the Attorney General who, except as otherwise authorized in Section 7-5-39, shall represent the *** department in the proceedings, maintain an action in the name of the state for injunction or other process against any person or entity to restrain or prevent the establishment, management or operation of a program or facility or performance of services in violation of this article or rules of the *** department.

SECTION 51. Section 43-15-125, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-15-125. The department *** and/or its officers, employees, attorneys and representatives shall not be held civilly liable for any findings, recommendations or actions taken pursuant to this article.

SECTION 52. Section 43-15-201, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-15-201. (1) An emergency medical services provider, without a court order, shall take possession of a child who is seven (7) days old or younger if the child is voluntarily delivered to the provider by the child's parent and the parent did not express an intent to return for the child.

(2) The parent who surrenders the baby shall not be required to provide any information pertaining to his or her identity, nor shall the emergency medical services provider inquire as to same. If the identity of the parent is known to the emergency medical services provider, the emergency medical services provider shall keep the identity confidential.

(3) A female presenting herself to a hospital through the emergency room or otherwise, who is subsequently admitted for purposes of labor and delivery, does not give up the legal protections or anonymity guaranteed under this section. If the mother clearly expresses a desire to voluntarily surrender custody of the newborn after birth, the emergency medical services provider can take possession of the child, without further action by the mother, as if the child had been presented to the emergency medical services provider in the same manner outlined above in subsection (1) of this section.

(a) If the mother expresses a desire to remain anonymous, identifying information may be obtained for purposes of securing payment of labor and

delivery costs only. If the birth mother is a minor, the hospital may use the identifying information to secure payment through Medicaid, but shall not notify the minor's parent or guardian without the minor's consent.

(b) The identity of the birth mother shall not be placed on the birth certificate or disclosed to the Department of * * * Child Protection Services.

(4) There is a presumption that by relinquishing a child in accordance with this section, the parent consents to the termination of his or her parental rights with respect to the child. As such, the parent waives the right to notification required by subsequent court proceedings.

(5) An emergency medical services provider who takes possession of a child under this section shall perform any act necessary to protect the physical health or safety of the child.

SECTION 53. Section 43-15-203, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-15-203. (1) No later than the close of the first business day after the date on which an emergency medical services provider takes possession of a child pursuant to Section 43-15-201, the provider shall notify the Department of * * * Child Protection Services that the provider has taken possession of the child.

(2) The department shall assume the care, control and custody of the child immediately on receipt of notice pursuant to subsection (1). The department shall be responsible for all medical and other costs associated with the child and shall reimburse the hospital for any costs incurred prior to the child being placed in the care of the department.

SECTION 54. Section 43-15-207, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-15-207. For the purposes of this article, an emergency medical services provider shall mean a licensed hospital, as defined in Section 41-9-3, which operates an emergency department, an adoption agency duly licensed by the Department of * * * Child Protection Services, or fire station or mobile ambulance staffed with full-time firefighters, emergency medical technicians or paramedics. An emergency medical services provider does not include the offices, clinics, surgeries or treatment facilities of private physicians or dentists. No individual licensed healthcare provider, including physicians, dentists, nurses, physician assistants or other health professionals shall be deemed to be an emergency medical services provider under this article unless such individual voluntarily assumes responsibility for the custody of the child.

SECTION 55. Section 43-16-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-16-3. As used in this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly provides otherwise:

(a) "Child" means a person who has not reached the age of eighteen (18) years or who has not otherwise been legally emancipated.

(b) "Child residential home" means any place, facility or home operated by any person which receives children who are not related to the operators and whose parents or guardians are not residents of the same facility for supervision, care, lodging and maintenance for twenty-four (24) hours a day, with or without transfer of custody. This term does not include:

(i) Residential homes licensed by the Department of * * * Child Protection Services under Section 43-15-5;

(ii) Any public school;

(iii) Any home operated by a state agency;

(iv) Child care facilities as defined in Section 43-20-5;

(v) Youth camps as defined in Section 75-74-3;

(vi) Health care facilities licensed by the State Department of Health; or

(vii) The home of an attorney-in-fact operating under a power of attorney executed under Section 93-31-1 et seq.

(c) "Department" shall mean the State Department of Health.

(d) "Person" shall include an individual, partnership, organization, association or corporation.

SECTION 56. Section 43-16-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-16-7. * * * The operator of any child residential home shall provide notification in accordance with this chapter within sixty (60) days of beginning operation.
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SECTION 57. Section 43-18-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-18-3. The "appropriate public authorities" as used in Article III of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children shall, with reference to this state, means the * * * Department of Child Protection Services, or with the approval of the Commissioner of Child Protection Services, any regional or local office of the Department of Child Protection Services shall be authorized to receive and act with reference to notices required by * * * Article III.

SECTION 58. Section 43-18-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-18-5. As used in paragraph (a) of Article V of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children, the phrase "appropriate authority in the receiving state" with reference to this state shall mean the * * * Department of * * * Child Protection Services, or * * * with the approval of the Commissioner of * * * Child Protection Services, any regional or local office of the department.

SECTION 59. Section 43-21-351, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-21-351. (1) Any person or agency having knowledge that a child residing or being within the county is within the jurisdiction of the youth court may make a written report to the intake unit alleging facts sufficient to establish the jurisdiction of the youth court. The report shall bear a permanent number that will be assigned by the court in accordance with the standards established by the Administrative Office of Courts pursuant to Section 9-21-9(d), and shall be preserved until destroyed on order of the court.

(2) There shall be in each youth court of the state an intake officer who shall be responsible for the accurate and timely entering of all intake and case information into the Mississippi Youth Court Information Delivery System (MYCIDS) for the Department of Human Services - Division of Youth Services, truancy matters, and the * * * Department of Child Protection Services. It shall be the responsibility of the youth court judge or referee of each county to ensure that the intake officer is carrying out the responsibility of this section.

SECTION 60. Section 43-21-354, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-21-354. The statewide incoming wide area telephone service established pursuant to Section 43-21-353 * * * shall be maintained by the Department of * * * Child Protection Services, or its successor, on a twenty-four-hour seven (7) days a week basis.

SECTION 61. Section 43-21-357, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-21-357. (1) After receiving a report, the youth court intake unit shall promptly make a preliminary inquiry to determine whether the interest of the child, other children in the same environment or the public requires the youth court to take further action. As part of the preliminary inquiry, the youth court intake unit may request or the youth court may order the Department of * * * Child Protection Services, the Department of Human Services - Division of Youth Services, any successor agency or any other qualified public employee to make an investigation or report concerning the child and any other children in the same environment, and present the findings thereof to the youth court intake unit. If the youth court intake unit receives a neglect or abuse report, the youth court intake unit shall immediately forward the complaint to the Department of * * * Child Protection Services to promptly make an investigation or report concerning the child and any other children in the same environment and promptly present the findings thereof to the youth court intake unit. If it appears from the preliminary inquiry that the child or other children in the same environment are within the jurisdiction of the court, the youth court intake unit shall recommend to the youth court:

- (a) That the youth court take no action;
- (b) That an informal adjustment be made;

- (c) That the Department of * * * Child Protection Services * * * monitor the child, family and other children in the same environment;
 - (d) That the child is warned or counseled informally;
 - (e) That the child be referred to the youth court intervention court; or
 - (f) That a petition be filed.
- (2) The youth court shall then, without a hearing:
- (a) Order that no action be taken;
 - (b) Order that an informal adjustment be made;
 - (c) Order that the Department of * * * Child Protection Services * * * monitor the child, family and other children in the same environment;
 - (d) Order that the child is warned or counseled informally;
 - (e) That the child be referred to the youth intervention court; or
 - (f) Order that a petition be filed.
- (3) If the preliminary inquiry discloses that a child needs emergency medical treatment, the judge may order the necessary treatment.

SECTION 62. Section 43-21-405, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-21-405. (1) The informal adjustment process shall be initiated with an informal adjustment conference conducted by an informal adjustment counselor appointed by the judge or his designee.

(2) If the child and his parent, guardian or custodian appear at the informal adjustment conference without counsel, the informal adjustment counselor shall, at the commencement of the conference, inform them of their right to counsel, the child's right to appointment of counsel and the right of the child to remain silent. If either the child or his parent, guardian or custodian indicates a desire to be represented by counsel, the informal adjustment counselor shall adjourn the conference to afford an opportunity to secure counsel.

(3) At the beginning of the informal adjustment conference, the informal adjustment counselor shall inform the child and his parent, guardian or custodian:

- (a) That information has been received concerning the child which appears to establish jurisdiction of the youth court;
- (b) The purpose of the informal adjustment conference;
- (c) That during the informal adjustment process no petition will be filed;

(d) That the informal adjustment process is voluntary with the child and his parent, guardian or custodian and that they may withdraw from the informal adjustment at any time; and

(e) The circumstances under which the informal adjustment process can be terminated under Section 43-21-407.

(4) The informal adjustment counselor shall then discuss with the child and his parent, guardian or custodian:

- (a) Recommendations for actions or conduct in the interest of the child to correct the conditions of behavior or environment which may exist;
- (b) Continuing conferences and contacts with the child and his parent, guardian or custodian by the informal adjustment counselor or other authorized persons; and

(c) The child's general behavior, his home and school environment and other factors bearing upon the proposed informal adjustment.

(5) After the parties have agreed upon the appropriate terms and conditions of informal adjustment, the informal adjustment counselor and the child and his parent, guardian or custodian shall sign a written informal adjustment agreement setting forth the terms and conditions of the informal adjustment. The informal adjustment agreement may be modified at any time upon the consent of all parties to the informal adjustment conference.

(6) The informal adjustment process shall not continue beyond a period of six (6) months from its commencement unless extended by the youth court for an additional period not to exceed six (6) months by court authorization prior to the expiration of the original six-month period. In no event shall the custody or supervision of a child which has been placed with the Department of * * * Human Services - Division of Youth Services

or the Department of Child Protection Services be continued or extended except upon a written finding by the youth court judge or referee that reasonable efforts have been made to maintain the child within his own home, but that the circumstances warrant his removal and there is no reasonable alternative to custody, and that reasonable efforts will continue to be made towards reunification of the family.

SECTION 63. Section 43-21-603, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-21-603. (1) At the beginning of each disposition hearing, the judge shall inform the parties of the purpose of the hearing.

(2) All testimony shall be under oath unless waived by all parties and may be in narrative form. The court may consider any evidence that is material and relevant to the disposition of the cause, including hearsay and opinion evidence. At the conclusion of the evidence, the youth court shall give the parties an opportunity to present oral argument.

(3) If the child has been adjudicated a delinquent child, before entering a disposition order, the youth court should consider, among others, the following relevant factors:

- (a) The nature of the offense;
- (b) The manner in which the offense was committed;
- (c) The nature and number of a child's prior adjudicated offenses;
- (d) The child's need for care and assistance;
- (e) The child's current medical history, including medication and

diagnosis;

(f) The child's mental health history, which may include, but not be limited to, the Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument version 2 (MAYSI-2);

(g) Copies of the child's cumulative record from the last school of record, including special education records, if applicable;

(h) Recommendation from the school of record based on areas of remediation needed;

- (i) Disciplinary records from the school of record; and
- (j) Records of disciplinary actions outside of the school setting.

(4) If the child has been adjudicated a child in need of supervision, before entering a disposition order, the youth court should consider, among others, the following relevant factors:

- (a) The nature and history of the child's conduct;
- (b) The family and home situation; and
- (c) The child's need of care and assistance.

(5) If the child has been adjudicated a neglected child or an abused child, before entering a disposition order, the youth court shall consider, among others, the following relevant factors:

- (a) The child's physical and mental conditions;
- (b) The child's or family's need of assistance;

(c) The manner in which the parent, guardian or custodian participated in, tolerated or condoned the abuse, neglect or abandonment of the child;

(d) The ability of a child's parent, guardian or custodian to provide proper supervision and care of a child; and

(e) Relevant testimony and recommendations, where available, from the foster parent of the child, the grandparents of the child, the guardian ad litem of the child, representatives of any private care agency that has cared for the child, the family protection worker or family protection specialist assigned to the case, and any other relevant testimony pertaining to the case.

(6) After consideration of all the evidence and the relevant factors, the youth court shall enter a disposition order that shall not recite any of the facts or circumstances upon which the disposition is based, nor shall it recite that a child has been found guilty; but it shall recite that a child is found to be a delinquent child, a child in need of supervision, a neglected child or an abused child.

(7) If the youth court orders that the custody or supervision of a child who has been adjudicated abused or neglected be placed with the Department of *** Child Protection Services or any other person or public or private agency, other than the child's

parent, guardian or custodian, the youth court shall find and the disposition order shall recite that:

(a) (i) Reasonable efforts have been made to maintain the child within his own home, but that the circumstances warrant his removal and there is no reasonable alternative to custody; or

(ii) The circumstances are of such an emergency nature that no reasonable efforts have been made to maintain the child within his own home, and that there is no reasonable alternative to custody; and

(b) That the effect of the continuation of the child's residence within his own home would be contrary to the welfare of the child and that the placement of the child in foster care is in the best interests of the child; or

(c) Reasonable efforts to maintain the child within his home shall not be required if the court determines that:

(i) The parent has subjected the child to aggravated circumstances, including, but not limited to, abandonment, torture, chronic abuse and sexual abuse; or

(ii) The parent has been convicted of murder of another child of that parent, voluntary manslaughter of another child of that parent, aided or abetted, attempted, conspired or solicited to commit that murder or voluntary manslaughter, or a felony assault that results in the serious bodily injury to the surviving child or another child of that parent; or

(iii) The parental rights of the parent to a sibling have been terminated involuntarily; and

(iv) That the effect of the continuation of the child's residence within his own home would be contrary to the welfare of the child and that placement of the child in foster care is in the best interests of the child.

Once the reasonable efforts requirement is bypassed, the court shall have a permanency hearing under Section 43-21-613 within thirty (30) days of the finding.

(8) Upon a written motion by a party, the youth court shall make written findings of fact and conclusions of law upon which it relies for the disposition order. If the disposition ordered by the youth court includes placing the child in the custody of a training school, an admission packet shall be prepared for the child that contains the following information:

(a) The child's current medical history, including medications and diagnosis;

(b) The child's mental health history;

(c) Copies of the child's cumulative record from the last school of record, including special education records, if reasonably available;

(d) Recommendation from the school of record based on areas of remediation needed;

(e) Disciplinary records from the school of record; and

(f) Records of disciplinary actions outside of the school setting, if reasonably available.

Only individuals who are permitted under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) shall have access to a child's medical records which are contained in an admission packet. The youth court shall provide the admission packet to the training school at or before the child's arrival at the training school. The admittance of any child to a training school shall take place between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on designated admission days.

(9) When a child in the jurisdiction of the Youth Court is committed to the custody of the Mississippi Department of Human Services or the Department of Child Protection Services and is believed to be in need of treatment for a mental or emotional disability or infirmity, the Department of Human Services or the Department of Child Protection Services shall file an affidavit alleging that the child is in need of mental health services with the Youth Court. The Youth Court shall refer the child to the appropriate community mental health center for evaluation pursuant to Section 41-21-67. If the prescreening evaluation recommends residential care, the Youth Court shall proceed with civil commitment pursuant to Sections 41-21-61 et seq., 43-21-315 and 43-21-611, and the Department of Mental Health, once commitment is ordered, shall provide appropriate

care, treatment and services for at least as many adolescents as were provided services in fiscal year 2004 in its facilities.

(10) Any screening and assessment examinations ordered by the court may aid in dispositions related to delinquency, but no statements or admissions made during the course thereof may be admitted into evidence against the child on the issue of whether the child committed a delinquent act.

SECTION 64. Section 43-21-609, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 1115, 2023 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

43-21-609. In neglect and abuse cases, the disposition order may include any of the following alternatives, giving precedence in the following sequence:

(a) Release the child without further action;

(b) Place the child in the custody of his parents, a relative or other person subject to any conditions and limitations as the court may prescribe. If the court finds that temporary relative placement, adoption or foster care placement is inappropriate, unavailable or otherwise not in the best interest of the child, durable legal custody may be granted by the court to any person subject to any limitations and conditions the court may prescribe; such durable legal custody will not take effect unless the child or children have been in the physical custody of the proposed durable custodians for at least six (6) months under the supervision of the Department of * * * Child Protection Services. After granting durable legal custody of a minor child, the youth court shall retain original and exclusive jurisdiction of all matters related to durable legal custody, including, but not limited to, petitions to modify the durable legal custody. The requirements of Section 43-21-613 as to disposition review hearings do not apply to those matters in which the court has granted durable legal custody. In such cases, the Department of * * * Child Protection Services shall be released from any oversight or monitoring responsibilities;

(c) (i) Grant durable legal relative guardianship to a relative or fictive kin licensed as a foster parent if the licensed relative foster parent or licensed fictive kin foster parent exercised physical custody of the child for at least six (6) months before the grant of durable legal relative guardianship and the Department of Child Protection Services had legal custody or exercised supervision of the child for at least six (6) months. In order to establish durable legal relative guardianship, the youth court must find the following:

1. That reunification has been determined to be inappropriate;

2. That the relative guardian or fictive kin guardian shows full commitment to the care, shelter, education, nurture, and reasonable medical care of the child; and

3. That the youth court consulted with any child twelve (12) years of age or older before granting durable legal relative guardianship.

(ii) The requirements of Section 43-21-613 as to disposition review hearings do not apply to a hearing concerning durable legal relative guardianship. However, the Department of Child Protection Services must conduct an annual review and recertification of the durable legal relative guardianship to determine whether it remains in the best interest of the child. If a material change in circumstances occurs adverse to the best interest of the child, the parent, relative guardian, fictive kin guardian, or Department of Child Protection Services may petition the court to review the durable legal relative guardianship;

(d) Order terms of treatment calculated to assist the child and the child's parent, guardian or custodian which are within the ability of the parent, guardian or custodian to perform;

(e) Order youth court personnel, the Department of Child Protection Services or child care agencies to assist the child and the child's parent, guardian or custodian to secure social or medical services to provide proper supervision and care of the child;

(f) Give legal custody of the child to any of the following but in no event to any state training school:

(i) The Department of Child Protection Services for appropriate placement; or

(ii) Any private or public organization, preferably community-based, able to assume the education, care and maintenance of the child, which has been found suitable by the court. Prior to assigning the custody of any child to any private institution or agency, the youth court through its designee shall first inspect the physical facilities to determine that they provide a reasonable standard of health and safety for the child;

(g) If the court makes a finding that custody is necessary as defined in Section 43-21-301(3)(b), and that the child, in the action pending before the youth court had not previously been taken into custody, the disposition order shall recite that the effect of the continuation of the child's residing within his or her own home would be contrary to the welfare of the child, that the placement of the child in foster care is in the best interests of the child, and unless the reasonable efforts requirement is bypassed under Section 43-21-603(7)(c), the order also must state:

(i) That reasonable efforts have been made to maintain the child within his or her own home, but that the circumstances warrant his or her removal, and there is no reasonable alternative to custody; or

(ii) The circumstances are of such an emergency nature that no reasonable efforts have been made to maintain the child within his or her own home, and there is no reasonable alternative to custody; or

(iii) If the court makes a finding in accordance with subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the court shall order that reasonable efforts be made towards the reunification of the child with his or her family; or

(h) If the court had, before the disposition hearing in the action pending before the court, taken the child into custody, the judge or referee shall determine, and the youth court order shall recite that reasonable efforts were made by the Department of Child Protection Services to finalize the child's permanency plan that was in effect on the date of the disposition hearing.

SECTION 65. Section 43-21-801, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-21-801. (1) There is established the Youth Court Support Program. The purpose of the program shall be to ensure that all youth courts have sufficient support funds to carry on the business of the youth court. The Administrative Office of Courts shall establish a formula consistent with this section for providing state support payable from the Youth Court Support Fund for the support of the youth courts.

(a) (i) Each regular youth court referee is eligible for youth court support funds so long as the senior chancellor does not elect to employ a youth court administrator as set forth in paragraph (b); a municipal youth court judge is also eligible. The Administrative Office of Courts shall direct any funds to the appropriate county or municipality. The funds shall be utilized to compensate an intake officer who shall be responsible for ensuring that all intake and case information for the Department of Human Services - Division of Youth Services, truancy matters, and the * * * Department of Child Protection Services is entered into the Mississippi Youth Court Information Delivery System (MYCIDS) in an accurate and timely manner. If the court already has an intake officer responsible for entering all cases of the Department of Human Services - Division of Youth Services, truancy matters, and the * * * Department of Child Protection Services into MYCIDS, the regular youth court referee or municipal court judge may certify to the Administrative Office of Courts that such a person is already on staff. In such a case, each regular youth court referee or municipal youth court judge shall have the sole individual discretion to appropriate those funds as expense monies to assist in hiring secretarial staff and acquiring materials and equipment incidental to carrying on the business of the court within the private practice of law of the referee or judge, or may direct the use of those funds through the county or municipal budget for court support supplies or services. The regular youth court referee and municipal youth court judge shall be accountable for assuring through private, county or municipal employees the proper preparation and filing of all necessary tracking and other documentation attendant to the administration of the youth court.

(ii) Title to all tangible property, excepting stamps, stationery and minor expendable office supplies, procured with funds authorized by this

section, shall be and forever remain in the county or municipality to be used by the judge or referee during the term of his office and thereafter by his successors.

(b) (i) When permitted by the Administrative Office of Courts and as funds are available, the senior chancellor for Chancery Districts One, Two, Three, Four, Six, Seven, Nine, Ten, Thirteen, Fourteen, Fifteen and Eighteen may appoint a youth court administrator for the district whose responsibility will be to perform all reporting, tracking and other duties of a court administrator for all youth courts in the district that are under the chancery court system. Any chancery district listed in this paragraph in which a chancellor appoints a referee or special master to hear any youth court matter is ineligible for funding under this paragraph (b). The Administrative Office of Courts may allocate to an eligible chancery district a sum not to exceed Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) per year for the salary, fringe benefits and equipment of the youth court administrator, and an additional sum not to exceed One Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$1,900.00) for the administrator's travel expenses.

(ii) The appointment of a youth court administrator shall be evidenced by the entry of an order on the minutes of the court. The person appointed shall serve at the will and pleasure of the senior chancellor but shall be an employee of the Administrative Office of Courts.

(iii) The Administrative Office of Courts must approve the position, job description and salary before the position can be filled. The Administrative Office of Courts shall not approve any plan that does not first require the expenditure of the funds from the Youth Court Support Fund before expenditure of county funds is authorized for that purpose.

(iv) Title to any tangible property procured with funds authorized under this paragraph shall be and forever remain in the State of Mississippi.

(c) (i) Each county court is eligible for youth court support funds. The funds shall be utilized to provide compensation to an intake officer who shall be responsible for ensuring that all intake and case information for the Department of Human Services - Division of Youth Services, truancy matters, and the * * * Department of Child Protection Services is entered into the Mississippi Youth Court Information Delivery System (MYCIDS) in an accurate and timely manner. If the county court already has an intake officer or other staff person responsible for entering all cases of the Department of Human Services - Division of Youth Services, truancy matters and the * * * Department of Child Protection Services into MYCIDS, the senior county court judge may certify that such a person is already on staff. In such a case, the senior county court judge shall have discretion to direct the expenditure of those funds in hiring other support staff to carry on the business of the court.

(ii) For the purposes of this paragraph, "support staff" means court administrators, law clerks, legal research assistants, secretaries, resource administrators or case managers appointed by a youth court judge, or any combination thereof, but shall not mean school attendance officers.

(iii) The appointment of support staff shall be evidenced by the entry of an order on the minutes of the court. The support staff so appointed shall serve at the will and pleasure of the senior county court judge but shall be an employee of the county.

(iv) The Administrative Office of Courts must approve the positions, job descriptions and salaries before the positions may be filled. The Administrative Office of Courts shall not approve any plan that does not first require the expenditure of funds from the Youth Court Support Fund before expenditure of county funds is authorized for that purpose.

(v) The Administrative Office of Courts may approve expenditure from the fund for additional equipment for support staff appointed pursuant to this paragraph if the additional expenditure falls within the formula. Title to any tangible property procured with funds authorized under this paragraph shall be and forever remain in the county to be used by the youth court and support staff.

(2) (a) (i) The formula developed by the Administrative Office of Courts for providing youth court support funds shall be devised so as to distribute appropriated funds proportional to caseload and other appropriate factors as set forth in regulations promulgated by the Administrative Office of Courts. The formula will determine a

reasonable maximum amount per judge or referee per annum that will not be exceeded in allocating funds under this section.

(ii) The formula shall be reviewed by the Administrative Office of Courts every two (2) years to ensure that the youth court support funds provided herein are proportional to each youth court's caseload and other specified factors.

(iii) The Administrative Office of Courts shall have wide latitude in the first two-year cycle to implement a formula designed to maximize caseload data collection.

(b) Application to receive funds under this section shall be submitted in accordance with procedures established by the Administrative Office of Courts.

(c) Approval of the use of any of the youth court support funds distributed under this section shall be made by the Administrative Office of Courts in accordance with procedures established by the Administrative Office of Courts.

(3) (a) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "Youth Court Support Fund," which shall consist of funds appropriated or otherwise made available by the Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Monies in the fund shall be distributed to the youth courts by the Administrative Office of Courts for the purposes described in this section.

(b) (i) During the regular legislative session held in calendar year 2007, the Legislature may appropriate an amount not to exceed Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) to the Youth Court Support Fund.

(ii) During each regular legislative session subsequent to the 2007 Regular Session, the Legislature shall appropriate Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) to the Youth Court Support Fund.

(c) No youth court judge or youth court referee shall be eligible to receive funding from the Youth Court Support Fund who has not received annual continuing education in the field of juvenile justice in an amount to conform with the requirements of the Rules and Regulations for Mandatory Continuing Judicial Education promulgated by the Supreme Court. The Administrative Office of Courts shall maintain records of all referees and youth court judges regarding such training and shall not disburse funds to any county or municipality for the budget of a youth court judge or referee who is not in compliance with the judicial training requirements.

(4) Any recipient of funds from the Youth Court Support Fund shall not be eligible for continuing disbursement of funds if the recipient is not in compliance with the terms, conditions and reporting requirements set forth in the procedures promulgated by the Administrative Office of Courts.

SECTION 66. Section 43-27-101, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-27-101. For purposes of Sections 43-27-101 and 43-27-103, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed in this section, unless the context requires otherwise:

(a) "Child or youth in the custody of the Department of Human Services" means an individual:

(i) Who has not yet reached his eighteenth birthday;

(ii) Who has been legally placed in the custody of the Department of Human Services by the youth court and for whom custody with the Department of Human Services was not sought by the parents or legal custodians or guardians for the parents' or legal custodians' or guardians' legal responsibilities to relieve themselves of the responsibility for paying for treatment for a child or youth; and

(iii) Who is unable to be maintained with the family or legal guardians or custodians due to his or her need for specialized care.

(b) "Child or youth under the supervision of the Department of * * * Child Protection Services" means an individual:

(i) Who has not yet reached his eighteenth birthday; and

(ii) Who has been referred for abuse or neglect and for whom a case has been opened and is active in the * * * Department of Child Protection Services.

(c) "Plan of care" means a written plan of services needed to be provided for a child or youth and his or her family in order to provide the special care or services required.

(d) "Special needs crisis" means:

(i) Conduct or behavioral problems of such a severe nature and level that family or parental violence, abuse, and/or neglect pose an imminent threat or are present; or

(ii) Conduct or behavioral problems of such a severe nature and level that family or parental violence, abuse, and/or neglect pose an imminent threat or are present.

(e) "Specialized care" means:

(i) "Self care," which means the ability to provide, sustain and protect himself or herself at a level appropriate to his or her age;

(ii) "Interpersonal relationships," which means the ability to build and maintain satisfactory relationships with peers and adults;

(iii) "Family life," which means the capacity to live in a family or family-type environment;

(iv) "Self direction," which means the child's ability to control his or her behavior and to make decisions in a manner appropriate to his or her age;

(v) "Education," which means the ability to learn social and intellectual skill from teachers in an available educational setting.

(f) "Special needs child" means a child with a variety of handicapping conditions or disabilities, including emotional or severely emotional disorders. These conditions or disabilities present the need for special medical attention, supervision and therapy on a very regimented basis.

SECTION 67. Section 43-27-103, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-27-103. (1) Sections 43-27-101 and 43-27-103 shall enable the development by the Department of Human Services or the Department of Child Protection Services of a system of services for children or youth in the custody of the Department of Human Services or under the supervision of the Department of * * * Child Protection Services, if funds are appropriated to * * * either department for that purpose. The system of services may consist of emergency response services, an early intervention and treatment unit, respite care, crisis nurseries, specialized outpatient or inpatient treatment services, special needs foster care, therapeutic foster care, emergency foster homes, and Medicaid targeted case management for abused and neglected children and youth as well as children adjudicated delinquent or in need of supervision. Any of these services that are provided shall be arranged by and coordinated through the Department of Human Services or the Department of Child Protection Services, and * * * each department may contract with public or private agencies or entities to provide any of the services or may provide any of the services itself. All of the services shall be provided in facilities that meet the standards set by the Department of Human Services or the Department of Child Protection Services for the particular type of facility involved. None of the services provided shall duplicate existing services except where there is a documented need for expansion of the services.

(2) A description of the services that may be provided under Sections 43-27-101 and 43-27-103 are as follows:

(a) "Emergency response services" means services to respond to children or youth in severe crisis and include:

(i) Emergency single-point phone lines;

(ii) Crisis care coordinators staffing shifts that enable twenty-four-hour per day response as "frontline" professionals when crisis calls are received, assist with decision-making, family support, initiate plan of action and remain "on call" for the first seventy-two (72) hours for other service professionals to get in place and insure development of a plan of care;

(iii) Acute care/emergency medical response through contracted services with up to five (5) regional hospitals providing emergency room services and hospitalization for up to seventy-two (72) hours with a maximum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per day;

(iv) Case managers;

(v) Respite services; and

(vi) Assessment services contracted with social workers, psychologists, psychiatrists and other health professionals.

(b) "Early intervention and treatment unit" means a unique, nonhospital crisis service in a residential context that is able to provide the level of support and intervention needed to resolve the crisis and as an alternative to hospitalization. This unit shall provide specialized assessment, including a variety of treatment options and services to best intervene in a child or youth's crisis, and provide an appropriate plan for further services upon returning to the home and community. Staff-to-child or youth ratio shall be high, with multidisciplinary, specialized services for up to six (6) children or youths at one (1) time, and with the maximum assessment and treatment planning and services being ninety (90) days for most children or youths.

(c) "Respite care" means planned temporary care for a period of time ranging from a few hours within a twenty-four-hour period to an overnight or weekend stay to a maximum of ten (10) days. Care may be provided in-home or out-of-home with trained respite parents or counselors and is designed to provide a planned break for the parents from the caretaking role with the child.

(d) "Crisis nurseries" means a program providing therapeutic nursery treatment services to preschool aged children who as preschoolers demonstrate significant behavioral or emotional disorders. These services shall be to therapeutically address developmental and emotional behavioral difficulties through direct intervention with the child in a nursery school environment and to intervene with parents to provide education, support and therapeutic services.

(e) "Specialized outpatient or inpatient treatment services," such as sex offender treatment, means specialized treatment for perpetrators of sexual offenses with children.

(f) "Special needs foster care" means foster care for those children with a variety of handicapping conditions or disabilities, including serious emotional disturbance.

(g) "Therapeutic foster care" means residential mental health services provided to children and adolescents in a family setting, utilizing specially trained foster parents. Therapeutic foster care essentially involves the following features:

(i) Placement with foster parents who have been carefully selected by knowledgeable, well-trained mental health and social service professionals to work with children with an emotional disturbance;

(ii) Provision of special training to the foster parents to assist them in working with children with an emotional disturbance;

(iii) Low staff-to-child ratio, allowing the therapeutic staff to work very closely with each child, the foster parents and the biological parents, if available;

(iv) Creation of a support system among these specially trained foster parents; and

(v) Payment of a special foster care payment to the foster parents.

(h) "Emergency foster homes" means those homes used on a short-term basis for (i) children who are temporarily removed from the home in response to a crisis situation, or (ii) youth who exhibit special behavioral or emotional problems for whom removal from the existing home situation is necessary. In some cases they may provide an emergency placement for infants and toddlers for whom no regular foster home is available, rather than placement into an emergency shelter where older and larger groups of children are placed. Foster parents are trained to deal with the special needs of children placed in these emergency homes.

(i) "Medicaid targeted case management" means activities that are related to assuring the completion of proper client evaluations; arranging and supporting

treatment plans, monitoring services, coordinating service delivery and other related actions.

SECTION 68. Section 43-27-109, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-27-109. The Department of Human Services or the Department of Child Protection Services may employ a sufficient number of new family protection specialists, youth counselors and clerical staff to reduce the caseload sizes for social workers and youth counselors of * * * each department and to reduce the workload on clerical staff, if funds are appropriated to the department for that purpose.

SECTION 69. Section 43-27-113, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-27-113. In any investigation by the Department of * * * Child Protection Services of a report made under Section 43-21-101 et seq. of the abuse or neglect of a child as defined in Section 43-21-105, the department may request the appropriate law enforcement officer with jurisdiction to accompany the department in its investigation, and in such cases the law enforcement officer shall comply with such request.

SECTION 70. Section 43-27-115, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-27-115. The Department of Human Services * * * and the Department of Child Protection Services are each authorized to employ one (1) program manager for each department region, if funds are appropriated to * * * either department for that purpose, whose duties shall be to develop an ongoing public education program to inform Mississippi citizens about the needs of the state's children, youth and families, the work of the department in addressing these needs and how citizens might become involved. The Department of Human Services and the Department of Child Protection Services shall develop formal agreements of cooperation and protocol between * * * each department and other providers of services to children and families including school districts, hospitals, law enforcement agencies, mental health centers and others.

SECTION 71. Section 43-27-117, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-27-117. The Department of * * * Child Protection Services is authorized to establish an online automated child welfare information system, if funds are appropriated to the department for that purpose, to give the department the capability to supply foster care, adoption and child abuse and neglect data to the federal Department of Health and Human Services in a specified format as required, and to help the department in tracking child abuse and neglect referrals and the number of children affected in those referrals.

SECTION 72. Section 43-27-119, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-27-119. There is created a joint task force of the Department of Human Services, the Department of Child Protection Services and the Attorney General's Office consisting of the executive directors of the departments, the Attorney General, any staff persons designated by the executive directors and the Attorney General, and any other persons designated by the executive directors and the Attorney General. The joint task force shall research the issue of when * * * each department should consider appealing court decisions that are contrary to the department's recommendations in child welfare and juvenile offender cases, and shall issue a protocol for determining the type of cases that should be appealed. The protocol shall establish the following:

(a) General guidelines to be considered for appealing a case;

(b) The type of information from case records and court records that should be entered into the appeal file; and

(c) The individuals who have authority to set the appeals process in motion and who can make final decisions about whether an appeal should be filed or not.

Not later than November 30, 1994, the joint task force shall complete its research, issue the protocol, and make recommendations to the Legislature for any administrative and legislative action necessary to properly and sufficiently address this issue.

SECTION 73. Section 43-43-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-43-5. All purchase of service contracts between the *** Department of *** Human Services or the Department of Child Protection Services and individuals, associations or corporations other than state agencies shall be for the reimbursement of actual costs incurred in providing services. However, the *** Department of *** Human Services or the Department of Child Protection Services, in accordance with policy established by *** either department, may advance one-twelfth (1/12) of the total estimated cost for providing services under the twelve-month contractual agreement, upon written request of a contractor, to give the contractor a better cash flow. Any funds so advanced shall be withheld from the contract reimbursement payments and in no case shall the final reimbursement payment to the contractor exceed the actual cost incurred in providing services. Any contractor receiving such advance payments shall be strictly liable to ensure that same is adjusted to actual cost, including repayment of excess cash advances if necessary, prior to the final closeout of the purchase of service contract.

SECTION 74. Section 43-51-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-51-3. As used in this chapter, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section:

(a) "Child at imminent risk of placement" means a minor who may be reasonably expected to face, in the near future, commitment to the care or custody of the state as a result of:

- (i) Dependency, abuse or neglect;
- (ii) Emotional disturbance;
- (iii) Family conflict so extensive that reasonable control of the child is not exercised; or
- (iv) Delinquency adjudication.

(***) "Family preservation services" means services designed to help families alleviate risks or crises that might lead to out-of-home placement of children. The services may include procedures to maintain the safety of children in their own homes, support to families preparing to reunify or adopt and assistance to families in obtaining services and other sources of support necessary to address their multiple needs in a culturally sensitive environment.

(***) "Family support services" means preventive community-based activities designed to alleviate stress and to promote parental competencies and behaviors that will increase the ability of families to successfully nurture their children and will enable families to use other resources and opportunities available in the community. These services may include supportive networks designed to enhance child-rearing abilities of parents and to help compensate for the increased social isolation and vulnerability of families. Examples of these services and activities include: respite care for parents and other caregivers; early developmental screening of children to assess the needs of these children and assistance in obtaining specific services to meet their needs; mentoring, tutoring and health education for youth; and a range of center-based activities, such as informal interactions in drop-in centers and parent support groups, and home visiting programs.

SECTION 75. Section 43-51-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-51-5. (1) The *** Department of *** Child Protection Services *** shall engage in a comprehensive planning process *** to develop, coordinate and implement a meaningful and responsive program of family support and family preservation services. The scope of planning shall address child welfare, housing, mental health, primary health, education, juvenile justice, community-based programs providing family support and family preservation services and other social programs that service children at imminent risk of placement and their families. In developing the plan, the department, in its discretion, may invite active participation from local consumers, practitioners, researchers, foundations, mayors, members of the Legislature and any available federal regional staff.

(***) In addition to the family preservation and family support services defined in Section 41-51-3, the *** Department of Child Protection Services shall offer a

wide range of services, included, but not limited to, the following: crisis resolution; teaching measures to prevent the repeated occurrence of abuse, neglect and/or family conflict; education in parenting skills, child development, communication, negotiations and home maintenance skills; child and family advocacy; and job-readiness training.

SECTION 76. Section 43-51-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-51-7. The * * * Department of * * * Child Protection Services shall apply annually for any available federal funds that may be used to defray the planning and service expenses, in all or in part, of * * * this chapter, including, but not limited to, funds available under the * * * Family First Prevention Services Act.

SECTION 77. Section 45-33-36, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

45-33-36. (1) Upon receipt of sex offender registration or change of registration information, the Department of Public Safety shall immediately provide the information to:

(a) The National Sex Offender Registry or other appropriate databases;

(b) The sheriff of the county and the chief law enforcement officer of any other jurisdiction where the offender resides, lodges, is an employee or is a student or intends to reside, work, attend school or volunteer;

(c) The sheriff of the county and the chief law enforcement officer of any other jurisdiction from which or to which a change of residence, employment or student status occurs;

(d) The Department of Human Services, the Department of Child Protection Services, and any other social service entities responsible for protecting minors in the child welfare system;

(e) The probation agency that is currently supervising the sex offender;

(f) Any agency responsible for conducting employment-related background checks under Section 3 of the National Child Protection Act of 1993 (42 USC 5119(a));

(g) Each school and public housing agency in each jurisdiction in which the sex offender resides, is an employee or is a student;

(h) All prosecutor offices in each jurisdiction in which the sex offender resides, is an employee, or is a student; and

(i) Any other agencies with criminal investigation, prosecution or sex offender supervision functions in each jurisdiction in which the sex offender resides, is an employee, or is a student.

(2) The Department of Public Safety shall post changes to the public registry website within three (3) business days. Electronic notification will be available via the internet to all law enforcement agencies, to any volunteer organizations in which contact with minors or vulnerable adults might occur and any organization, company or individual who requests notification pursuant to procedures established by the Department of Public Safety. This provision shall take effect upon the state's receipt and implementation of the Department of Justice software in compliance with the provisions of the Adam Walsh Act.

(3) From and after July 1, 2015, local jurisdictions receiving notification and that have the ability may notify residents when a sex offender begins residing, lodges, becomes employed, volunteers or attends school or intends to reside, lodge, work, attend school or volunteer in the area by using a website, social media, print media, email or may provide a link to the Department of Public Safety website.

SECTION 78. Section 57-13-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-13-23. (1) There is * * * created and established the Mississippi Automated Resource Information System (MARIS), (heretofore created by Executive Order No. 459, dated May 26, 1983, as amended by Executive Order No. 562, dated January 15, 1986), which shall be the mechanism within state government for the storing, processing, extracting and disseminating of useful data and information relating to the state's resources.

(2) The goal of MARIS shall be to facilitate the achievement of state agencies' responsibilities as they relate to the development, management, conservation, protection

and utilization of the resources of Mississippi by making usable resource data and information more readily available and in a format that is consistent throughout state departments, agencies and institutions, and, to the extent possible, with federal and privately generated resource data banks.

(3) MARIS shall be under the supervision and general policy formulations of a policy committee as the cooperative effort of state departments, agencies and institutions for the sharing of useful data acquired and generated by state agencies in discharging their individual responsibilities.

(4) There is * * * created and established the MARIS Policy Committee composed of the directors or their designees of the following departments, agencies and institutions:

Center for Population Studies, University of Mississippi
* * *Department of Information Technology Services
Department of Agriculture and Commerce
Department of Archives and History
* * *Mississippi Development Authority
Department of Human Services
Department of Child Protection Services
Department of Environmental Quality
Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks
Mississippi Department of Transportation
Mississippi Emergency Management Agency
Mississippi Mineral Resources Institute, University of
Mississippi
Department of Finance and Administration
Office of the Secretary of State
Public Service Commission
Remote Sensing Center, Mississippi State University
State Forestry Commission
State Department of Health
State Oil and Gas Board
State Soil and Water Conservation Commission
* * *Department of Revenue
University Research Center
Water Management Council.

(5) The MARIS Policy Committee shall elect a chairman, vice chairman and secretary, and it shall elect an executive committee from the membership of the policy committee to be composed of not less than five (5) nor more than nine (9) members, including the aforesaid officers. The policy committee may elect to the executive committee one (1) person other than from its membership. The policy committee shall determine the authority and responsibility to be exercised by the executive committee.

(6) There is * * * created and established the MARIS Task Force which shall be composed of at least one (1) representative from each of the aforesaid agencies with knowledge in computer applications to natural, cultural, industrial or economic resources to be appointed by the respective directors thereof, and any other persons deemed advisable by the policy committee.

(7) The University Research Center shall house the MARIS equipment and staff and shall provide administrative support for the policy committee and technical support to all member agencies.

(8) It shall be the duty of every department, agency, office and institution of the State of Mississippi, and the officers thereof, to cooperate with and assist the MARIS Policy Committee in every reasonable way.

SECTION 79. Section 93-5-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

93-5-23. When a divorce shall be decreed from the bonds of matrimony, the court may, in its discretion, having regard to the circumstances of the parties and the nature of the case, as may seem equitable and just, make all orders touching the care, custody and maintenance of the children of the marriage, and also touching the maintenance and alimony of the wife or the husband, or any allowance to be made to her

or him, and shall, if need be, require bond, sureties or other guarantee for the payment of the sum so allowed. Orders touching on the custody of the children of the marriage shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Section 93-5-24. For the purposes of orders touching the maintenance and alimony of the wife or husband, "property" and "an asset of a spouse" shall not include any interest a party may have as an heir at law of a living person or any interest under a third-party will, nor shall any such interest be considered as an economic circumstance or other factor. The court may afterwards, on petition, change the decree, and make from time to time such new decrees as the case may require. However, where proof shows that both parents have separate incomes or estates, the court may require that each parent contribute to the support and maintenance of the children of the marriage in proportion to the relative financial ability of each. In the event a legally responsible parent has health insurance available to him or her through an employer or organization that may extend benefits to the dependents of such parent, any order of support issued against such parent may require him or her to exercise the option of additional coverage in favor of such children as he or she is legally responsible to support.

Whenever the court has ordered a party to make periodic payments for the maintenance or support of a child, but no bond, sureties or other guarantee has been required to secure such payments, and whenever such payments as have become due remain unpaid for a period of at least thirty (30) days, the court may, upon petition of the person to whom such payments are owing, or such person's legal representative, enter an order requiring that bond, sureties or other security be given by the person obligated to make such payments, the amount and sufficiency of which shall be approved by the court. The obligor shall, as in other civil actions, be served with process and shall be entitled to a hearing in such case.

At the discretion of the court, any person found in contempt for failure to pay child support and imprisoned therefor may be referred for placement in a state, county or municipal restitution, house arrest or restorative justice center or program, provided such person meets the qualifications prescribed in Section 99-37-19.

Whenever in any proceeding in the chancery court concerning the custody of a child a party alleges that the child whose custody is at issue has been the victim of sexual or physical abuse by the other party, the court may, on its own motion, grant a continuance in the custody proceeding only until such allegation has been investigated by the Department of * * * Child Protection Services. At the time of ordering such continuance, the court may direct the party and his attorney making such allegation of child abuse to report in writing and provide all evidence touching on the allegation of abuse to the Department of * * * Child Protection Services. The Department of * * * Child Protection Services shall investigate such allegation and take such action as it deems appropriate and as provided in such cases under the Youth Court Law (being Chapter 21 of Title 43, Mississippi Code of 1972) or under the laws establishing family courts (being Chapter 23 of Title 43, Mississippi Code of 1972).

If after investigation by the Department of * * * Child Protection Services or final disposition by the youth court or family court allegations of child abuse are found to be without foundation, the chancery court shall order the alleging party to pay all court costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the defending party in responding to such allegation.

The court may investigate, hear and make a determination in a custody action when a charge of abuse and/or neglect arises in the course of a custody action as provided in Section 43-21-151, and in such cases the court shall appoint a guardian ad litem for the child as provided under Section 43-21-121, who shall be an attorney. Unless the chancery court's jurisdiction has been terminated, all disposition orders in such cases for placement with the Department of * * * Child Protection Services shall be reviewed by the court or designated authority at least annually to determine if continued placement with the department is in the best interest of the child or public.

The duty of support of a child terminates upon the emancipation of the child. The court may determine that emancipation has occurred pursuant to Section 93-11-65.

Custody and visitation upon military temporary duty, deployment or mobilization shall be governed by Section 93-5-34.

SECTION 80. Section 93-17-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

93-17-5. (1) There shall be made parties to the proceeding by process or by the filing therein of a consent to the adoption proposed in the petition, which consent shall be duly sworn to or acknowledged and executed only by the following persons, but not before seventy-two (72) hours after the birth of the child:

(a) The parents, or parent, if only one (1) parent, though either be under the age of twenty-one (21) years;

(b) If both parents are dead, then any two (2) adult kin of the child within the third degree computed according to the civil law; if one of such kin is in possession of the child, he or she shall join in the petition or be made a party to the suit; or

(c) The guardian ad litem of an abandoned child, upon petition showing that the names of the parents of the child are unknown after diligent search and inquiry by the petitioners. In addition to the above, there shall be made parties to any proceeding to adopt a child, either by process or by the filing of a consent to the adoption proposed in the petition, the following:

(i) Those persons having physical custody of the child, except persons who are acting as foster parents as a result of placement with them by the Department of * * * Child Protection Services of the State of Mississippi.

(ii) Any person to whom custody of the child may have been awarded by a court of competent jurisdiction of the State of Mississippi.

(iii) The agent of the * * * Department of * * * Child Protection Services of the State of Mississippi that has placed a child in foster care, either by agreement or by court order.

(2) The consent may also be executed and filed by the duly authorized officer or representative of a home to whose care the child has been delivered. The child shall join the petition by the child's next friend.

(3) If consent is not filed, process shall be had upon the parties as provided by law for process in person or by publication, if they are nonresidents of the state or are not found therein after diligent search and inquiry, the court or chancellor in vacation may fix a date in termtime or in vacation to which process may be returnable and shall have power to proceed in termtime or vacation. In any event, if the child is more than fourteen (14) years of age, a consent to the adoption, sworn to or acknowledged by the child, shall also be required or personal service of process shall be had upon the child in the same manner and in the same effect as if the child were an adult.

SECTION 81. Section 93-17-8, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

93-17-8. (1) Whenever an adoption becomes a contested matter, whether after a hearing on a petition for determination of rights under Section 93-17-6 or otherwise, the court:

(a) Shall, on motion of any party or on its own motion, issue an order for immediate blood or tissue sampling in accordance with the provisions of Section 93-9-21 et seq., if paternity is at issue. The court shall order an expedited report of such testing and shall hold the hearing resolving this matter at the earliest time possible.

(b) Shall appoint a guardian ad litem to represent the child. Such guardian ad litem shall be an attorney, however his duties are as guardian ad litem and not as attorney for the child. The reasonable costs of the guardian ad litem shall be taxed as costs of court. Neither the child nor anyone purporting to act on his behalf may waive the appointment of a guardian ad litem.

(c) Shall determine first whether or not the objecting parent is entitled to so object under the criteria of Section 93-17-7 and then shall determine the custody of the child in accord with the best interests of the child and the rights of the parties as established by the hearings and judgments.

(d) Shall schedule all hearings concerning the contested adoption as expeditiously as possible for prompt conclusion of the matter.

(2) In determining the custody of the child after a finding that the adoption will not be granted, the fact of the surrender of the child for adoption by a parent shall not be

taken as any evidence of that parent's abandonment or desertion of the child or of that parent's unfitness as a parent.

(3) In contested adoptions arising through petitions for determination of rights where the prospective adopting parents were not parties to that proceeding, they need not be made parties to the contested adoption until there has been a ruling that the objecting parent is not entitled to enter a valid objection to the adoption. At that point the prospective adopting parents shall be made parties by joinder which shall show their suitability to be adopting parents as would a petition for adoption. The identity and suitability of the prospective adopting parents shall be made known to the court and the guardian ad litem, but shall not be made known to other parties to the proceeding unless the court determines that the interests of justice or the best interests of the child require it.

(4) No birth parent or alleged parent shall be permitted to contradict statements given in a proceeding for the adoption of their child in any other proceeding concerning that child or his ancestry.

(5) Appointment of a guardian ad litem is not required in any proceeding under this chapter except as provided in subsection (1)(b) above and except for the guardian ad litem needed for an abandoned child. It shall not be necessary for a guardian ad litem to be appointed where the chancery judge presiding in the adoption proceeding deems it unnecessary and no adoption agency is involved in the proceeding. No final decree of adoption heretofore granted shall be set aside or modified because a guardian ad litem was not appointed unless as the result of a direct appeal not now barred.

(6) The provisions of Chapter 15 of this Title 93, Mississippi Code of 1972, are not applicable to proceedings under this chapter except as specifically provided by reference herein.

(7) The court may order a child's birth father, identified as such in the proceedings, to reimburse the Department of * * * Child Protection Services, the foster parents, the adopting parents, the home, any other agency or person who has assumed liability for such child, all or part of the costs of the medical expenses incurred for the mother and the child in connection with the birth of the child, as well as reasonable support for the child after his birth.

SECTION 82. Section 93-17-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

93-17-11. At any time after the filing of the petition for adoption and completion of process thereon, and before the entering of a final decree, the court may, in its discretion, of its own motion or on motion of any party to the proceeding, require an investigation and report to the court to be made by any person, officer or home as the court may designate and direct concerning the child, and shall require in adoptions, other than those in which the petitioner or petitioners are a relative or stepparent of the child, that a home study be performed of the petitioner or petitioners by a licensed adoption agency or by the Department of * * * Child Protection Services, at the petitioner's or petitioners' sole expense and at no cost to the state or county. The investigation and report shall give the material facts upon which the court may determine whether the child is a proper subject for adoption, whether the petitioner or petitioners are suitable parents for the child, whether the adoption is to its best interest, and any other facts or circumstances that may be material to the proposed adoption. The home study shall be considered by the court in determining whether the petitioner or petitioners are suitable parents for the child. The court, when an investigation and report are required by the court or by this section, shall stay the proceedings in the cause for such reasonable time as may be necessary or required in the opinion of the court for the completion of the investigation and report by the person, officer or home designated and authorized to make the same.

Upon the filing of that consent or the completion of the process and the filing of the investigation and report, if required by the court or by this section, and the presentation of such other evidence as may be desired by the court, if the court determines that it is to the best interests of the child that an interlocutory decree of adoption be entered, the court may thereupon enter an interlocutory decree upon such terms and conditions as may be determined by the court, in its discretion, but including therein that the complete care, custody and control of the child shall be vested in the petitioner or petitioners until further

orders of the court and that during such time the child shall be and remain a ward of the court. If the court determines by decree at any time during the pendency of the proceeding that it is not to the best interests of the child that the adoption proceed, the petitioners shall be entitled to at least five (5) days' notice upon their attorneys of record and a hearing with the right of appeal as provided by law from a dismissal of the petition; however, the bond perfecting the appeal shall be filed within ten (10) days from the entry of the decree of dismissal and the bond shall be in such amount as the chancellor may determine and supersedeas may be granted by the chancellor or as otherwise provided by law for appeal from final decrees.

After the entry of the interlocutory decree and before entry of the final decree, the court may require such further and additional investigation and reports as it may deem proper. The rights of the parties filing the consent or served with process shall be subject to the decree but shall not be divested until entry of the final decree.

SECTION 83. Section 93-17-12, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

93-17-12. In any child custody matter hereafter filed in any chancery or county court in which temporary or permanent custody has already been placed with a parent or guardian and in all adoptions, the court shall impose a fee for any court-ordered home study performed by the Department of * * * Child Protection Services or any other entity. The fee shall be assessed upon either party or upon both parties in the court's discretion. The minimum fee imposed shall be not less than Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$350.00) for each household on which a home study is performed. The fee shall be paid directly to the Mississippi Department of * * * Child Protection Services prior to the home study being conducted by the department or to the entity if the study is performed by another entity. The judge may order the fee be paid by one or both of the parents or guardian. If the court determines that both parents or the guardian are unable to pay the fee, the judge shall waive the fee and the cost of the home study shall be defrayed by the Department of * * * Child Protection Services.

SECTION 84. Section 93-17-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

93-17-53. The purpose of Sections 93-17-51 through 93-17-67 is to supplement the Mississippi adoption law by making possible through public supplemental benefits the most appropriate adoption of each child certified by the * * * Department of * * * Child Protection Services as requiring a supplemental benefit to assure adoption.

SECTION 85. Section 93-17-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

93-17-57. The * * * Department of * * * Child Protection Services shall establish and administer an on-going program of supplemental benefits for adoption. Supplemental benefits and services for children under this program shall be provided out of such funds as may be appropriated to the * * * Division of Medicaid * * * for the medical services for children in foster care, or made available to the department from other sources.

SECTION 86. Section 93-17-59, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

93-17-59. Any child meeting criteria specified in Section 93-17-55 for whom the * * * Department of * * * Child Protection Services feels supplemental benefits are necessary to improve opportunities for adoption will be eligible for the program. The adoption agency shall document that reasonable efforts have been made to place the child in adoption without supplemental benefits through the use of adoption resource exchanges, recruitment and referral to appropriate specialized adoption agencies.

SECTION 87. Section 93-17-61, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

93-17-61. (1) When parents are found and approved for adoption of a child certified as eligible for supplemental benefits, and before the final decree of adoption is issued, there shall be executed a written agreement between the family entering into the adoption and the Department of * * * Child Protection Services. In individual cases, supplemental benefits may commence with the adoptive placement or at the appropriate time after the adoption decree and will vary with the needs of the child as well as the availability of other resources to meet the child's needs. The supplemental benefits may be for special services only or for money payments as allowed under Section

43-13-115, * * * and either for a limited period, for a long-term not exceeding the child's eighteenth birthday, or for any combination of the foregoing. The amount of the time-limited, long-term supplemental benefits may in no case exceed that which would be currently allowable for such child under the Mississippi Medicaid Law.

(2) When supplemental benefits last for more than one (1) year, the adoptive parents shall present an annual written certification that the child remains under the parents' care and that the child's need for supplemental benefits continues. Based on investigation by the agency and available funds, the agency may approve continued supplemental benefits. These benefits shall be extended so long as the parents remain legally responsible for and are providing support for the child. The agency shall continue paying benefits until a child reaches twenty-one (21) years of age if the child meets the criteria stated in Section 93-17-67(1) for continuation of Medicaid coverage.

(3) A child who is a resident of Mississippi when eligibility for supplemental benefits is certified shall remain eligible and receive supplemental benefits, if necessary for adoption, regardless of the domicile or residence of the adopting parents at the time of application for adoption, placement, legal decree of adoption or thereafter.

SECTION 88. Section 93-17-63, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

93-17-63. All records regarding such adoption shall be confidential. Anyone violating or releasing information of a confidential nature, as contemplated by Sections 93-17-51 through 93-17-67 without the approval of the court with jurisdiction or the * * * Department of * * * Child Protection Services unless such release is made pursuant to Sections 93-17-201 through 93-17-223 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine not exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisonment of six (6) months, or both.

SECTION 89. Section 93-17-65, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

93-17-65. The * * * Department of * * * Child Protection Services shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of Sections 93-17-51 through 93-17-67.

SECTION 90. Section 93-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

93-17-101. (1) The Legislature finds that:

(a) Locating adoptive families for children for whom state assistance is desirable, pursuant to the Mississippi adoption assistance law, and assuring the protection of the interests of the children affected during the entire assistance period, require special measures when the adoptive parents move to other states or are residents of another state; and

(b) Providing medical and other necessary services for children, with state assistance, encounters special difficulties when the providing of services takes place in other states.

(2) The purposes of Sections 93-17-101 through 93-17-109 are to:

(a) Authorize the Mississippi Department of * * * Child Protection Services to enter into interstate agreements with agencies of other states for the protection of children on behalf of whom adoption assistance is being provided by the Mississippi Department of * * * Child Protection Services; and

(b) Provide procedures for interstate children's adoption assistance payments, including medical payments.

SECTION 91. Section 93-17-103, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

93-17-103. (1) The Mississippi Department of * * * Child Protection Services is authorized to develop, participate in the development of, negotiate and enter into one or more interstate compacts on behalf of this state with other states to implement one or more of the purposes set forth in Sections 93-17-101 through 93-17-109. When so entered into, and for so long as it shall remain in force, such a compact shall have the force and effect of law.

(2) For the purposes of Sections 93-17-101 through 93-17-109, the term "state" shall mean a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of

Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or a territory or possession of or administered by the United States.

(3) For the purposes of Sections 93-17-101 through 93-17-109, the term "adoption assistance state" means the state that is signatory to an adoption assistance agreement in a particular case.

(4) For the purposes of Sections 93-17-101 through 93-17-109, the term "residence state" means the state of which the child is a resident by virtue of the residence of the adoptive parents.

SECTION 92. Section 93-17-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

93-17-107. (1) A child with special needs resident in this state who is the subject of an adoption assistance agreement with another state and who has been determined eligible for Medicaid in that state shall be entitled to receive a medical assistance identification from this state upon filing with the Mississippi Department of * * * Child Protection Services a certified copy of the adoption assistance agreement obtained from the adoption assistance state which certifies to the eligibility of the child for Medicaid. In accordance with regulations of the Mississippi Department of * * * Child Protection Services, the adoptive parents shall be required, at least annually, to show that the agreement is still in force or has been renewed.

(2) The Division of Medicaid, Office of the Governor, shall consider the holder of a medical assistance identification pursuant to this section as any other holder of a medical assistance identification under the laws of this state and shall process and make payment on claims on account of such holder in the same manner and pursuant to the same conditions and procedures as for other recipients of medical assistance.

(3) The submission of any claim for payment or reimbursement for services or benefits pursuant to this section or the making of any statement in connection therewith, which claim or statement the maker knows or should know to be false, misleading or fraudulent shall be punishable as perjury and shall also be subject to a fine not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or imprisonment for not to exceed two (2) years, or both.

(4) The provisions of this section shall apply only to medical assistance for children under adoption assistance agreements from states that have entered into a compact with this state under which the other state provides medical assistance to children with special needs under adoption assistance agreements made by this state. All other children entitled to medical assistance pursuant to adoption assistance agreements entered into by this state shall be eligible to receive it in accordance with the laws and procedures applicable thereto.

SECTION 93. Section 93-17-109, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

93-17-109. Consistent with federal law, the Mississippi Department of * * * Child Protection Services and the Division of Medicaid, Office of the Governor of the State of Mississippi, in connection with the administration of Sections 93-17-101 through 93-17-109 and any compact entered into pursuant hereto, shall include in any state plan made pursuant to the Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980 (P.L. 96-272), Titles IV(e) and XIX of the Social Security Act, and any other applicable federal laws, the provision of adoption assistance and medical assistance for which the federal government pays some or all of the cost provided such authority is granted under the provisions of some law of this state other than the provisions of Sections 93-17-101 through 93-17-109. Such departments shall apply for and administer all relevant federal aid in accordance with law.

SECTION 94. Section 93-17-203, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

93-17-203. The following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Agency" means a county * * * department of human services, the Department of Child Protection Services, a licensed or nonlicensed adoption agency or any other individual or entity assisting in the finalization of an adoption.

(b) "Adoptee" means a person who is or has been adopted in this state at any time.

(c) "Birth parent" means either:

- (i) The mother designated on the adoptee's original birth certificate; or
 - (ii) The person named by the mother designated on the adoptee's original birth certificate as the father of the adoptee.
- (d) "Board" means the Mississippi State Board of Health.
- (e) "Bureau" means the Bureau of Vital Records of the Mississippi State Board of Health.

(f) "Licensed adoption agency" means any agency or organization performing adoption services and duly licensed by the Mississippi Department of * * * Child Protection Services.

SECTION 95. Section 93-17-209, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

93-17-209. (1) Whenever any person specified under Section 93-17-207 wishes to obtain medical, social or genetic background information about an adoptee or nonidentifying information about the birth parents of such adoptee, and the information is not on file with the bureau and the birth parents have not filed affidavits prohibiting a search to be conducted for them under the provisions of Sections 93-17-201 through 93-17-223, the person may request a licensed adoption agency to locate the birth parents to obtain the information.

(2) Employees of any agency conducting a search under this section may not inform any person other than the birth parents of the purpose of the search.

(3) The agency may charge the requester a reasonable fee for the cost of the search. When the agency determines that the fee will exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for either birth parent, it shall notify the requester. No fee in excess of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per birth parent may be charged unless the requester, after receiving notification under this subsection, has given consent to proceed with the search.

(4) The agency conducting the search shall, upon locating a birth parent, notify him or her of the request and of the need for medical, social and genetic information.

(5) The agency shall release to the requester any medical or genetic information provided by a birth parent under this section without disclosing the birth parent's identity or location.

(6) If a birth parent is located but refuses to provide the information requested, the agency shall notify the requester, without disclosing the birth parent's identity or location, and the requester may petition the chancery court to order the birth parent to disclose the nonidentifying information. The court shall grant the motion for good cause shown.

(7) The Mississippi Department of * * * Child Protection Services shall provide the bureau each year with a list of licensed adoption agencies in this state capable of performing the types of searches described in this section.

SECTION 96. Section 93-21-305, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

93-21-305. (1) There is * * * established in the State Treasury a special fund to be known as the "Mississippi Children's Trust Fund."

(2) The fund shall consist of any monies appropriated to the fund by the Legislature, any donations, gifts and grants from any source, receipts from the birth certificate fees as provided by subsection (2) of Section 41-57-11, and any other monies which may be received from any other source or which may be hereafter provided by law.

(3) Monies in the fund shall be used only for the purposes set forth in Sections 93-21-301 through 93-21-311. Interest earned on the investment of monies in the fund shall be returned and deposited to the credit of the fund.

(4) Disbursements of money from the fund shall be on the authorization of the * * * Department of Child Protection Services.

(5) The primary purpose of the fund is to encourage and provide financial assistance in the provision of direct services to prevent child abuse and neglect.

SECTION 97. Section 93-21-307, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

93-21-307. The administration of the Mississippi Children's Trust Fund shall be vested in the * * * Department of Child Protection Services. In carrying out the provisions

of Sections 93-21-301 through 93-21-311, the * * * Department of Child Protection Services shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) To assist in developing programs aimed at discovering and preventing the many factors causing child abuse and neglect;

(b) To prepare and disseminate, including the presentation of, educational programs and materials on child abuse and neglect;

(c) To provide educational programs for professionals required by law to make reports of child abuse and neglect;

(d) To help coordinate child protective services at the state, regional and local levels with the efforts of other state and voluntary social, medical and legal agencies;

(e) To provide advocacy for children in public and private state and local agencies affecting children;

(f) To encourage citizen and community awareness as to the needs and problems of children;

(g) To facilitate the exchange of information between groups concerned with families and children;

(h) To consult with state departments, agencies, commissions and boards to help determine the probable effectiveness, fiscal soundness and need for proposed educational and service programs for the prevention of child abuse and neglect;

(i) To adopt rules and regulations * * * in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Law to discharge its responsibilities;

(j) To report annually, through the annual report of the * * * Department of * * * Child Protection Services, to the Governor and the Legislature concerning the * * * department's activities under Sections 93-21-301 through 93-21-311 and the effectiveness of those activities in fostering the prevention of child abuse and neglect;

(k) To recommend to the Governor and the Legislature changes in state programs, statutes, policies and standards which will reduce child abuse and neglect, improve coordination among state agencies which provide services to prevent abuse and neglect, improve the condition of children and assist parents and guardians;

(l) To evaluate and strengthen all local, regional and state programs dealing with child abuse and neglect;

(m) To prepare and submit annually to the Governor and the Legislature reports evaluating the level and quality of all programs, services and facilities provided to children by state agencies;

(n) To contract with public or private nonprofit institutions, organizations, agencies or schools or with qualified individuals for the establishment of community-based educational and service programs designed to reduce the occurrence of child abuse and neglect;

(o) To determine the eligibility of programs applying for financial assistance and to make grants and loans from the fund for the purposes set forth in Sections 93-21-301 through 93-21-311;

(p) To develop, within one (1) year after July 1, 1989, a state plan for the distribution of funds from the trust fund which shall assure that an equal opportunity exists for establishment of prevention programs and for receipt of trust fund * * * monies among all geographic areas in this state, and to submit the plan to the Governor and the Legislature and annually thereafter submit revisions thereto as needed;

(q) To provide for the coordination and exchange of information on the establishment and maintenance of local prevention programs;

(r) To develop and publicize criteria for the receipt of trust fund * * * monies by eligible local prevention programs;

(s) To enter into contracts with public or private agencies to fulfill the requirements of Sections 93-21-301 through 93-21-311; and

(t) Review, monitor and approve the expenditure of trust fund * * * monies by eligible local programs.

SECTION 98. Section 93-21-309, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

93-21-309. (1) The * * * Department of Child Protection Services may authorize the disbursement of money in the trust fund in the form of grants or loans for the following purposes, which are listed in order of preference for expenditure:

(a) To assist a community private, nonprofit organization or a local public organization or agency in the establishment and operation of a program or service for the prevention of child abuse and neglect;

(b) To assist in the expansion of an existing community program or service for the prevention of child abuse and neglect;

(c) To assist a community private, nonprofit organization or a local public organization or agency in the establishment and operation of an educational program regarding the problems of child abuse and neglect and the problems of families and children;

(d) To assist in the expansion of an existing community educational program regarding the problems of child abuse and neglect and the problems of families and children;

(e) To study and evaluate community-based prevention programs, projects or services and educational programs for the problems of families and children; and

(f) Any other similar and related programs, projects, services and educational programs that the * * * department declares will implement the purposes and provisions of Sections 93-21-301 through 93-21-311.

(2) For the purposes of this section, the term "educational programs" includes instructional and demonstration projects the main purpose of which is to disseminate information and techniques for the prevention of child abuse and neglect and the prevention of problems of families and children.

(3) No money in the trust fund shall be expended to provide services, counseling or direct assistance for the voluntary termination of any pregnancy.

SECTION 99. Section 93-21-311, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

93-21-311. In making grants or loans from the trust fund, the * * * Department of Child Protection Services shall consider the degree to which the applicant's proposal meets the following criteria:

(a) Has as its primary purpose the development and facilitation of a community-based prevention program in a specific geographical area, which program shall utilize trained volunteers and existing community resources where practicable;

(b) Is administered by an organization or group which is composed of or has participation by the county department of * * * human services, the county health department, the youth court or chancery court, the office of the district attorney, county or municipal law enforcement personnel, county or municipal school officials, local public or private organizations or agencies which provide programs or services for the prevention of child abuse and neglect and educational programs for the prevention of problems of families and children; and

(c) Demonstrates a willingness and ability and has a plan to provide prevention program models and consultations to appropriate organizations within the community regarding prevention program development and maintenance.

SECTION 100. Section 93-31-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

93-31-3. (1) (a) A parent or legal custodian of a child, by means of a properly executed power of attorney as provided in Section 93-31-5, may delegate to another willing person or persons as attorney-in-fact any of the powers regarding the care and custody of the child other than the following:

(i) The power to consent to marriage or adoption of the child;

(ii) The performance or inducement of an abortion on or for the child; or

(iii) The termination of parental rights to the child.

(b) A delegation of powers under this section does not:

(i) Change or modify any parental or legal rights, obligations, or authority established by an existing court order;

(ii) Deprive any custodial or noncustodial parent or legal guardian of any parental or legal rights, obligations, or authority regarding the custody, visitation, or support of the child; or

(iii) Affect a court's ability to determine the best interests of a child.

(c) If both parents are living and neither parent's parental rights have been terminated, both parents must execute the power of attorney. If a noncustodial parent is absent or unknown, the custodial parent must complete the affidavit contemplated under Section 93-31-5 and attach it to the power of attorney.

(d) A power of attorney under this chapter must be facilitated by either a child welfare agency that is licensed to place children for adoption and that is operating under the Safe Families for Children model or another charitable organization that is operating under the Safe Families for Children model. A full criminal history and child abuse and neglect background check must be conducted on any person who is not a grandparent, aunt, uncle, or sibling of the child if the person is:

(i) Designated or proposed to be designated as the attorney-in-fact; or

(ii) Is a person over the age of fifteen (15) who resides in the home of the designated attorney-in-fact.

(2) A power of attorney executed under this chapter shall not be used for the sole purposes of enrolling a child in a school to participate in the academic or interscholastic athletic programs provided by that school or for any other unlawful purposes, except as may be permitted by the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (Public Law 114-95).

(3) The parent or legal custodian of the child has the authority to revoke or withdraw the power of attorney authorized by this section at any time. Upon the termination, expiration, or revocation of the power of attorney, the child must be returned to the custody of the parent or legal custodian.

(4) Until the authority expires or is revoked or withdrawn by the parent or legal custodian, the attorney-in-fact shall exercise parental or legal authority on a continuous basis without compensation for the duration of the power of attorney.

(5) The execution of a power of attorney by a parent or legal custodian does not, in the absence of other evidence, constitute abandonment, desertion, abuse, neglect, or any evidence of unfitness as a parent unless the parent or legal custodian fails to take custody of the child or execute a new power of attorney after the one-year time limit, or after a longer time period as allowed for a serving parent, has elapsed. Nothing in this subsection prevents the Department of * * * Child Protection Services or law enforcement from investigating allegations of abuse, abandonment, desertion, neglect or other mistreatment of a child.

(6) When the custody of a child is transferred by a power of attorney under this chapter, the child is not considered to have been placed in foster care and the attorney-in-fact will not be subject to any of the requirements or licensing regulations for foster care or other regulations relating to out-of-home care for children and will not be subject to any statutes or regulations dealing with the licensing or regulation of foster care homes.

(7) (a) "Serving parent" means a parent who is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, including any reserve component thereof, or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps or the Public Health Service of the United States Department of Health and Human Services detailed by proper authority for duty with the Armed Forces of the United States, or who is required to enter or serve in the active military service of the United States under a call or order of the President of the United States or to serve on state active duty.

(b) A serving parent may delegate the powers designated in subsection (1) of this section for longer than one (1) year if on active-duty service or if scheduled to be on active-duty service. The term of delegation, however, may not exceed the term of active-duty service plus thirty (30) days.

(8) (a) A power of attorney under this chapter must be filed in the youth court of the county where the minor child or children reside at the time the form is completed,

and the clerk of the youth court will not impose or collect a filing fee. The filing is informational only, and no judicial intervention shall result at the time of filing.

(b) The power of attorney must be entered into the Mississippi Youth Court Information Delivery System (MYCIDS) under Section 43-21-351, and must be administratively reviewed by the youth court judge or referee, or a person designated by the youth court judge or referee, to ensure the safety of the child or children who are the subjects of the power of attorney one (1) year after the date of execution.

SECTION 101. Section 97-5-24, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-5-24. If any person eighteen (18) years or older who is employed by any public school district or private school in this state is accused of fondling or having any type of sexual involvement with any child under the age of eighteen (18) years who is enrolled in such school, the principal of such school and the superintendent of such school district shall timely notify the district attorney with jurisdiction where the school is located of such accusation, the Mississippi Department of Education and the Department of * * * Child Protection Services, provided that such accusation is reported to the principal and to the school superintendent and that there is a reasonable basis to believe that such accusation is true. Any superintendent, or his designee, who fails to make a report required by this section shall be subject to the penalties provided in Section 37-11-35. Any superintendent, principal, teacher or other school personnel participating in the making of a required report pursuant to this section or participating in any judicial proceeding resulting therefrom shall be presumed to be acting in good faith. Any person reporting in good faith shall be immune from any civil liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed.

SECTION 102. Section 97-5-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-5-39. (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any parent, guardian or other person who intentionally, knowingly or recklessly commits any act or omits the performance of any duty, which act or omission contributes to or tends to contribute to the neglect or delinquency of any child or which act or omission results in the abuse of any child, as defined in Section 43-21-105(m) of the Youth Court Law, or who knowingly aids any child in escaping or absenting himself from the guardianship or custody of any person, agency or institution, or knowingly harbors or conceals, or aids in harboring or concealing, any child who has absented himself without permission from the guardianship or custody of any person, agency or institution to which the child shall have been committed by the youth court shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment not to exceed one (1) year in jail, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

(b) For the purpose of this section, a child is a person who has not reached his eighteenth birthday. A child who has not reached his eighteenth birthday and is on active duty for a branch of the armed services, or who is married, is not considered a child for the purposes of this statute.

(c) If a child commits one (1) of the proscribed acts in subsection (2)(a), (b) or (c) of this section upon another child, then original jurisdiction of all such offenses shall be in youth court.

(d) If the child's deprivation of necessary clothing, shelter, health care or supervision appropriate to the child's age results in substantial harm to the child's physical, mental or emotional health, the person may be sentenced to imprisonment in custody of the Department of Corrections for not more than five (5) years or to payment of a fine of not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

(e) A parent, legal guardian or other person who knowingly permits the continuing physical or sexual abuse of a child is guilty of neglect of a child and may be sentenced to imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for not more than ten (10) years or to payment of a fine of not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

(2) Any person shall be guilty of felonious child abuse in the following circumstances:

(a) Whether bodily harm results or not, if the person shall intentionally, knowingly or recklessly:

- (i) Burn any child;
- (ii) Physically torture any child;
- (iii) Strangle, choke, smother or in any way interfere with any child's breathing;
- (iv) Poison a child;
- (v) Starve a child of nourishments needed to sustain life or growth;
- (vi) Use any type of deadly weapon upon any child;
- (b) If some bodily harm to any child actually occurs, and if the person shall intentionally, knowingly or recklessly:
 - (i) Throw, kick, bite, or cut any child;
 - (ii) Strike a child under the age of fourteen (14) about the face or head with a closed fist;
 - (iii) Strike a child under the age of five (5) in the face or head;
 - (iv) Kick, bite, cut or strike a child's genitals; circumcision of a male child is not a violation under this subparagraph (iv);
- (c) If serious bodily harm to any child actually occurs, and if the person shall intentionally, knowingly or recklessly:
 - (i) Strike any child on the face or head;
 - (ii) Disfigure or scar any child;
 - (iii) Whip, strike or otherwise abuse any child;
- (d) Any person, upon conviction under paragraph (a) or (c) of this subsection, shall be sentenced by the court to imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for a term of not less than five (5) years and up to life, as determined by the court. Any person, upon conviction under paragraph (b) of this subsection shall be sentenced by the court to imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for a term of not less than two (2) years nor more than ten (10) years, as determined by the court. For any second or subsequent conviction under this subsection (2), the person shall be sentenced to imprisonment for life.
- (e) For the purposes of this subsection (2), "bodily harm" means any bodily injury to a child and includes, but is not limited to, bruising, bleeding, lacerations, soft tissue swelling, and external or internal swelling of any body organ.
- (f) For the purposes of this subsection (2), "serious bodily harm" means any serious bodily injury to a child and includes, but is not limited to, the fracture of a bone, permanent disfigurement, permanent scarring, or any internal bleeding or internal trauma to any organ, any brain damage, any injury to the eye or ear of a child or other vital organ, and impairment of any bodily function.
- (g) Nothing contained in paragraph (c) of this subsection shall preclude a parent or guardian from disciplining a child of that parent or guardian, or shall preclude a person in loco parentis to a child from disciplining that child, if done in a reasonable manner, and reasonable corporal punishment or reasonable discipline as to that parent or guardian's child or child to whom a person stands in loco parentis shall be a defense to any violation charged under paragraph (c) of this subsection.
- (h) Reasonable discipline and reasonable corporal punishment shall not be a defense to acts described in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection or if a child suffers serious bodily harm as a result of any act prohibited under paragraph (c) of this subsection.
- (3) Nothing contained in this section shall prevent proceedings against the parent, guardian or other person under any statute of this state or any municipal ordinance defining any act as a crime or misdemeanor. Nothing in the provisions of this section shall preclude any person from having a right to trial by jury when charged with having violated the provisions of this section.
- (4) (a) A parent, legal guardian or caretaker who endangers a child's person or health by knowingly causing or permitting the child to be present where any person is selling, manufacturing or possessing immediate precursors or chemical substances with intent to manufacture, sell or possess a controlled substance as prohibited under Section 41-29-139 or 41-29-313, is guilty of child endangerment and may be sentenced to

imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years or to payment of a fine of not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

(b) If the endangerment results in substantial harm to the child's physical, mental or emotional health, the person may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than twenty (20) years or to payment of a fine of not more than Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), or both.

(5) Nothing contained in this section shall prevent proceedings against the parent, guardian or other person under any statute of this state or any municipal ordinance defining any act as a crime or misdemeanor. Nothing in the provisions of this section shall preclude any person from having a right to trial by jury when charged with having violated the provisions of this section.

(6) After consultation with the Department of * * * Child Protection Services, a regional mental health center or an appropriate professional person, a judge may suspend imposition or execution of a sentence provided in subsections (1) and (2) of this section and in lieu thereof require treatment over a specified period of time at any approved public or private treatment facility. A person may be eligible for treatment in lieu of criminal penalties no more than one (1) time.

(7) In any proceeding resulting from a report made pursuant to Section 43-21-353 of the Youth Court Law, the testimony of the physician making the report regarding the child's injuries or condition or cause thereof shall not be excluded on the ground that the physician's testimony violates the physician-patient privilege or similar privilege or rule against disclosure. The physician's report shall not be considered as evidence unless introduced as an exhibit to his testimony.

(8) Any criminal prosecution arising from a violation of this section shall be tried in the circuit, county, justice or municipal court having jurisdiction; provided, however, that nothing herein shall abridge or dilute the contempt powers of the youth court.

SECTION 103. Section 99-41-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

99-41-17. (1) Compensation shall not be awarded under this chapter:

(a) Unless the criminally injurious conduct occurred after July 1, 1991;

(b) Unless the claim has been filed with the director within thirty-six (36) months after the crime occurred, or in cases of child sexual abuse, within thirty-six (36) months after the crime was reported to law enforcement or the Department of * * * Child Protection Services, but in no event later than the victim's twenty-fifth birthday. For good cause, the director may extend the time period allowed for filing a claim for an additional period not to exceed twelve (12) months;

(c) To a claimant or victim who was the offender or an accomplice to the offender, or, except in cases of children under the age of consent as specified in Section 97-3-65, 97-3-97 or 97-5-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, who encouraged or in any way knowingly participated in criminally injurious conduct;

(d) To another person, if the award would unjustly benefit the offender or accomplice;

(e) Unless the criminally injurious conduct resulting in injury or death was reported to a law enforcement officer within seventy-two (72) hours after its occurrence or unless it is found that there was good cause for the failure to report within such time;

(f) To any claimant or victim when the injury or death occurred while the victim was confined in any federal, state, county or city jail or correctional facility;

(g) If the victim was injured as a result of the operation of a motor vehicle, boat or airplane, unless the vehicle was used by the offender (i) while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, (ii) as a weapon in the deliberate attempt to injure or cause the death of the victim, (iii) in a hit-and-run accident by leaving the scene of an accident as specified in Section 63-3-401, (iv) to flee apprehension by law enforcement as specified in Sections 97-9-72 and 97-9-73, or (v) causes any injury to a child who is in the process of boarding or exiting a school bus in the course of a violation of Section 63-3-615;

(h) If, following the filing of an application, the claimant failed to take further steps as required by the division to support the application within forty-five (45) days of such request made by the director or failed to otherwise cooperate with requests

of the director to determine eligibility, unless failure to provide information was beyond the control of the claimant;

(i) To a claimant or victim who, subsequent to the injury for which application is made, is convicted of any felony, and the conviction becomes known to the director;

(j) To any claimant or victim who has been under the actual or constructive supervision of a department of corrections for a felony conviction within five (5) years prior to the injury or death for which application has been made;

(k) To any claimant or victim who, at the time of the criminally injurious conduct upon which the claim for compensation is based, engaged in conduct unrelated to the crime upon which the claim for compensation is based that either was (i) a felony, or (ii) a delinquent act which, if committed by an adult, would constitute a felony;

(l) To any claimant or victim who knowingly furnishes any false or misleading information or knowingly fails or omits to disclose a material fact or circumstance.

(2) Compensation otherwise payable to a claimant shall be diminished to the extent:

(a) That the economic loss is recouped from other sources, including collateral sources; and

(b) Of the degree of responsibility for the cause of injury or death attributable to the victim or claimant.

(3) Upon a finding that the claimant or victim has not fully cooperated with appropriate law enforcement agencies and prosecuting attorneys, an award of compensation may be denied, withdrawn or reduced.

(4) Compensation otherwise payable to a claimant or victim may be denied or reduced to a claimant or victim who, at the time of the crime upon which the claim for compensation is based, was engaging in or attempting to engage in other unlawful activity unrelated to the crime upon which the claim for compensation is based.

SECTION 104. Section 93-17-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

93-17-11. (1) At any time after the filing of the petition for adoption and completion of process thereon, and before the entering of a final decree, the court may, in its discretion, of its own motion or on motion of any party to the proceeding, require an investigation and report to the court to be made by any person, officer or home as the court may designate and direct concerning the child, and shall require in adoptions except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, other than those in which the petitioner or petitioners are a relative or stepparent of the child, that a home study be performed of the petitioner or petitioners by a licensed adoption agency or by the Department of Human Services, at the petitioner's or petitioners' sole expense and at no cost to the state or county. The investigation and report shall give the material facts upon which the court may determine whether the child is a proper subject for adoption, whether the petitioner or petitioners are suitable parents for the child, whether the adoption is to its best interest, and any other facts or circumstances that may be material to the proposed adoption. The home study shall be considered by the court in determining whether the petitioner or petitioners are suitable parents for the child. The court, when an investigation and report are required by the court or by this section, shall stay the proceedings in the cause for such reasonable time as may be necessary or required in the opinion of the court for the completion of the investigation and report by the person, officer or home designated and authorized to make the same.

(2) Upon the filing of that consent or the completion of the process and the filing of the investigation and report, if required by the court or by this section, and the presentation of such other evidence as may be desired by the court, if the court determines that it is to the best interests of the child that an interlocutory decree of adoption be entered, the court may thereupon enter an interlocutory decree upon such terms and conditions as may be determined by the court, in its discretion, but including therein that the complete care, custody and control of the child shall be vested in the petitioner or petitioners until further orders of the court and that during such time the child shall be and remain a ward of the court. If the court determines by decree at any time during the pendency of the proceeding that it is not to the best interests of the child that

the adoption proceed, the petitioners shall be entitled to at least five (5) days' notice upon their attorneys of record and a hearing with the right of appeal as provided by law from a dismissal of the petition; however, the bond perfecting the appeal shall be filed within ten (10) days from the entry of the decree of dismissal and the bond shall be in such amount as the chancellor may determine and supersedeas may be granted by the chancellor or as otherwise provided by law for appeal from final decrees.

(3) After the entry of the interlocutory decree and before entry of the final decree, the court may require such further and additional investigation and reports as it may deem proper. The rights of the parties filing the consent or served with process shall be subject to the decree but shall not be divested until entry of the final decree.

(4) The court may determine that a home study in an adoption is not necessary in the case of an adoption by a stepparent or a relative or in the case of an adoption in a foster-to-adopt placement.

SECTION 105. Section 93-17-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

93-17-25. All proceedings under this chapter shall be confidential and shall be held in closed court without admittance of any person other than the interested parties, except upon order of the court. All pleadings, reports, files, testimony, exhibits and records pertaining to * * * adoption proceedings shall be confidential and shall not be public records and shall be withheld from inspection or examination by any person, and shall not be disclosed by any person except upon order of the court in which the proceeding was had on good cause shown.

Upon motion of any interested person, the files of adoption proceedings, heretofore had may be placed in the confidential files upon order of the court or chancellor and shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter.

Provided, however, that notwithstanding the confidential nature of said proceedings, said record shall be available for use in any court or administrative proceedings under a subpoena duces tecum addressed to the custodian of said records and portions of such record may be released pursuant to Sections 93-17-201 through 93-17-223.

SECTION 106. The appropriate court, through its clerk, shall notify the Office of the Attorney General within seven (7) business days whenever a permanency plan changes to termination of parental rights or an adoption.

SECTION 107. Sections 43-1-51, 43-1-53, 43-1-57, 43-1-59, 43-1-63, 43-51-1 and 43-51-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, which created the Division of Family and Children's Services within the Department of Human Services, provides the title for the Family Preservation Act, and requires an ongoing evaluation and report on family preservation services, are repealed.

SECTION 108. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO PROVIDE A CLEAR PATH TO PERMANENCY FOR CHILDREN IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES; TO AMEND SECTION 43-21-201, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT CHILDREN ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN ABUSED OR NEGLECTED SHALL BE A PARTY AND SHALL BE REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL; TO PROVIDE THAT A PARTY'S RIGHT TO REPRESENTATION SHALL EXTEND TO SHELTER HEARINGS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES SHALL BE A NECESSARY PARTY AT ALL STAGES OF THE PROCEEDINGS INVOLVING A CHILD FOR WHOM THE DEPARTMENT HAS CUSTODY INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SHELTER, ADJUDICATORY, DISPOSITION AND PERMANENCY HEARINGS; TO AMEND SECTION 43-21-501, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE YOUTH COURT TO ISSUE A SUMMONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES IF A PETITION IS FILED THAT INVOLVES A CHILD FOR WHOM THE DEPARTMENT HAS CUSTODY OF OR MAY BE AWARDED CUSTODY OF; TO AMEND SECTION 43-21-701, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ADD ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON A UNIFORM

YOUTH COURT SYSTEM AND PROCEDURES; TO REVISE THE QUORUM OF THE COMMISSION; TO AMEND SECTION 43-21-703, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSION SHALL FILE A REPORT WITH THE LEGISLATURE ON OR BEFORE A CERTAIN DATE; TO AMEND SECTION 93-15-107, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE CLERK TO DOCKET TERMINATION-OF-PARENTAL-RIGHTS CASES AS PRIORITY CASES ON THE COURT'S DOCKET; TO REQUIRE IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION TO THE ASSIGNED JUDGE UPON FILING; TO AMEND SECTION 93-17-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT FOR ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS THE CHANCERY COURT HAS ORIGINAL EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OVER ALL ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS EXCEPT WHEN A COUNTY COURT SITTING AS A YOUTH COURT HAS ACQUIRED JURISDICTION OF A CHILD IN AN ABUSE OR NEGLECT PROCEEDING; TO PROVIDE THAT THE COUNTY COURT SHALL HAVE ORIGINAL EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION TO HEAR A PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF A CHILD IN AN ABUSE OR NEGLECT PROCEEDING; TO REQUIRE THE CLERK TO DOCKET ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS AS PRIORITY CASES ON THE COURT'S DOCKET; TO REQUIRE IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION TO THE ASSIGNED JUDGE UPON FILING; TO PROVIDE THAT FROM AND AFTER JULY 1, 2023, THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES SHALL BE A STATE AGENCY SEPARATE AND APART FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND NOT A SUBAGENCY HOUSED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, AND SHALL HAVE SUCH POWERS AND DUTIES AND PERFORM SUCH FUNCTIONS THAT ARE ASSIGNED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES BY STATE LAW; TO AMEND SECTION 43-26-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AND TO CREATE NEW SECTIONS 43-26-5, 43-26-7, 43-26-9, 43-26-11, 43-26-13, 43-26-15, 43-26-17, 43-26-21 AND 43-26-23, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PRESCRIBE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES AND THE COMMISSIONER OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 11-46-1, 11-46-8, 25-1-109, 27-104-203, 37-31-107, 37-106-69, 37-115-43, 41-3-18, 41-67-12, 41-87-5, 41-101-1, 43-1-9, 43-1-101, 43-14-1, 43-14-5, 43-15-3, 43-15-5, 43-15-6, 43-15-7, 43-15-11, 43-15-15, 43-15-19, 43-15-21, 43-15-23, 43-15-103, 43-15-105, 43-15-107, 43-15-109, 43-15-113, 43-15-115, 43-15-117, 43-15-119, 43-15-121, 43-15-125, 43-15-201, 43-15-203, 43-15-207, 43-16-3, 43-16-7, 43-18-3, 43-18-5, 43-21-351, 43-21-354, 43-21-357, 43-21-405, 43-21-603, 43-21-609, 43-21-801, 43-27-101, 43-27-103, 43-27-109, 43-27-113, 43-27-115, 43-27-117, 43-27-119, 43-43-5, 43-51-3, 43-51-5, 43-51-7, 45-33-36, 57-13-23, 93-5-23, 93-17-5, 93-17-8, 93-17-11, 93-17-12, 93-17-53, 93-17-57, 93-17-59, 93-17-61, 93-17-63, 93-17-65, 93-17-101, 93-17-103, 93-17-107, 93-17-109, 93-17-203, 93-17-209, 93-21-305, 93-21-307, 93-21-309, 93-21-311, 93-31-3, 97-5-24, 97-5-39 AND 99-41-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING PROVISIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 93-17-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE A COURT TO ORDER A HOME STUDY IF NECESSARY IN CERTAIN ADOPTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 93-17-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN PERSONS FROM DISCLOSING INFORMATION RECEIVED DURING CLOSED ADOPTION HEARINGS OR FROM RECORDS PERTAINING TO ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 43-1-51, 43-1-53, 43-1-57, 43-1-59, 43-1-63, 43-51-1 AND 43-51-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATED THE DIVISION OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, PROVIDES THE TITLE FOR THE FAMILY PRESERVATION ACT, AND REQUIRES AN ONGOING EVALUATION AND REPORT ON FAMILY PRESERVATION SERVICES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Angela Cockerham, Mark Tullos, Lee Yancey

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Brice Wiggins, Nicole Boyd, Jenifer B. Branning

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham,

Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hopkins, Ladner, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1020: Capitol Complex Improvement District judicial jurisdiction; create and revise boundaries.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1020: Capitol Complex Improvement District courts; authorize.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall appoint four (4) temporary special circuit judges for the Seventh Circuit Court District. No limitation whatsoever shall be placed upon the powers and duties of the judges other than those provided by the Constitution and laws of this state. The term of the temporary special circuit judges shall expire on December 31, 2026.

(2) The judges shall be appointed no later than fifteen (15) days after the passage of this act according to applicable state laws. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court may elect to reappoint circuit judges that are serving on a temporary basis as of the effective date of this act in the Seventh Circuit Court District.

(3) (a) Each temporary special circuit judge shall receive an office operating allowance to be used for the purposes described and in amounts equal to those authorized in Section 9-1-36.

(b) The Administrative Office of Courts shall establish personnel policies to compensate the support staff for each temporary special circuit judge.

(4) This section shall stand repealed on December 31, 2026.

SECTION 2. The public defender of the Seventh Circuit Court District may appoint three (3) full-time assistant public defenders who shall perform duties in the Seventh Circuit Court District and the Capitol Complex Improvement District (CCID) Inferior Court. Such appointments shall be made in addition to those authorized as of the

effective date of this act in Section 25-32-3. The full-time assistant public defenders shall receive compensation in an amount equal to the compensation paid to full-time assistant public defenders in the Seventh Circuit Court District subject to available funds specifically appropriated by the Legislature.

SECTION 3. (1) The District Attorney of the Seventh Circuit Court District may appoint two (2) full-time assistant district attorneys in addition to those authorized as the effective date of this act in Section 25-31-5. The full-time assistant district attorneys shall receive compensation in an amount equal to the compensation paid to full-time assistant district attorneys in the Seventh Circuit Court District subject to available funds specifically appropriated therefor by the Legislature.

(2) The District Attorney of the Seventh Circuit Court District may appoint one (1) full-time criminal investigator in addition to the criminal investigators authorized as of the effective date of this act in Section 25-31-10.

SECTION 4. (1) (a) From and after January 1, 2024, there shall be created one (1) inferior court as authorized by Article 6, Section 172 of the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to be located within the boundaries established in Section 29-5-203 for the Capitol Complex Improvement District, hereinafter referred to as "CCID". The CCID inferior court shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine all preliminary matters and criminal matters authorized by law for municipal courts that accrue or occur, in whole or in part, within the boundaries of the Capitol Complex Improvement District; and shall have the same jurisdiction as municipal courts to hear and determine all cases charging violations of the motor vehicle and traffic laws of this state, and violations of the City of Jackson's traffic ordinance or ordinances related to the disturbance of the public peace that accrue or occur, in whole or in part, within the boundaries of the Capitol Complex Improvement District.

(b) Any person convicted in the CCID inferior court may be placed in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections, Central Mississippi facility.

(2) The Chief Justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court shall appoint the CCID inferior court judge authorized by this section. The judge shall possess all qualifications required by law for municipal court judges. Such judge shall be a qualified elector of this state, and shall have such other qualifications as provided by law for municipal judges.

(3) The Administrative Office of Courts shall provide compensation for the CCID inferior court judge and the support staff of the judge. Such compensation shall not be in an amount less than the compensation paid to municipal court judges and their support staff in the City of Jackson.

(4) All fines, penalties, fees and costs imposed and collected by the CCID inferior court shall be deposited with the City of Jackson municipal treasurer or equivalent officer.

(5) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2027.

SECTION 5. (1) The Attorney General shall designate two (2) attorneys to serve as prosecuting attorneys for any cause of action within the jurisdiction of the Capitol Complex Improvement District (CCID) inferior court. The prosecuting attorneys may be employees of the Office of the Attorney General or contracted by the Attorney General for such purposes. The attorneys shall prosecute cases in the court provided for the CCID inferior court and also in the same manner and with the same authority of law provided for district attorneys and county prosecuting attorneys by filing an indictment or any other criminal action that accrues or occurs, in whole or in part, in the CCID.

(2) The Hinds County District Attorney shall be authorized to prosecute cases in the CCID inferior court. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to prohibit or in any way limit the Hinds County District Attorney from filing an indictment or any other criminal action that occurred or accrued, in whole or in part, within the boundaries of the CCID.

(3) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2027.

SECTION 6. (1) The Administrative Office of Courts, in consultation with the Chief Justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court, shall appoint a clerk for the Capitol Complex Improvement District (CCID) inferior court.

(2) The Administrative Office of Courts shall provide support staff and any other staff necessary to carry out the functions and duties for the clerk of the CCID inferior court.

(3) The Administrative Office of Courts shall pay the salaries of the clerk and support staff of the CCID, subject to available funds specifically appropriated by the Legislature for such purpose. Such salaries shall not be in amounts less than the salaries paid to the clerk and staff of the municipal courts in the City of Jackson.

(4) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2027.

SECTION 7. The Department of Finance and Administration in conjunction with the Administrative Office of Courts shall designate a suitable location or building for the purpose of allowing the Capitol Complex Improvement District (CCID) inferior court to hold court.

SECTION 8. Section 29-5-203, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

[Through June 30, 2024, this section shall read as follows:]

29-5-203. There is created the Capitol Complex Improvement District to be composed of the following described area in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, that surrounds the State Capitol Building:

CAPITOL COMPLEX PROPOSED BOUNDARIES

- Beginning at a point on the west bank of the Pearl River determined by extending the south curb line of High Street east until it meets the bank of the Pearl River;
- Then north along the west bank of the Pearl River (extending along the southern boundary of LeFleur's Bluff State Park) until it reaches a point on such bank determined by extending the east curb line of Ridgewood Road south until it meets the bank of the Pearl River;
- Then north along such line determined by extending the east curb line of Ridgewood Road and continuing along such curb line until it reaches the northern drainage ditch of Eastover Drive;
- Then west along the northern drainage ditch and curb line of Eastover Drive until it reaches the western curb line of the west frontage road of I-55;
- Then south along the west curb line of such frontage road until it reaches the northern curb line of Lakeland Drive;
- Then west along the northern curb line of Lakeland Drive until it reaches the eastern curb line of Old Canton Road;
- Then north along the east curb line of Old Canton Road until it reaches the northern curb line of Meadowbrook Road;
- Then west along the north curb line of Meadowbrook Road to the west curb line of North State Street;
- Then south along the west curb line of North State Street to the north curb line of Hartfield Street;
- Then west along the north curb line of Hartfield Street to the west curb line of Oxford Avenue;
- Then south on the west curb line of Oxford Avenue to the north curb line of Mitchell Avenue which becomes Stonewall Street;
- Then west along the north curb line of Mitchell Street and then Stonewall Street until it reaches the west curb line of Livingston Road;
- Then south along the west curb line of Livingston Road until it reaches the south curb line of Woodrow Wilson Drive;
- Then east along the south curb line of Woodrow Wilson Drive to the west curb line of Bailey Avenue (which becomes Gallatin Street);
- Then south along the west curb line of Bailey Avenue and then Gallatin Street until it reaches the north curb line of West Capitol Street;
- Then west along the north curb line of West Capitol Street until it intersects with the north curb line of Robinson Road;
- Then west on the north curb line of Robinson Road until it intersects with the west curb line of Prentiss Street;
- Then south along the west curb line of Prentiss Street until it intersects with the north curb line of John R. Lynch Street on the west side of Jackson State University;
- Then west on the north curb line of John R. Lynch Street until it reaches the west curb line of Valley Street;
- Then south along the west curb line of Valley Street until it reaches the south curb line of Morehouse Street;

- Then east along the south curb line of Morehouse Street until it reaches the west curb line of Dalton Street;
- Then south along the west curb line of Dalton Street until it reaches the south curb line of Florence Avenue;
- Then east along the south curb line of Florence Avenue until it reaches the east curb line of University Blvd. (Terry Road);
- Then north and along the east curb line of University Blvd. until it reaches the south curb line of Hooker Street;
- Then east along the south curb line of Hooker Street extending in a straight line to the railroad tracks;
- Then north on the west side of such railroad tracks to the south curb line of South Street;
- Then east on South Street to the east curb line of Jefferson Street and extend the south curb line of South Street in a straight line to the east to the western edge of I-55;
- Then north along the western edge of I-55 until it reaches the south curb line of High Street;
- Then east along the south curb line of High Street and extending such line to the Pearl River and the point of the beginning.

[From and after July 1, 2024, this section shall read as follows:

29-5-203. There is created the Capitol Complex Improvement District to be composed of the following described area in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, that surrounds the State Capitol Building:

CAPITOL COMPLEX PROPOSED BOUNDARIES

- Beginning at a point on the west bank of the Pearl River determined by extending the south curb line of High Street east until it meets the bank of the Pearl River;
- Then north along the west bank of the Pearl River * * * until it reaches a point on such bank determined by extending the * * * north curb line of Northside Drive until it meets the bank of the Pearl River;
- Then west along the north curb line of Northside Drive until it reaches the west track of the Illinois Central Railroad line;

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- Then south * * * along the west track of the Illinois Central Railroad line to the north curb line of Mitchell Avenue which becomes Stonewall Street;
- Then west along the north curb line of Mitchell Street and then Stonewall Street until it reaches the west curb line of Livingston Road;
- Then south along the west curb line of Livingston Road until it reaches the south curb line of Woodrow Wilson Drive;
- Then east along the south curb line of Woodrow Wilson Drive to the west curb line of Bailey Avenue (which becomes Gallatin Street);
- Then south along the west curb line of Bailey Avenue and then Gallatin Street until it reaches the north curb line of * * * West Monument Street;
- Then west along the north curb line of * * * West Monument Street until it intersects with * * * West Capitol Street and becomes Rose Street;
- Then south along the west curb line of Rose Street until it intersects with the north curb line of Robinson Road;
- Then west on the north curb line of Robinson Road until it intersects with the west curb line of Prentiss Street;
- Then south along the west curb line of Prentiss Street until it intersects with the north curb line of John R. Lynch Street on the west side of Jackson State University;
- Then west on the north curb line of John R. Lynch Street until it reaches the west curb line of * * * Ellis Avenue;

* * *

- Then south along the west curb line of Ellis Avenue until it reaches the south curb line of Raymond Road;
- Then east along the south curb line of Raymond Road until it reaches the north edge of Interstate 20 westbound;
- * * * Then east along the north edge of Interstate 20 until it overlaps with Interstate 55 and continues along such edge of Interstate 55/20 to the western edge of where it becomes Interstate 55;

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- Then north along the western edge of I-55 until it reaches the south curb line of High Street;
- Then east along the south curb line of High Street and extending such line to the Pearl River and the point of the beginning.

SECTION 9. Section 27-65-75, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by Senate Bill No. 2664, 2023 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

27-65-75. On or before the fifteenth day of each month, the revenue collected under the provisions of this chapter during the preceding month shall be paid and distributed as follows:

(1) (a) On or before August 15, 1992, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 1993, eighteen percent (18%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3) and 27-65-21, on business activities within a municipal corporation shall be allocated for distribution to the municipality and paid to the municipal corporation. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph (a), on or before August 15, 1993, and each succeeding month thereafter, eighteen and one-half percent (18-1/2%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3), 27-65-21 and 27-65-24, on business activities within a municipal corporation shall be allocated for distribution to the municipality and paid to the municipal corporation. However, in the event the State Auditor issues a certificate of noncompliance pursuant to Section 21-35-31, the Department of Revenue shall withhold ten percent (10%) of the allocations and payments to the municipality that would otherwise be payable to the municipality under this paragraph (a) until such time that the department receives written notice of the cancellation of a certificate of noncompliance from the State Auditor.

A municipal corporation, for the purpose of distributing the tax under this subsection, shall mean and include all incorporated cities, towns and villages.

Monies allocated for distribution and credited to a municipal corporation under this paragraph may be pledged as security for a loan if the distribution received by the municipal corporation is otherwise authorized or required by law to be pledged as security for such a loan.

In any county having a county seat that is not an incorporated municipality, the distribution provided under this subsection shall be made as though the county seat was an incorporated municipality; however, the distribution to the municipality shall be paid to the county treasury in which the municipality is located, and those funds shall be used for road, bridge and street construction or maintenance in the county.

(b) On or before August 15, 2006, and each succeeding month thereafter, eighteen and one-half percent (18-1/2%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3) and 27-65-21, on business activities on the campus of a state institution of higher learning or community or junior college whose campus is not located within the corporate limits of a municipality, shall be allocated for distribution to the state institution of higher learning or community or junior college and paid to the state institution of higher learning or community or junior college.

(c) On or before August 15, 2018, and each succeeding month thereafter until August 14, 2019, two percent (2%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3), 27-65-21 and 27-65-24, on business activities within the corporate limits of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, shall be deposited into the Capitol Complex Improvement District Project Fund created in Section 29-5-215. On or before August 15, 2019, and each succeeding month thereafter until August 14, 2020, four percent (4%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3), 27-65-21 and 27-65-24, on business activities within the corporate limits of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, shall be deposited into the Capitol Complex Improvement District Project Fund created in Section 29-5-215.

On or before August 15, 2020, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 2023, six percent (6%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3), 27-65-21 and 27-65-24, on business activities within the corporate limits of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, shall be deposited into the Capitol Complex Improvement District Project Fund created in Section 29-5-215. On or before August 15, 2023, and each succeeding month thereafter, nine percent (9%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3), 27-65-21 and 27-65-24, on business activities within the corporate limits of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, shall be deposited into the Capitol Complex Improvement District Project Fund created in Section 29-5-215.

(d) (i) On or before the fifteenth day of the month that the diversion authorized by this section begins, and each succeeding month thereafter, eighteen and one-half percent (18-1/2%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3) and 27-65-21, on business activities within a redevelopment project area developed under a redevelopment plan adopted under the Tax Increment Financing Act (Section 21-45-1 et seq.) shall be allocated for distribution to the county in which the project area is located if:

1. The county:

a. Borders on the Mississippi Sound

and the State of Alabama, or

b. Is Harrison County, Mississippi,

and the project area is within a radius of two (2) miles from the intersection of Interstate 10 and Menge Avenue;

2. The county has issued bonds under Section 21-45-9 to finance all or a portion of a redevelopment project in the redevelopment project area;

3. Any debt service for the indebtedness incurred is outstanding; and

4. A development with a value of Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) or more is, or will be, located in the redevelopment area.

(ii) Before any sales tax revenue may be allocated for distribution to a county under this paragraph, the county shall certify to the Department of Revenue that the requirements of this paragraph have been met, the amount of bonded indebtedness that has been incurred by the county for the redevelopment project and the expected date the indebtedness incurred by the county will be satisfied.

(iii) The diversion of sales tax revenue authorized by this paragraph shall begin the month following the month in which the Department of Revenue determines that the requirements of this paragraph have been met. The diversion shall end the month the indebtedness incurred by the county is satisfied. All revenue received by the county under this paragraph shall be deposited in the fund required to be created in the tax increment financing plan under Section 21-45-11 and be utilized solely to satisfy the indebtedness incurred by the county.

(2) On or before September 15, 1987, and each succeeding month thereafter, from the revenue collected under this chapter during the preceding month, One Million One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$1,125,000.00) shall be allocated for distribution to municipal corporations as defined under subsection (1) of this section in the proportion that the number of gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel sold by distributors to consumers and retailers in each such municipality during the preceding fiscal year bears to the total gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel sold by distributors to consumers and retailers in municipalities statewide during the preceding fiscal year. The Department of Revenue shall require all distributors of gasoline and diesel fuel to report to the department monthly the total number of gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel sold by them to consumers and retailers in each municipality during the preceding month. The Department of Revenue shall have the authority to promulgate such rules and regulations as is necessary to determine the number of gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel sold by distributors to consumers and retailers in each municipality. In determining the

percentage allocation of funds under this subsection for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1987, and ending June 30, 1988, the Department of Revenue may consider gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel sold for a period of less than one (1) fiscal year. For the purposes of this subsection, the term "fiscal year" means the fiscal year beginning July 1 of a year.

(3) On or before September 15, 1987, and on or before the fifteenth day of each succeeding month, until the date specified in Section 65-39-35, the proceeds derived from contractors' taxes levied under Section 27-65-21 on contracts for the construction or reconstruction of highways designated under the highway program created under Section 65-3-97 shall, except as otherwise provided in Section 31-17-127, be deposited into the State Treasury to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be used to fund that highway program. The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall provide to the Department of Revenue such information as is necessary to determine the amount of proceeds to be distributed under this subsection.

(4) On or before August 15, 1994, and on or before the fifteenth day of each succeeding month through July 15, 1999, from the proceeds of gasoline, diesel fuel or kerosene taxes as provided in Section 27-5-101(a)(ii)1, Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of a special fund designated as the "State Aid Road Fund," created by Section 65-9-17. On or before August 15, 1999, and on or before the fifteenth day of each succeeding month, from the total amount of the proceeds of gasoline, diesel fuel or kerosene taxes apportioned by Section 27-5-101(a)(ii)1, Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) or an amount equal to twenty-three and one-fourth percent (23-1/4%) of those funds, whichever is the greater amount, shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the "State Aid Road Fund," created by Section 65-9-17. Those funds shall be pledged to pay the principal of and interest on state aid road bonds heretofore issued under Sections 19-9-51 through 19-9-77, in lieu of and in substitution for the funds previously allocated to counties under this section. Those funds may not be pledged for the payment of any state aid road bonds issued after April 1, 1981; however, this prohibition against the pledging of any such funds for the payment of bonds shall not apply to any bonds for which intent to issue those bonds has been published for the first time, as provided by law before March 29, 1981. From the amount of taxes paid into the special fund under this subsection and subsection (9) of this section, there shall be first deducted and paid the amount necessary to pay the expenses of the Office of State Aid Road Construction, as authorized by the Legislature for all other general and special fund agencies. The remainder of the fund shall be allocated monthly to the several counties in accordance with the following formula:

(a) One-third (1/3) shall be allocated to all counties in equal shares;

(b) One-third (1/3) shall be allocated to counties based on the proportion that the total number of rural road miles in a county bears to the total number of rural road miles in all counties of the state; and

(c) One-third (1/3) shall be allocated to counties based on the proportion that the rural population of the county bears to the total rural population in all counties of the state, according to the latest federal decennial census.

For the purposes of this subsection, the term "gasoline, diesel fuel or kerosene taxes" means such taxes as defined in paragraph (f) of Section 27-5-101.

The amount of funds allocated to any county under this subsection for any fiscal year after fiscal year 1994 shall not be less than the amount allocated to the county for fiscal year 1994.

Any reference in the general laws of this state or the Mississippi Code of 1972 to Section 27-5-105 shall mean and be construed to refer and apply to subsection (4) of Section 27-65-75.

(5) One Million Six Hundred Sixty-six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-six Dollars (\$1,666,666.00) each month shall be paid into the special fund known as the "Educational Facilities Revolving Loan Fund" created and existing under the provisions of Section 37-47-24. Those payments into that fund are to be made on the last day of each succeeding month hereafter. This subsection (5) shall stand repealed on July 1, * * * 2026.

(6) An amount each month beginning August 15, 1983, through November 15, 1986, as specified in Section 6, Chapter 542, Laws of 1983, shall be paid into the special

fund known as the Correctional Facilities Construction Fund created in Section 6, Chapter 542, Laws of 1983.

(7) On or before August 15, 1992, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 2000, two and two hundred sixty-six one-thousandths percent (2.266%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(2), shall be deposited by the department into the School Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund created under Section 37-61-35. On or before August 15, 2000, and each succeeding month thereafter, two and two hundred sixty-six one-thousandths percent (2.266%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(2), shall be deposited into the School Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund created under Section 37-61-35 until such time that the total amount deposited into the fund during a fiscal year equals Forty-two Million Dollars (\$42,000,000.00). Thereafter, the amounts diverted under this subsection (7) during the fiscal year in excess of Forty-two Million Dollars (\$42,000,000.00) shall be deposited into the Education Enhancement Fund created under Section 37-61-33 for appropriation by the Legislature as other education needs and shall not be subject to the percentage appropriation requirements set forth in Section 37-61-33.

(8) On or before August 15, 1992, and each succeeding month thereafter, nine and seventy-three one-thousandths percent (9.073%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(2), shall be deposited into the Education Enhancement Fund created under Section 37-61-33.

(9) On or before August 15, 1994, and each succeeding month thereafter, from the revenue collected under this chapter during the preceding month, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be paid into the State Aid Road Fund.

(10) On or before August 15, 1994, and each succeeding month thereafter through August 15, 1995, from the revenue collected under this chapter during the preceding month, Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) shall be deposited into the Motor Vehicle Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund established in Section 27-51-105.

(11) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, on or before February 15, 1995, and each succeeding month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(2) and the corresponding levy in Section 27-65-23 on the rental or lease of private carriers of passengers and light carriers of property as defined in Section 27-51-101 shall be deposited, without diversion, into the Motor Vehicle Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund established in Section 27-51-105.

(12) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, on or before August 15, 1995, and each succeeding month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(1) on retail sales of private carriers of passengers and light carriers of property, as defined in Section 27-51-101 and the corresponding levy in Section 27-65-23 on the rental or lease of these vehicles, shall be deposited, after diversion, into the Motor Vehicle Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund established in Section 27-51-105.

(13) On or before July 15, 1994, and on or before the fifteenth day of each succeeding month thereafter, that portion of the avails of the tax imposed in Section 27-65-22 that is derived from activities held on the Mississippi State Fairgrounds Complex shall be paid into a special fund that is created in the State Treasury and shall be expended upon legislative appropriation solely to defray the costs of repairs and renovation at the Trade Mart and Coliseum.

(14) On or before August 15, 1998, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 2005, that portion of the avails of the tax imposed in Section 27-65-23 that is derived from sales by cotton compresses or cotton warehouses and that would otherwise be paid into the General Fund shall be deposited in an amount not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) into the special fund created under Section 69-37-39. On or before August 15, 2007, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 2010, that portion of the avails of the tax imposed in Section 27-65-23 that is derived from sales by cotton compresses or cotton warehouses and that would otherwise be paid into the General Fund shall be deposited in an amount not to exceed Two Million Dollars

(\$2,000,000.00) into the special fund created under Section 69-37-39 until all debts or other obligations incurred by the Certified Cotton Growers Organization under the Mississippi Boll Weevil Management Act before January 1, 2007, are satisfied in full. On or before August 15, 2010, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 2011, fifty percent (50%) of that portion of the avails of the tax imposed in Section 27-65-23 that is derived from sales by cotton compresses or cotton warehouses and that would otherwise be paid into the General Fund shall be deposited into the special fund created under Section 69-37-39 until such time that the total amount deposited into the fund during a fiscal year equals One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). On or before August 15, 2011, and each succeeding month thereafter, that portion of the avails of the tax imposed in Section 27-65-23 that is derived from sales by cotton compresses or cotton warehouses and that would otherwise be paid into the General Fund shall be deposited into the special fund created under Section 69-37-39 until such time that the total amount deposited into the fund during a fiscal year equals One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

(15) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, on or before September 15, 2000, and each succeeding month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-19(1)(d)(i)2, and 27-65-19(1)(d)(i)3 shall be deposited, without diversion, into the Telecommunications Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund established in Section 27-38-7.

(16) (a) On or before August 15, 2000, and each succeeding month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter on the gross proceeds of sales of a project as defined in Section 57-30-1 shall be deposited, after all diversions except the diversion provided for in subsection (1) of this section, into the Sales Tax Incentive Fund created in Section 57-30-3.

(b) On or before August 15, 2007, and each succeeding month thereafter, eighty percent (80%) of the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter from the operation of a tourism project under the provisions of Sections 57-26-1 through 57-26-5, shall be deposited, after the diversions required in subsections (7) and (8) of this section, into the Tourism Project Sales Tax Incentive Fund created in Section 57-26-3.

(17) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, on or before April 15, 2002, and each succeeding month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under Section 27-65-23 on sales of parking services of parking garages and lots at airports shall be deposited, without diversion, into the special fund created under Section 27-5-101(d).

(18) [Repealed]

(19) (a) On or before August 15, 2005, and each succeeding month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter on the gross proceeds of sales of a business enterprise located within a redevelopment project area under the provisions of Sections 57-91-1 through 57-91-11, and the revenue collected on the gross proceeds of sales from sales made to a business enterprise located in a redevelopment project area under the provisions of Sections 57-91-1 through 57-91-11 (provided that such sales made to a business enterprise are made on the premises of the business enterprise), shall, except as otherwise provided in this subsection (19), be deposited, after all diversions, into the Redevelopment Project Incentive Fund as created in Section 57-91-9.

(b) For a municipality participating in the Economic Redevelopment Act created in Sections 57-91-1 through 57-91-11, the diversion provided for in subsection (1) of this section attributable to the gross proceeds of sales of a business enterprise located within a redevelopment project area under the provisions of Sections 57-91-1 through 57-91-11, and attributable to the gross proceeds of sales from sales made to a business enterprise located in a redevelopment project area under the provisions of Sections 57-91-1 through 57-91-11 (provided that such sales made to a business enterprise are made on the premises of the business enterprise), shall be deposited into the Redevelopment Project Incentive Fund as created in Section 57-91-9, as follows:

(i) For the first six (6) years in which payments are made to a developer from the Redevelopment Project Incentive Fund, one hundred percent (100%) of the diversion shall be deposited into the fund;

(ii) For the seventh year in which such payments are made to a developer from the Redevelopment Project Incentive Fund, eighty percent (80%) of the diversion shall be deposited into the fund;

(iii) For the eighth year in which such payments are made to a developer from the Redevelopment Project Incentive Fund, seventy percent (70%) of the diversion shall be deposited into the fund;

(iv) For the ninth year in which such payments are made to a developer from the Redevelopment Project Incentive Fund, sixty percent (60%) of the diversion shall be deposited into the fund; and

(v) For the tenth year in which such payments are made to a developer from the Redevelopment Project Incentive Fund, fifty percent (50%) of the funds shall be deposited into the fund.

(20) On or before January 15, 2007, and each succeeding month thereafter, eighty percent (80%) of the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter from the operation of a tourism project under the provisions of Sections 57-28-1 through 57-28-5 shall be deposited, after the diversions required in subsections (7) and (8) of this section, into the Tourism Sales Tax Incentive Fund created in Section 57-28-3.

(21) (a) On or before April 15, 2007, and each succeeding month thereafter through June 15, 2013, One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) of the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter shall be deposited into the MMEIA Tax Incentive Fund created in Section 57-101-3.

(b) On or before July 15, 2013, and each succeeding month thereafter, One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) of the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter shall be deposited into the Mississippi Development Authority Job Training Grant Fund created in Section 57-1-451.

(22) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, on or before August 15, 2009, and each succeeding month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-201 shall be deposited, without diversion, into the Motor Vehicle Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund established in Section 27-51-105.

(23) (a) On or before August 15, 2019, and each month thereafter through July 15, 2020, one percent (1%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month from restaurants and hotels shall be allocated for distribution to the Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund established under Section 57-1-64, to be used exclusively for the purpose stated therein. On or before August 15, 2020, and each month thereafter through July 15, 2021, two percent (2%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month from restaurants and hotels shall be allocated for distribution to the Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund established under Section 57-1-64, to be used exclusively for the purpose stated therein. On or before August 15, 2021, and each month thereafter, three percent (3%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month from restaurants and hotels shall be allocated for distribution to the Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund established under Section 57-1-64, to be used exclusively for the purpose stated therein. The revenue diverted pursuant to this subsection shall not be available for expenditure until February 1, 2020.

(b) The Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) must provide an annual report to the Legislature indicating the amount of funds deposited into the Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund established under Section 57-1-64, and a detailed record of how the funds are spent.

(24) The remainder of the amounts collected under the provisions of this chapter shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the General Fund.

(25) (a) It shall be the duty of the municipal officials of any municipality that expands its limits, or of any community that incorporates as a municipality, to notify the commissioner of that action thirty (30) days before the effective date. Failure to so notify the commissioner shall cause the municipality to forfeit the revenue that it would have

been entitled to receive during this period of time when the commissioner had no knowledge of the action.

(b) (i) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, if any funds have been erroneously disbursed to any municipality or any overpayment of tax is recovered by the taxpayer, the commissioner may make correction and adjust the error or overpayment with the municipality by withholding the necessary funds from any later payment to be made to the municipality.

(ii) Subject to the provisions of Sections 27-65-51 and 27-65-53, if any funds have been erroneously disbursed to a municipality under subsection (1) of this section for a period of three (3) years or more, the maximum amount that may be recovered or withheld from the municipality is the total amount of funds erroneously disbursed for a period of three (3) years beginning with the date of the first erroneous disbursement. However, if during such period, a municipality provides written notice to the Department of Revenue indicating the erroneous disbursement of funds, then the maximum amount that may be recovered or withheld from the municipality is the total amount of funds erroneously disbursed for a period of one (1) year beginning with the date of the first erroneous disbursement.

SECTION 10. The City of Jackson, at all times, shall adequately staff its police department with the necessary number of law enforcement officers. The Jackson Police Department shall continue to enforce all ordinances of the City of Jackson.

SECTION 11. (1) Subject to the availability of funds specifically appropriated therefor, the Department of Public Safety shall provide body-worn cameras to each patrol law enforcement officer within the Office of Capitol Police. The body-worn cameras shall be kept in good working condition, worn on the uniform of any patrol law enforcement officer while the officer is on duty and shall be fully operational while any officer is on patrol.

(2) For purposes of this section, "Body-worn camera" means a device that is worn by a law enforcement officer which has the capability of electronically recording audio and video of the activities of the officer.

SECTION 12. By October 1, 2023, the clerk of the Seventh Circuit Court District in conjunction with the Administrative Office of Courts shall provide case disposition and caseload data in the district from January 1, 2017, to September 15, 2023, to the Chairs of the Senate Judiciary, Division A and the House Judiciary A Committees and the Chairs of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees for the purpose of assisting the Legislature in its consideration to authorize one (1) circuit judge for the Seventh Circuit Court District in addition to the judges authorized in subsection (1) of this section. Any judge to be authorized under this subsection shall be elected from the subdistrict as provided by Section 9-7-23(2)(e).

SECTION 13. The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety shall develop a 911 system which can be used by any person within the boundaries of the Capitol Complex Improvement District.

SECTION 14. The Department of Public Safety may purchase and issue all patrol law enforcement officers within the department any equipment deemed necessary by the commissioner for use to enforce any traffic related law of the State of Mississippi, City of Jackson's traffic ordinances or ordinances related to the disturbance of the public peace, or agency regulation on any property, public street, road or highway upon which it has jurisdiction.

SECTION 15. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in consultation with the Administrative Office of Courts shall appoint a court administrator whose primary duty is to manage the caseload of the special judges appointed in Section 1 of this act. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in consultation with the Administrative Office of Courts, shall set the compensation for the court administrator authorized in this section.

SECTION 16. The Hinds County Circuit Clerk shall enter the names or identifying numbers of all qualified electors in Hinds County when selecting a jury for any hearing, trial or cause of action that comes before any of the four (4) temporary special circuit judges authorized by Section 1 of this act for the Seventh Circuit Court District.

SECTION 17. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or any part of this act is declared to be unconstitutional or void, or if for any reason is declared to be invalid or of no effect, the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases

or parts of this act shall be in no manner affected thereby but shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 18. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE FOUR TEMPORARY SPECIAL CIRCUIT JUDGES FOR THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT TO BE APPOINTED BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT; TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC DEFENDER OF THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT TO APPOINT THREE FULL-TIME ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDERS; TO AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT TO APPOINT TWO FULL-TIME ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS; TO CREATE AN INFERIOR COURT WITHIN THE CAPITOL COMPLEX IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TO HEAR AND DETERMINE CERTAIN MATTERS THAT ARE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF MUNICIPAL COURTS JURISDICTION OF A MUNICIPAL COURT; TO AUTHORIZE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO DESIGNATE TWO ATTORNEYS TO SERVE AS PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS FOR ANY CAUSE OF ACTION WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CAPITOL COMPLEX IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; TO REQUIRE THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF COURTS, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE MISSISSIPPI SUPREME COURT TO APPOINT A CLERK FOR THE CCID INFERIOR COURT; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO DESIGNATE A SUITABLE LOCATION OR BUILDING FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING THE CCID INFERIOR COURT TO HOLD COURT; TO AMEND SECTION 29-5-203, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CAPITOL COMPLEX IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, FOR PURPOSES OF AMENDMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 27-65-75, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED BY SENATE BILL NO. 2664, 2023 REGULAR SESSION, TO REVISE THE DISTRIBUTION OF STATE SALES TAX REVENUE TO THE CAPITOL COMPLEX IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT PROJECT FUND; TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO DEVELOP A 911 SYSTEM FOR EMERGENCIES WITHIN THE CAPITOL COMPLEX IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; TO REQUIRE THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF COURTS, TO APPOINT A COURT ADMINISTRATOR TO MANAGE THE CASELOAD OF THE SPECIAL JUDGES APPOINTED IN SECTION 1 OF THIS ACT; TO REQUIRE THE HINDS COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK TO SELECT JURORS FROM ALL QUALIFIED ELECTORS IN HINDS COUNTY; TO PROVIDE HOW JURORS ARE CHOSEN FOR PROCEEDINGS BEFORE SPECIAL COURT JUDGES AUTHORIZED BY THIS ACT FOR THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Nick Bain, Earle S. Banks (No signature)

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Brice Wiggins, J. Walter Michel, David Parker
POINT OF ORDER

A written point of order was raised by Representative Johnson as follows:

1

I raise the point of order that the conference report for HB 1020 violates "Joint Rule 25" by adding a code section not included in the bill as passed the House of Origin (Mississippi House of Representatives). Section 12 of the conference report for HB 1020 contains the following code section 9-7-23 (2) (e). This code section was not included in the bill when it passed the House.

Joint Rule 25 requires in this instance that a "point of order" that the conference report is not in order shall be sustained and the bill shall be returned to conference.

POINT OF ORDER

A written point of order was raised by Representative Johnson as follows:

2

I raise the point of order that the conference report for HB 1020 amends by reference in Section 12 of the conference report by creating a procedure by which the legislature can request and use information ordered to be gathered by the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Clerk of the Seventh Circuit Court District. For purpose of assisting the Chairs of the Senate Judiciary A and House Judiciary A, along with the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committee in its consideration to authorize One Extra Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit that shall be elected. Authorization for the election of a Circuit Judge in the Seventh Circuit can only be authorized under Section 9-7-25 of the Mississippi Code.

Section 12 seeks to authorize this procedure under a code section 9-7-23 (2) (e) that currently does not exist.

POINT OF ORDER

A written point of order was raised by Representative Johnson as follows:

#3

I raise the point of order that the conference report for HB 1020 amends by reference in §4(1)(b) by directing where a person convicted in the Capitol Complex Improvement District (CCID) inferior court may be placed into custody. All laws governing imprisonment and prisons related to County and Municipal prisons and prisoners are governed by Title 4 7-1-1 through 4 7-1-63. That statute was not part of the bill as it left the House of this conference report. the conference report creates an entirely new court within the City of Jackson and then proceed to say where a person convicted in that court can be taken into custody. This can only be done by statute and no statute is referenced as result the conference report for HB 1020 is not properly before the House.

Note:§ 47-1-39 speaks to municipal prisoners. In the notes accompanying that statute there is an Attorney General's (AG's) opinion from 1992 that specifically says "A city that arrests a person through its municipal police department must either house them in its own city jail or enter into contract with the county board of Supervisors to house city prisoners in county jail."

POINT OF ORDER

A written point of order was raised by Representative Johnson as follows:

#4

I raise the point of order that the conference report for HB 1020 amends by reference in §4(1)(b) by directing where a person convicted in the Capitol Complex Improvement District (CCID) inferior court may be placed into custody. The conference report states that a person convicted in the new CCID inferior court may be placed in custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC), Central Mississippi Correctional Facility (CMCF). However, § 47-5-905 clearly outlines that a person placed under the custody of the Department of Corrections and then assigned to an appropriate correctional facility for a complete and thorough classification. This statute must be amended to say a person convicted in the new inferior court in the CCID is excepted from this requirement otherwise it violates this statute and at the very least amends by reference.

Therefore, this conference report is not properly before this House.

POINT OF ORDER

A written point of order was raised by Representative Clark as follows:

I do herein raise a Point of Order that Conference report for House Bill No. 1020 violates House Rule No. 106 by amending by reference §63-3-519; § 25-31-5, § 25-32-3 House Rule No. 106 States "No law shall be revived or amended by reference to its title only, but section or sections, as amended or revived shall be inserted at length"

The Analysis in determining if a provision amends a code section by reference is whether the section is expanded, modified, restricted or in conflict with new language in the bill (Speaker Ruling HB 867 Feb 7, 2019)

§ 63-3-519

§ 63-3-519 provides that It shall be unlawful for any person or peace officer or law enforcement agency, except the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, to purchase or use or allow to be used any type of radar speed detection equipment upon any public street, road or highway of this state. However, such

equipment may be used:

1. By municipal law enforcement officers within a municipality having a population of two thousand

(2,000) or more upon the public streets of the municipality;

2. By any college or university campus police force within the confines of any campus wherein more

than two thousand (2,000) students are enrolled;

3. By municipal law enforcement officers in any municipality having a population in excess of fifteen thousand (15,000) according to the latest federal census on federally designated highways lying within the corporate limits.

The Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol will not set up radar on highways within municipalities with a population in excess of fifteen thousand (15,000) according to the latest federal census.

However, Section 14 gives the department of Public Safety the authority to purchase and issue all patrol law enforcement officers within the department any equipment deemed necessary by the commissioner for use to enforce any traffic related law of the State of Mississippi, City of Jackson's traffic ordinances or ordinances related to the disturbance of the public peace, or agency regulation on any property, public street, road or highway upon which it has jurisdiction.

Section 63-3-519 limits which agencies have the authority to use radar however Section 14 gives the Commissioner of DPS the authority to determine if the CCID Patrol could use radar. The Conference Report expands, modifies and is in conflict with Section 63-3-519.

§ 25-31-5

Section 3 of the conference report provides that the 7th Circuit Court District may appoint two (2) additional assistant district attorneys in addition to the number provided in § 25-31-5. However, Section 25-31-5 (g) states that 7th district shall have 11 assistant district attorneys. Under the Conference report

the 7th District will have 13 ADAs but under § 25-31-5 the 7th District shall have 11 ADAs. It is clear that § 25-31-5 and the conference report are in clear conflict with each other.

The conference report was set aside pending a Speaker's Ruling.

At 11:25 AM on motion of Rep. Oliver the House recessed until 1:15 PM.

At 1:15 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. R. No. 205: Representative Joel Bomgar; commend esteemed legislative career of.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

Representative Ford (73rd) entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the foregoing resolution passed.

At 1:20 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 1:36 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

At 1:38 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 2:16 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

At 2:24 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 2:44 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Pending at the time was a Speaker's Ruling on a point of order by REPRESENTATIVES CLARK AND JOHNSON.

SPEAKER'S RULING
(House Bill No. 1020)

The Gentleman from Adams, Mr. Johnson, raised the following points of order on the conference report for HB 1020:

1. The Gentleman from Adams County raised the point of order that HB 1020 violates Joint Rule 25 by adding a code section 9-7-23(2)(e) not included in the bill as passed the House of Origin.

The test in determining whether a provision amends by reference is whether the section is expanded, modified, restricted or in conflict with new language in the bill.

Section 12 of the bill does not add Section 9-7-23 but simply refers to Section 9-7-23(2)(e) and does not modify, enlarge, change or restrict the provisions of Section 9-7-23. Previous Speaker's rulings are clear that referring to code sections that set forth other provisions of law do not alone modify, enlarge, change or restrict those laws and code sections.

Section 12 refers to Section 9-7-23 by using "as provided in," which simply incorporates the language of that section. Even though Section 9-7-23(2)(e) is clearly a typo as paragraph (e) does not exist, this typo still does not change the fact that the changes in Section 12 do not modify, enlarge, change or restrict any of the provisions of Section 9-7-23.

The point of order is not well taken.

2. The Gentleman from Adams County raised the point of order that Section 12 of HB 1020 amends Section 9-7-25 by creating a procedure by which the Legislature can request and use information ordered to be gathered by the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Clerk of the Seventh Circuit Court District. He further asserts that Section 12 of the bill authorizes a procedure in a paragraph (e) that does not exist.

The test for amending by reference is whether the new provision modifies, enlarges, changes or restricts the language in an existing code section.

Section 9-7-25 provides the number of circuit judges for the Seventh Circuit Court; and briefly describes their duties. Section 12 of HB 1020 does not amend Section 9-7-25 by reference because the gathering of the information itself does not modify, enlarge, change or restrict the number of Circuit Court Judges or any other provisions in Section 9-7-25.

Section 12 requires the Clerk of the Seventh Circuit Court District to provide information to the Chairs of the House and Senate Committees for the purpose of assisting the Legislature in determining the number of judges for this particular district in the future, which is clearly within the rights of the Legislature. Section 152 of the Mississippi Constitution and the Section 9-7-3 authorizes the Legislature to "determine the number of judges in each circuit court district". Furthermore, in addition to the criteria

in paragraphs (a) through (e) Section 9-7-3, paragraph (f) provides that the Legislature may base its determination regarding the number of circuit court judges upon "any other appropriate criteria".

Therefore, for these reasons, Section 12 of HB 1020 does not amend Section 9-7-25 by reference and the point of order is not well taken.

3. The Gentleman from Adams County raised the point of order that Section 4(1)(b) of HB 1020 amends by reference Title 47-1-1 through 47-1-63, which provides laws governing imprisonments and prisons related to the county and municipal prisons.

The test in determining whether a provision amends by reference is whether the section is expanded, modified, restricted or in conflict with new language in the bill.

The provision in HB 1020 referenced by the Gentleman authorizes placement of CCID offenders in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections as an option, but does not require placement of the offenders. More importantly, HB 1020 authorizes the Capitol Police under the authority of the Department of Public Safety to make arrests. House Bill 1020 does not require the City of Jackson, as a municipality, to house those arrested by municipal law enforcement as part of the authority to make arrests in the CCID. The Department of Public Safety is a state agency; and the City of Jackson is a municipality.

The Gentleman references an Attorney General's opinion in his Point of Order. We do not look to Attorney General's opinions in making Speaker's rulings.

Therefore, those provisions in HB 1020 do not amend by reference Title 47-1-1 through 47-1-63, and the Gentleman's point of order is not well taken.

4. The Gentleman from Adams County raised the point of order that HB 1020 amends by reference Section 47-5-905 because it authorizes placement of persons in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections.

Section 47-5-905 provides a procedure for how any person who is placed in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections is to be processed. The provision in HB 1020 referenced by the Gentleman simply authorizes placement of CCID offenders in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections as an option and not a requirement.

Subsection (1)(b) of Section 4 of HB 1020 does not enlarge, modify, restrict or amend the process once a person is placed in the custody of the Department of Corrections.

Therefore, the point of order is not well taken.

SPEAKER'S RULING (House Bill No. 1020)

The Gentleman from Holmes, Mr. Clark, raised the following points of order on the conference report for HB 1020:

1. The Gentleman from Holmes raised a point of order that the conference report on House Bill No. 1020 violates House Rule 106, amending by reference sections 63-3-519, 25-31-5 and 25-32-3. House Rule 106 provides that "no law shall be revived or amended by reference to its title only, but section or sections, as amended or revived shall be inserted at length."

The test in determining whether a provision amends by reference is whether the section is expanded, modified, restricted or in conflict with new language in the bill.

Section 63-3-519, provides that "it shall be unlawful for any person or peace officer or law enforcement agency, except the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, to purchase or use or allow to be used any type of radar speed detection equipment upon any public street, road or highway of this state," and further creates a list of exceptions, which is not an exclusive identification of law enforcement entities which are permitted, not required, to operate radar on the public streets, road or highways of the state."

Section 14 of the conference report does not mandate the commissioner to purchase and issue all patrol law enforcement officers within the department any equipment to enforce any traffic related law, it is permissive authority for

the purchase of such equipment. Without an expressed mandate placed upon the commissioner to purchase the said equipment, the permissive authority granted to the commissioner is a directive requiring the purchase of said equipment for the enforcement of traffic related laws. But for the required purchase of said equipment, the commissioner and the law enforcement officers of the department are without the ability to enforce said traffic related laws.

The simple discretionary "authority to determine if the CCID patrol could use radar" is not violative of Section 63-3-519, which grants exceptions to certain other law enforcement officers' ability to do such, beyond that which is otherwise limited to the MS Highway Safety Patrol, and does not amend that section by reference.

The Gentlemen's point of order is not well taken.

2. The Gentleman from Holmes also raised a point of order than the conference report for House Bill No. 1020 violates House Rule No. 106 by amending by reference Section 25-31-5.

The test in determining whether a provision amends by reference is whether the section is expanded, modified, restricted or in conflict with new language in the bill.

The Gentleman states that "Section 3 of the conference report provides that the 7th Circuit Court District may appoint two (2) additional assistant district attorneys in addition to the number provided in Section 23-31-5, but because Section 25-31-5(g) states that the 7th district shall have 11 assistant district attorneys, Section 3 of HB 1020 amends my reference Section 25-31-5.

This point of order is not well taken because Section 3 of HB 1020 does not amend by reference Section 25-31-5. While the gentleman is correct that Section 25-31-5 allows the 7th Circuit Court District to have 11 assistant district attorneys/legal assistants to district attorneys, he is incorrect in assuming that is all they are allowed.

Section 25-31-5(2)(g) provides that in addition to the assistant district attorneys authorized pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, the following number of full-time legal assistants are authorized if the funds are appropriated by the Legislature to adequately fund those positions, and that subsection authorizes the 7th circuit court district to have an additional 2 legal assistants. Furthermore, Section 25-31-5(4) provides "The district attorney of any circuit court district may employ additional legal assistants or criminal investigators, or both, without regard to any limitation on the number of legal assistants authorized in this section or criminal investigators authorized by other provisions of law to the extent that the district attorney's office receives funds from any source."

Because Section 3 of HB 1020 authorizes the DA of the 7th Circuit Court District to appoint 2 full time assistant district attorneys and such appointment is subject to funds appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose, and Section 25-31-5 allows the 7th Circuit Court district to employ 2 additional assistant district attorneys in addition to the 11 allowed if funds are appropriated therefor by the Legislature, the provisions of Section 3 of HB 1020 do not expand, modify, restrict or conflict with any provisions in Section 25-31-5.

Therefore, the point of order is not well taken.

3. The Gentleman from Holmes also raised a point of order than the conference report for House Bill No. 1020 violates House Rule No. 106 by amending by reference Section 25-32-3; however, he provided no analysis of how House Bill 1020 amends Section 25-32-3 by reference.

Therefore, the point of order is not well taken.

The question recurred on the motion to adopt the conference report on **H. B. No. 1020**, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod,

Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--73.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Criswell, Crudup, Denton, Eubanks, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--41.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Evans, M, Hopkins, Huddleston, McCarty, Miles, Walker. Total-7.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill:

H. B. No. 1613: Appropriation; Education, Department of.

Rep. Read moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Bain called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2343: Department of Public Safety; revise jurisdiction of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2343: Capitol police; revise jurisdiction of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 45-1-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

45-1-19. (1) The Department of Public Safety, through the Office of Capitol Police, shall have jurisdiction relative to the enforcement of all laws of the State of Mississippi on the properties, from curb to curb, including adjoining streets, sidewalks and leased parking lots within the Capitol Complex, set forth in Section 29-5-2, the Governor's mansion, the * * * Supreme Court Building, the Mississippi Department of Transportation Building and the Public Employees' Retirement System Building, and any property purchased, constructed or otherwise acquired by the State of Mississippi for conducting state business and not specifically under the supervision and care by any other state entity, but which is reasonably assumed the Department of Public Safety would be responsible for such. The Department of Public Safety shall, through any person or persons appointed by the commissioner, make arrests for any violation of any law of the State of Mississippi on the grounds of or within those properties. The Department of

Public Safety shall, in addition, enforce the provisions of this section and Sections 29-5-57 through 29-5-67, 29-5-73 through 29-5-75, and 29-5-81 through 29-5-95, and prescribe such rules and regulations as are necessary therefor. The powers and duties related to the administration of Sections 29-5-57 through 29-5-67, 29-5-73 through 29-5-75, and 29-5-81 through 29-5-95 shall remain with the Department of Finance and Administration.

(2) Subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the Board of Trustees and the Department of Public Safety shall be authorized to enter into a contract for the Department of Public Safety to supply the security personnel with jurisdiction to enforce all laws of the State of Mississippi on the property of the Board of Trustees located at the corner of Ridgewood Road and Lakeland Drive in the City of Jackson.

(3) The Department of Public Safety and the Department of Agriculture are authorized to enter into a contract for the Department of Public Safety to have jurisdiction and enforce all laws of the State of Mississippi on the property of the Department of Agriculture located at 121 North Jefferson Street and the new Farmers Market Building located at the corner of High and Jefferson Streets in the City of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Public Safety will not post any security personnel at such buildings, but will provide regular vehicle patrols and responses to security system alarms.

(4) The Department of Public Safety and the * * * Department of Agriculture are authorized to enter into a contract for the Department of Public Safety to have jurisdiction and enforce all laws of the State of Mississippi on the property of the * * * Department of Agriculture known as the "Mississippi State Fairgrounds Complex" and any and all of its outlying buildings and property. The Department of Public Safety and the * * * Department of Agriculture are authorized to enter into a contract for the Department of Public Safety to supply the security personnel to the * * * Department of Agriculture with jurisdiction to enforce all laws of the State of Mississippi on this property and any and all buildings on this property. The Department of Public Safety is authorized to charge the Department of Agriculture a fee for security services provided for special events at the Mississippi State Fairgrounds Complex. The fee charged will be commensurate with the cost associated with the Department of Public Safety providing those services.

(5) The Department of Public Safety and the Department of Revenue are authorized to enter into a contract for the Department of Public Safety to supply the security personnel with jurisdiction to enforce all laws of the State of Mississippi at the Alcoholic Beverage Control facility and the Department of Revenue main office.

(6) (a) The Department of Public Safety shall have primary jurisdiction relative * * * to any other state or municipal law enforcement agency to enforce all laws of the State of Mississippi within the boundaries of the Capitol Complex Improvement District created in Section 29-5-203; such enforcement shall be its primary function. The Department of Public Safety * * * may through any person or persons appointed by the Department of Public Safety, make arrests for any violation of any law of the State of Mississippi and violations of the City of Jackson's traffic ordinances or ordinances related to the disturbance of the public peace which occurs within the boundaries of the district and within the boundaries of the City of Jackson. The Department of Public Safety may choose to present cases to either the District Attorney or the prosecuting attorneys designated by the Attorney General for prosecution of any violation of law that accrues or occurs, in whole or in part, within the boundaries established by Section 29-5-203. The jurisdiction of the Department of Public Safety granted under this subsection (6) shall be * * * concurrent with the jurisdiction of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, and that of Hinds County, Mississippi within the boundaries of the Capitol Complex Improvement District created in Section 29-5-203. At any time and/or during any event necessitating the coordination of and/or utilization at multiple jurisdictions, as determined by the Chief of Capitol Police or the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety shall be the lead agency when the event occurs on property as defined herein that is owned or leased by the state as provided in subsection (1) of this section. The jurisdiction and authority of the Department of Public Safety under this subsection (6) shall be in addition to any other jurisdiction and authority provided to the department under this section or any other law.

(b) The Department of Public Safety shall have jurisdiction relative to the enforcement of all laws of the State of Mississippi within the boundaries of the City

of Jackson, Mississippi. The Department of Public Safety may, through any person or persons appointed by the Department of Public Safety, make arrests for any violation of any law of the State of Mississippi which occurs within the boundaries of the City of Jackson. The jurisdiction of the Department of Public Safety granted under this paragraph (b) shall not be primary and shall be concurrent with the jurisdiction of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, and that of Hinds County, Mississippi.

(c) Written approval from the Chief of the Capitol Police or the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety shall be required before any event occurs which will take place on any street or sidewalk immediately adjacent to any building or property owned or occupied by any official, agency, board, commission, office or other entity of the State of Mississippi, or which can reasonably be expected to block, impede or otherwise hinder ingress thereto and/or egress therefrom. The Department of Public Safety shall promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the provisions of this paragraph (b).

(d) The Chief of the Capitol Police and/or the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, the Chief of the Jackson Police Department and the Sheriff of Hinds County shall hold a regular meeting within the boundaries of the Capitol Complex Improvement District to address the concerns of the public. Each meeting shall be called by the Chief of the Capitol Police; and the first meeting shall be called by October 15, 2023.

(7) The Department of Public Safety is authorized to enter into a contract with any county for the county to take custody of the misdemeanor offenders arrested under the authority granted under this section.

(8) All accrued personal leave earned pursuant to Section 25-3-93, accrued major medical leave earned pursuant to Section 25-3-95, accrued state compensatory leave earned pursuant to Section 25-3-92, and compensatory leave earned pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) shall transfer from the Department of Finance and Administration to the Department of Public Safety for all employees transferred under this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-1-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE CAPITOL COMPLEX IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE CITY OF JACKSON SHALL NOT BE PRIMARY AND SHALL BE CONCURRENT WITH THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, AND THAT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Jeremy England, Brice Wiggins

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Nick Bain, Shanda Yates, Jill Ford

On motion of Rep. Bain the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--74.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Criswell, Crudup, Denton, Eubanks, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens,

Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--41.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Evans, M, Hopkins, Huddleston, Miles, Walker. Total-6.

Vacancies--1.
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Bennett called up the conference report # 3 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1613: Appropriation; Education, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 1613: Appropriation; Education, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

- 1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
- 2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sums, or so much of those sums as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of funding K-12 and other related educational activities, including certain agencies and programs, in the State of Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, as follows:

(a) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education, and excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division \$ 445,499,190.00.

(b) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education

\$ 86,487,002.00.

(c) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of paying annual compensation to the Chickasaw Cession counties for sixteenth section lands which they lost through sale by the state, as provided in Sections 29-3-137 through 29-3-141, Mississippi Code of 1972

\$ 16,945,631.00.

(d) To the State Board of Education for defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.....

\$ 2,154,825,748.00.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF STATE GENERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED

BY THIS SECTION BEING.....\$ 2,703,757,571.00.

SECTION 2. The following sums, or so much of those sums as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds of the agencies or programs specified in the following paragraphs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, as follows:

(a) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education, excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division \$ 2,012,730,643.00.

(b) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education

\$ 22,706,135.00.

(c) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program \$ 245,112,197.00.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED

BY THIS SECTION BEING \$ 2,280,548,975.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Hundred Twenty-six Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-two Dollars (\$126,472.00), or so much of that sum as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Health Care Expendable Fund to the State Department of Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the Mississippi Eye Screening Program for providing vision safety services.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the following sums, or so much of those sums as may be necessary, are derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Education Enhancement Fund pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, as follows:

(a) To the State Department of Education, excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division, for the following purposes:

Literacy Initiative and Assessment.....	\$ 6,805,774.00
Educable Child	\$ 7,000,000.00
Grants to school districts for capital facilities and buses	\$ 16,000,000.00
Instructional materials.....	\$ 25,000,000.00
Students with Special Needs	\$ 1,800,000.00
Implementing Performance-Based Data Collection and Accreditation Model.....	\$ 274,937.00
Testing \$ 6,125,670.00	
Mississippi School for Math and Science.....	\$ 725,000.00
Mississippi School for Fine Arts.	\$ 777,632.00
Early Learning Collaboratives	\$ 16,210,526.00
Other Early Learning Programs	\$ 20,000,000.00
Early Learning Coaches	\$ 3,251,533.00
Math Coaches	\$ 5,000,000.00
WorkKeys.....	\$ 1,000,000.00

Advanced Placement, Dual Credits,
International Baccalaureate,
Cambridge Diploma Endorsements \$ 300,000.00

Vocational Technical Grants.....	\$ 1,000,000.00
Mississippi School for the Deaf and Blind	\$ 1,407,037.00

TOTAL \$ 112,678,109.00

(b) To the State Department of Education to defray the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division \$ 6,637,258.00.

(c) To the State Department of Education to provide funding for the Mississippi Adequate Education Program \$ 245,112,197.00.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in this act, the following positions are authorized for the State Department of Education, excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 342

Time-Limited: 143

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 6. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided in this act shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the State Department of Education, excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

	FY2024 Target
Performance Measures	
Special Education	
Number of Special Education Teachers (FTE)	5,963
Number of Gifted Education Teachers	805
Percent Increase of Children with Disabilities in General Education Early Childhood Programs while Decreasing the Percent in Self-Contained Special Education Early Childhood Classrooms	76.00
General Administration	
Total Dollars Spent on General Administration	14,807,862.00
Percent of Total Budget Spent on General Administration	15.70
Create a Public-Facing Data System for All Stakeholders	100.00
Create a User-Friendly Website for the	

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Public and School Districts to Access Data to Make Decisions	100.00
Create a Roadmap to Improve the Mississippi Student Information System	100.00
Number of Research Results Published to Support Improved Student Outcomes and Teacher Effectiveness	9
Graduation & Career Readiness	
Percent Increase of Students Graduating from High School Ready for College or Career in Each Subgroup	88.50
Early Childhood Education	
Percent Increase of Kindergarten Students Achieving End-Of-Year Target Score on Kindergarten Readiness Post-Test	69.05
Percent Increase of Early Learning Collaborative Sites Meeting Required Rate of Readiness	95.00
Number of Students Enrolled in Title I or Locally Funded Pre-K Classes	8,691
Teacher Tng & Professional Dev	
Reduce the Proportion of Inexperienced and Non-Certified Teachers in Schools That Are High Poverty	31.00
Reduce the Proportion of Inexperienced and Non-Certified Teachers in Schools That Are High Minority	35.00
Percent Increase of Districts Reporting Professional Growth System (PGS) Ratings for Teachers and Leaders	93.00
Percent Increase of Teacher Candidates Passing Licensure Exams on the First Attempt	35.00
Increase the Number of Licensed, Diverse Teachers and Leaders	35.00
Elementary Education	
Percent Increase of Students who Pass the 3rd Grade Reading Assessment at the First Administration in Each Subgroup	80.00
Secondary Education	
Increase the Number of Students Participating in and Passing Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) and Cambridge Exams in Each Subgroup	37.00
Percent Increase of Students Ready for College as Measured by Meeting ACT Benchmarks in Each Content Area (Public School Class Data, Grade 11)	11.00
Assessment & Development	
Increase the Percent of Students Proficient (Levels 4-5) on Statewide Assessments (Grades 3-8 & High School Composite) in Each Subgroup	52.00
Decrease the Percent of Students Scoring Levels 1-3 on Statewide Assessments in Each Subgroup	57.00
Increase Percent of Pre-Kindergarten	

Students in Public Schools Attaining Kindergarten Readiness on the Pre-K End-Of-Year Assessment	72.00
School Performance	
Percent of Schools Rated "C" or Higher	80.00
Percent of Districts Rated "C" or Higher	80.00
Percent of Students Demonstrating Growth on Statewide ELA Assessments in Each Subgroup	66.00
Percent of Students Demonstrating Growth on Statewide Math Assessments in Each Subgroup	68.00
Percent of Students Participating in Dual Credit in Each Subgroup	50.00
Percent of Students Passing Dual Credit in Each Subgroup	98.00
Increase the Growth of D and F Districts Demonstrating Growth, by Improving the Letter Grade and/or Increasing the Number of Points within a Letter Grade	76.00
Increase the Growth of D and F Schools by Improving the Letter Grade and/or Increasing the Number of Points within a Letter Grade	70.00
Increase the Growth of Districts of Transformation by Improving the Letter Grade and/or Increasing the Number of Points within a Letter Grade	100.00
Increase the Growth of Schools Under Districts of Transformation by Improving the Letter Grade and/or Increasing the Number of Points within a Letter Grade	100.00
Decrease the Number of High Schools Rated D or F	20.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 7. No school district shall expend any funds, received under the School Ad Valorem Reduction Grant, unless such school district has specifically identified the amount of the grant within the published budget as required by Section 37-61-9, Mississippi Code of 1972. The published budget shall include the following statement: "Ad Valorem taxes will be \$_____ less as a result of the Ad Valorem Reduction Grants enacted by the Mississippi Legislature in 1992."

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, funds in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall come from income derived from the principal of the Education Improvement Trust Fund created by Section 206A, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be used for the School for Math and Science.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized for the Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	48
Time-Limited:	5

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State

Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount not to exceed One Million Twenty-three Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-four Dollars (\$1,023,574.00) is authorized for the support of vocational and technical education programs as authorized in Section 37-31-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for a period in excess of ten (10) months in a calendar year.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education shall, with the funds appropriated in Section 1, transfer no more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) to the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission for the purpose of providing matching funds to purchase soil conservation equipment.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated in this act, no more than One Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) is provided for the purpose of supporting the Future Farmers of America Center.

SECTION 13. The State Department of Education shall transfer the designated amounts to the appropriate entities, which shall assume full responsibility for the expenditure of these funds in accordance with state laws and accept all responsibility for any improper expenditure, for the following:

Detention Centers	\$ 2,975,000.00.
Dyslexia Program	\$ 225,000.00.
Amplify Data Coaching	\$ 1,100,000.00.
Magnolia Speech School	\$ 1,000,000.00.
Principal Corp	\$ 200,000.00.
Sight Savers	\$ 375,000.00.
Teach for America	\$ 1,250,000.00.
Teacher Corp	\$ 200,000.00.
Vision Screening Research	\$ 225,000.00.
Lighthouse Academy for Dyslexia	\$ 200,000.00.
Algebra Nation	\$ 1,100,000.00.
Save the Children	\$ 75,000.00.
Mississippi Construction Education Program	\$ 212,500.00.
T. K. Martin Center	\$ 75,000.00.

JumpStart Act	\$ 250,000.00.
Mastery Prep	\$ 200,000.00.
Arts for All Mississippi	\$ 40,000.00.
Total	\$ 9,702,500.00.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that of the funds provided for Other Early Learning Programs in Section 4(a), Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) is included for the Mississippi Department of Education to provide grant opportunities for Other Early Learning Programs through public schools including other public school preschool programs not participating in Early Learning Collaboratives.

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) shall be used for technological methods for agricultural programs, computer science, engineering or robotic engineering programs and equipment upgrades and Mississippi Elementary (ME) STEM and STEAM programs from the Career and Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education. All programs must meet Mississippi Science Standards and/or College and Career Standards.

Of the funds appropriated in this section, an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be distributed to the Mississippi State University Center for Cyber Education and used for computer science programs development and teacher training for elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools for the purpose of developing K-12 computer science curricula, including both academic and career and technical education programs, developing and delivering teacher training, and working with the State Board of Education and Institutions of Higher Learning in the state to develop teacher preparation programs for computer science endorsements. All programs must meet the 2018 Mississippi Computer Science Standards and/or Mississippi College and Career Standards.

SECTION 16. It is the intention of the Legislature that computer science courses may be taught by certified teacher or for elementary level classes, computer science courses may be taught by teachers who are trained by the district in computer science instruction.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, the sum of Sixty-two Thousand One Hundred Ninety-one Dollars (\$62,191.00), which is the aggregate sum that the school districts in the Chickasaw Cession receive annually from interest payments from the Chickasaw School Fund under Section 212, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, shall be deducted from the allocations to the school districts as provided in Section 29-3-137, Mississippi Code of 1972, and shall be distributed among the school districts in the Chickasaw Cession by the State Department of Education in the manner that those interest payments were distributed during Fiscal Year 1985.

SECTION 18. Of the funds provided in this act for the purpose of funding the Mississippi Adequate Education Program as determined under Section 37-151-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, the base student cost in Fiscal Year 2024 shall be Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-nine Dollars and Twenty-seven Cents (\$6,759.27).

SECTION 19. With the funds provided in this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that School Attendance Officers and academic teachers at the Mississippi School for the Deaf and the Mississippi School for the Blind shall receive their annual increment.

SECTION 20. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Education shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated in this act and that those records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the budget requests for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process for each agency and institution appropriated funds within the provisions of this act.

SECTION 21. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) to the State Board of Education, not less than Twenty-three Million Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$23,080,000.00) shall be used for National Board Certification. Of this amount, Seven Hundred Thousand

Dollars (\$700,000.00) shall be used for the World Class Teacher Program providing instruction and assistance to teachers seeking National Board Certification.

SECTION 22. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and Section 4(a) not less than Fifteen Million Fifty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$15,058,000.00) shall be used for the Educable Child Program. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Education shall allocate funding for the Educable Child Program based upon a recalculated formula in a manner to include only those billable days funded through appropriation of state funds and not District funds. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Educable Child funds shall be exempt from budget cuts made to the Department of Education by the Legislature and/or the Office of the Governor.

SECTION 23. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and Section 4(a), not less than Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) shall be used for the Education Scholarship Account (ESA) Program. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Education Scholarship Account (ESA) funds shall not be reduced by the State Department of Education and/or the Office of the Governor.

SECTION 24. The public school districts of the state are authorized at their discretion to pay with local funds one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of the health insurance premiums of the State and School Employees Health Insurance Plan for all retired members of the Public Employees' Retirement System who are employed as school bus drivers by the school districts. It is the intention of the Legislature that no state funds shall be used for this purpose.

SECTION 25. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in those received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 26. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, not less than Six Million Four Hundred Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-eight Dollars (\$6,414,898.00) shall be used for the Compulsory School Attendance Office and School Attendance Officers.

SECTION 27. Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that Three Million Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$3,060,000.00) shall be used for the Mary Kirkpatrick-Mary Sprayberry Public School Nurse Program. The amount of Three Million Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$3,060,000.00) is provided from the Department of Health.

SECTION 28. The State Department of Education shall contract with a Certified Public Accountant to calculate components of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program to include the base student cost, school district allocations, total program cost, add-on programs, and any other required components of Section 37-151-7, Mississippi Code of 1972. The contractor shall be responsible for calculating the estimates of these components due to the Legislative Budget Office and the Governor by August 1 and the final estimates due to the Legislative Budget Office and the Governor no later than January 2. A report detailing the funding of this contract shall be submitted by the State Department of Education to the Legislature no later than January 30, 2024.

SECTION 29. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Education shall charge a fee for room and board for students who enroll in the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science and the Mississippi School of Arts. Such fees will be waived for any student enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program. The amount of such fees shall be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each semester.

SECTION 30. It is the intent of the Legislature that each eligible employee who meets the National Board requirements under Section 37-19-7(2), Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be paid the full supplement and that such supplement shall be included on a prorated basis in the employee's monthly paycheck.

SECTION 31. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Education may loan any general or special source fund amount, not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), to any school district for the purpose of providing funds to school districts through the Emergency Assistance Fund as outlined in Section 37-17-6, Mississippi Code of 1972, during the period beginning July 1, 2023, and

ending June 30, 2024. The school districts receiving these loans shall repay the Mississippi Department of Education the amount of the loan on or before June 30, 2024.

SECTION 32. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) shall be transferred to the Board of Health no later than December 31, 2023.

SECTION 33. Any school district receiving funds through Save the Children may provide a ten percent (10%) match from local funds for implementation of the program.

SECTION 34. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) is provided for the Mississippi Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools (MCOPS) grant program. A portion of these funds not to exceed one percent (1%) may be used for training and administrative costs related to oversight and auditing of the program.

SECTION 35. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and Section 2(a), Twenty-four Million Dollars (\$24,000,000.00) is provided for an Early Childhood Education Initiative program. The funding shall be provided to early learning collaboratives in Fiscal Year 2024 as follows: no less than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) per student in a full-day program and no less than One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250.00) per student in a half-day program. Funds must be matched as provided by Section 37-21-51, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 36. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and Section 4(a), Fifteen Million Ninety-four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$15,094,500.00) shall be used for the Literacy Initiative and Assessment and monitoring and evaluating the adoption and implementation of high-quality instructional materials that have been reviewed through the approved state process and distributed through regional textbook depository as outlined in Section 37-43-23, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 37. Of the funds appropriated herein, funding is provided for the ACT test, which is the college readiness portion of the state accountability model.

SECTION 38. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Two Million Seven Hundred Twenty-one Thousand Eighty-three Dollars (\$2,721,083.00) shall be used for the Mississippi School of the Arts and Three Million Nine Hundred Ninety Thousand Eighty-eight Dollars (\$3,990,088.00) shall be used for the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science. It is the intention of the Legislature that of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) for the Mississippi School of the Arts, One Million Three Hundred Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Forty-two Dollars (\$1,360,542.00) shall be paid to the school no later than July 10, 2023, and One Million Three Hundred Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Forty-one Dollars (\$1,360,541.00) shall be paid no later than January 10, 2024. All funds appropriated from Section 4(a) for the Mississippi School of the Arts shall be paid to the school each month within ten (10) working days after such amount was received by the Department of Education. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Education shall not reduce the appropriated amounts provided in this act for the Mississippi School of the Arts and the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science.

SECTION 39. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(b) and Section 2(b), Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) is provided for career and technical grants to schools for qualified students as authorized by Section 37-153-15, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 40. Of the funds appropriated in this act, the following amounts shall be available to the Schools for the Blind and Deaf: Ten Million Four Hundred Thirty-nine Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-four Dollars (\$10,439,354.00) from Section 1(a), One Million Four Hundred Seven Thousand Thirty-seven Dollars (\$1,407,037.00) from Section 4(a), and Two Million Three Hundred Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$2,309,725.00) from Section 2(a).

SECTION 41. Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount not to exceed Four Million One Hundred Seventy-one Thousand Three Hundred One Dollars (\$4,171,301.00) is authorized to fully fund the contract between the Department of Education and the Research & Curriculum Unit at Mississippi State University to fund career and technical curricula, services to secondary schools and career and technical assessments.

SECTION 42. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 (a) to the State Board of Education, Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) is provided for the expenditure of funds from the Educational Facilities Revolving Loan Fund, which was created in Section 37-47-24, Mississippi Code of 1972. These funds are provided for the purpose of improving educational facilities in the State of Mississippi by assisting public schools in procuring funds for making certain capital improvements.

SECTION 43. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 (b) to the State Board of Education, Five Hundred Sixty-two Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-nine Dollars (\$562,999.00) is provided for secondary career and technical education instructors teaching at post-secondary institutions.

SECTION 44. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 (a), an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Forty Million Three Hundred Ninety-seven Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$240,397,960.00) shall be allocated for the purpose of providing funds to each public school district in the state as prescribed in the Minimum Salary Schedules in Section 37-19-7 and 37-21-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the 2023-2024 school year, and each school year thereafter.

SECTION 45. Of the funds herein appropriated, One Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,400,000.00) shall be provided to the Charter School Authorizer Board. Of this amount, Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$900,000.00) shall be provided from Section 1 (a) and Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) shall be provided from Section 2 (a) from the Charter School Authorizer Board Fund – Fund No. 3001700000.

SECTION 46. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 (b), One Million Four Hundred Thirty-two Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-two Dollars (\$1,432,872.00) shall be provided for new Career and Technical Education Programs as determined by the Division of Vocational and Technical Education at the Mississippi Department of Education. Of the funds appropriated to the department for these programs, no amount shall be expended by the department to defray administrative costs.

SECTION 47. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 (a), One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000.00) is provided to the State Department of Education to distribute to public school districts and charter schools based on average daily enrollment or the total number of students enrolled for each day in each public school district or charter school divided by the total number of school days. These funds may be spent on any expenditures necessary to operate a public school district or charter school excluding salary increases for superintendents, assistant superintendents, or principals.

SECTION 48. The Mississippi Department of Education shall provide an annual report detailing the funding of industry certifications and the anticipated industry certifications that will be achieved in the upcoming fiscal year to the Legislative Budget Office and the Legislature no later than January 15, 2024.

SECTION 49. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Education Enhancement Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Department of Education for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Education Enhancement Fund, as authorized in House Bill 1600, 2022 Regular Session to provide upgrades for the Mississippi Student Information System for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 3,200,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 50. With the funds appropriated herein, the Mississippi Department of Education is authorized to make payment for expenses incurred during Fiscal Year 2019 to Canon Solutions America in an amount not to exceed Thirty-five Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-eight Dollars (\$35,848.00).

SECTION 51. It is the intent of the Legislature that each eligible professional school counselor employee who meets the year of teaching experience requirements under Section 37-151-5(m), Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be considered having a year of experience for purposes of the annual experience salary increment.

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

SECTION 53. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING K-12 AND OTHER RELATED EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING CERTAIN AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS, IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Richard Bennett, Casey Eure

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Dennis DeBar, Jr., Tyler McCaughn

On motion of Rep. Bennett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hopkins, Huddleston, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

At 5:31 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed until 7:30 PM.

At 7:34 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2454: Budget; revise provisions related to and provide for transfers.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2454: Budget; bring forward code sections related to and provide for transfers.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the amounts listed below from the Capital Expense Fund (Fund No. 6499C00000) to each of the following named funds:

FUND	AMOUNT	FUND NUMBER	
2022 Capacity Project Fund		6619420000	\$
	450,000,000.00		
2022 Emergency Road and Bridge Fund		6619440000	\$
	100,000,000.00		
2022 Infrastructure Match Fund		6619430000	\$
	40,000,000.00		
Mississippi Historic Site Preservation Fund	3348400000		\$ 2,000,000.00
Mississippi Community Heritage Pres Grant Fund		3347600000	\$
	5,000,000.00		
Forestry Facility Grant Program created in this act			\$
	5,000,000.00		
TOTAL			\$
	602,000,000.00		

SECTION 2. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) from the General Fund (Fund No. 2999000000) to the Disaster Trust Fund (Fund No. 3372500000).

SECTION 3. During fiscal year 2024, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00) from the General Fund (Fund No. 2999000000) to the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund (Fund No. 3316200000).

SECTION 4. During fiscal year 2024, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) from the General Fund (Fund No. 2999000000) to the Human Trafficking Fund (Fund No. 3307800000).

SECTION 5. During the fiscal year 2024, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) from the Capital Expense Fund (Fund No. 6499C00000) to the Strategic Multi-Modal Investments Fund created in Senate Bill No. 2559, 2023 Regular Session.

SECTION 6. During fiscal year 2024, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) from the Capital Expense Fund (Fund No. 6499C00000) to the Derelict Vessel Fund created in Section 49-27-71, Mississippi Code of 1972, to be used for the purposes of removal of Derelict Vessels provided in Section 49-27-71, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 7. Section 65-1-141.1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

65-1-141.1. There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "2022 Maintenance Project Fund," which shall consist of funds made available by the Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state.

Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used by the Department of Transportation, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to provide for maintenance projects * * * included in the Pavement Program of the Three-Year Plan as adopted by, amended by, or reissued by the Mississippi Transportation Commission * * * under the authority of Section 65-1-141.

SECTION 8. Section 65-1-141.2, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

65-1-141.2. There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "2022 Capacity Project Fund," which shall consist of funds made available by the Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used by the Department of Transportation, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to provide for capacity projects * * * included in the Capacity Program of the Three-Year Plan as adopted by, amended by, or reissued by the Mississippi Transportation Commission * * * under the authority of Section 65-1-141.

SECTION 9. Section 2 of Senate Bill No. 2525, 2023 Regular Session, is hereby amended as follows:

Section 2. (1) For the purposes of this section:

(a) "Under public control" means held or controlled by the public, or held by a public option.

(b) "Growth-to-drain" means a one and five (1.5) growth to one (1) drain ratio of trees within a fifty-mile radius of the facility, which can be verified by the Mississippi Forestry Commission.

(c) "Eligible recipients" shall mean a forestry facility project that satisfies the criteria as outlined in this section, and has applied for grant funding to install utility, infrastructure and transportation projects only. A recipient will be found to be ineligible for a grant, if their project seeks to use grant funding for construction of their facility or project.

(d) "The committee" means a committee consisting of the Executive Director of the Mississippi Development Authority, Chief of Economic Development, the MDA Forest Products expert, an appointee from the Governor's office and an appointee from the Lieutenant Governor's office, that is tasked with approving grant recipients in accordance with this section.

(2) Eligible applicants include municipalities, county governments, existing forestry product facilities and regional economic development entities. To apply, applicants must submit their proposals to the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA). The MDA shall accept applications from eligible recipients, prioritize these applications and submit suggested recipients to the committee by no later than December 1. Beginning July 1, 2024, and each year thereafter, the committee shall review the submitted list and choose to award grants to the eligible recipients through the Mississippi Development Authority. The MDA will consider and prioritize projects in relation to the following criteria:

(a) The project has a minimum investment of Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00);

(b) The project site utilizes at least fifty (50) acres of land under public control;

(c) Applicant proposes to use funds for the purpose of utility, infrastructure and/or transportation development;

(d) The project produces a high level of public benefit;

(e) The project demonstrates best practices and complies with the required growth-to-drain ratio;

(f) The project will comply with and expand upon existing infrastructure in the community;

(g) The distribution of geographic size and location of the project;
and

(h) The applicant can demonstrate the ability of the proposed project to be completed on time.

(3) The Mississippi Development Authority shall provide grant funds to the forestry facility projects as approved by the committee upon completion of the project. Award amounts shall not exceed seventy-five percent (75%) of the total infrastructure project cost. Grantees shall not receive compensation for expenses related to the construction of their project.

(4) Eligible costs of grant funds include the acquisition of land and any improvements thereon, the installation of power lines, gas lines, water systems, sewage systems, roads, railroads and other infrastructure-related projects that are necessary for project completion and/or expansion, and complying with existing community needs and infrastructure.

(5) Grants may be awarded for both existing projects and development of prospective sites. In the latter case, the project shall be made to help establish or complete a forestry products project.

(6) Public grantees must adhere to Mississippi state procedures and guidelines as it relates to the implementation and financing of the approved project. Grantees must also submit any and all audit financial statements as required by the State of Mississippi.

(7) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be known as the "Forestry Facility Grant Program Fund," * * * which * * * may be established with a sum of up to Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00). Awards authorized under the Forestry Facility Grant Program shall be disbursed by the Mississippi Development Authority. The fund shall consist of monies appropriated by the Legislature and funds received as grants, endowments or gifts from the federal government, its agencies and instrumentalities and funds from any other available sources, public or private. Any unexpended monies remaining in the fund, including interest thereon, at the end of each fiscal year, shall not lapse to the State General Fund, but shall remain in the fund.

(8) The Director of the Mississippi Development Authority shall establish, administer, manage, and make expenditures and allocations of grant funds and shall establish guidelines for applications, evaluations and awards of grant funds. The MDA shall utilize no more than two percent (2%) of funds awarded to the program for administrative expenses.

(9) To carry out this act, the Mississippi Development Authority may enter into cooperative agreements with entities in the public and private sectors, including:

(a) Primary forestry product mills and residual forest products facilities;

(b) Companies in a recognized forestry-related industry;

(c) State and local agencies; and

(d) Nonprofit organizations for economic development.

(10) The Mississippi Development Authority may require that recipients seek and secure technical assistance from the Mississippi Forestry Commission. The Mississippi Forestry Commission will provide administrative support to local forestry project grantees to ensure proper growth-to-drain criteria as defined herein.

SECTION 10. Section 1, Chapter 43, Laws of 2022, is amended as follows:

Section 1. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose of providing funds to destination marketing organizations to assist in paying costs of certain marketing activities, * * * and providing funds to Mississippi Main Street Association, as provided in House Bill No. 453, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ * * * 35,000,000.00.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER TO MAKE CERTAIN TRANSFERS FROM THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND UPON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT; TO DIRECT THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER TO MAKE CERTAIN TRANSFERS FROM THE GENERAL FUND UPON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT AND DURING FISCAL YEAR 2024; TO DIRECT THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER TO MAKE A TRANSFER FROM THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND UPON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 65-1-141.1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO MAKE A MINOR, NONSUBSTANTIVE REVISION TO THE PURPOSES UNDER WHICH MONIES SHALL BE SPENT FROM THE 2022 MAINTENANCE PROJECT FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 65-1-141.2, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO MAKE A MINOR, NONSUBSTANTIVE REVISION TO THE PURPOSES UNDER WHICH MONIES SHALL BE SPENT FROM THE 2022 CAPACITY PROJECT FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 2, SENATE BILL NO. 2525, 2023 REGULAR SESSION, TO MAKE CERTAIN REVISIONS TO THE FUNDING MECHANISM OF THE FORESTRY FACILITY GRANT PROGRAM FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 1, CHAPTER 43, LAWS OF 2022, TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF ARPA FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023; TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO DESTINATION MARKETING ORGANIZATIONS FOR COSTS OF CERTAIN MARKETING ACTIVITIES, PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO NONPROFIT MUSEUMS, AND PROVIDING FUNDS TO MISSISSIPPI MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Dennis DeBar, Jr.
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Angela Cockerham

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.
Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Faulkner, Hopkins, Huddleston, Walker.
Total-5.

Present--Blackmon, Osborne. Total--2.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

At 7:38 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 7:41 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report # 3 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2961: Appropriations; additional for various state agencies for FY2024.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 2961: Appropriations; additional for various state agencies for FY2023 and FY2024.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. In addition to all other funds appropriated herein, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the credit of the Supreme Court – Trial Judges, for the period beginning upon passage of this act, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 1,480,872.00.

These funds are provided for the purpose of funding additional special temporary courts that supplement those authorized under Section 9-7-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, necessary to respond to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic as allowable under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury in conformity therewith.

SECTION 2. In addition to all other funds appropriated herein, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the credit of the Office of the State Public Defender, for the period beginning upon passage of this act, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 638,170.00.

These funds are provided for the purpose of funding additional salaries and office expenses for public defenders assigned to special temporary courts that supplement those authorized under Section 9-7-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, necessary to respond to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic as allowable under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury in conformity therewith.

SECTION 3. In addition to all other funds appropriated herein, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the credit of the District Attorneys and Staff, for the period beginning upon passage of this act, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 880,958.00.

These funds are provided for the purpose of funding additional salaries and office expenses of temporary legal assistants and support personnel as authorized by Section 25-31-5(2)(g), Mississippi Code of 1972, necessary to respond to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic as allowable under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury in conformity therewith.

SECTION 4. In addition to all other funds appropriated herein, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the credit of the Mississippi National Guard, for the period beginning upon passage of this act, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 5,000,000.00

These funds are provided for the purpose of funding additional expenses related to the purchase and installation of chillers and large HVAC units at Mississippi National Guard buildings, including Camp Shelby, necessary to respond to the effects of

the COVID-19 pandemic as allowable under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury in conformity therewith.

SECTION 5. In addition to all other sums appropriated herein, the following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Disaster Trust Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the credit of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency for the purposes of defraying expenses related to the severe weather event on March 24 and 25, 2023, for the period beginning upon passage of this act, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 7,000,000.00.

These funds are provided for the purpose of funding additional expenses of the agency related to the severe weather event on March 24 and 25, 2023.

SECTION 6. In addition to all other sums appropriated herein, the following sum or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Disaster Trust Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the credit of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency for the purpose of providing funds to the School Districts impacted by the severe weather storm on March 24 and 25, 2023, for the payment of insurance deductibles, the purchase of school buses, vehicles, equipment and defraying other expenses necessary for immediate recovery needs for the period beginning upon passage of this act and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 3,000,000.00.

SECTION 7. In addition to all other sums appropriated herein, the following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the March 2023 Storm Housing Mission Fund created in House Bill No. 603, 2023 Regular Session, not otherwise appropriated, to the credit of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency for the purpose of providing the state match for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's temporary housing mission for the individuals impacted by the severe weather event on March 24 and 25, 2023, for the period beginning upon passage of this act, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 7,000,000.00.

These funds are provided for the purpose of funding additional expensed related to providing the state match for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's temporary housing mission for the individuals impacted by the severe weather event on March 24 and 25, 2023.

SECTION 8. In addition to all other sums appropriated herein, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board for the period beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 9,823,000.00.

This additional appropriation is contingent upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 2487, 2023 Regular Session, and is for the purpose of providing funds for the Mississippi Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program Act of 2023, as established by such bill.

SECTION 9. In addition to all other funds appropriated herein, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of payments to the Department of Public Safety for security costs, for the period beginning upon passage of this act, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 1,000,000.00.

SECTION 10. In addition to all other funds appropriated herein, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the credit of the Supreme Court – Trial Judges for expenses related to the implementation of and contingent upon the passage of House Bill No. 1020, 2023 Regular Session, for the period beginning upon the passage of this act, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 1,299,160.00.

SECTION 11. In addition to all other funds appropriated herein, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the credit of the Supreme Court - Administrative Office of Courts for expenses related to the implementation of and

contingent upon the passage of House Bill No. 1020, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal period beginning upon the passage of this act, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 389,665.00.

SECTION 12. In addition to all other funds appropriated herein, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the credit of the District Attorneys and Staff for the implementation of and contingent upon the passage of House Bill No. 1020, 2023 Regular Session, for the period beginning upon the passage of this act, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 371,679.00

SECTION 13. In addition to all other funds appropriated herein, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the credit of the Office of the State Public Defender for expenses related to the implementation of and contingent upon the passage of House Bill No. 1020, 2023 Regular Session, for the period beginning upon passage of this act, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 446,521.00.

SECTION 14. (1) None of the funds provided under this section shall be used to pay employee premium payments.

(2) The agencies listed in Sections 1 through 4 of this act shall not disburse any funds provided under this section to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in the agency's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In addition, the agency shall ensure that all funds provided under this section are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

(3) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds provided to the agency under this section, the agency shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds provided to the agency under this section complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

(4) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA (a) determines that the agency or recipient has expended or otherwise used any of the funds provided to the agency under this section for any purpose that is not in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the ARPA, and (b) the State of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined were expended or otherwise used improperly by the agency or recipient, then the agency or recipient that expended or otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to the federal government.

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

SECTION 16. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, with the exception of Section 8 of this act, which shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT TO MAKE AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FROM THE CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND TO THE SUPREME COURT, OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND STAFF, MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD, MISSISSIPPI EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, THE MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID AND THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE; TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSES OF THE APPROPRIATIONS; TO PROVIDE THE STATE MATCH FOR THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY'S TEMPORARY HOUSING MISSION FOR THE INDIVIDUALS IMPACTED BY THE SEVERE WEATHER EVENT ON MARCH 24 AND 25, 2023; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Dennis DeBar, Jr. (No Signature), Kevin Blackwell

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jeff Hale

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Osborne. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hopkins, Huddleston, Walker, Young. Total--5.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Representative Ford (73rd) by unanimous consent withdrew the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. R. No. 205**: (Representative Joel Bomgar; commend esteemed legislative career of.) was adopted.

On request of Rep. Read, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in **H. B. No. 1612**:

Amend on line 185 by deleting the word "Gardens" after "Welty" and replacing it with "Library".

Rep. Barton called up the conference report # 3 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3043: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3043: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of the Department of Finance and Administration for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 38,573,425.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred in the operation of the various offices of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 815,562,024.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 341
Time-Limited: 1

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries

and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Tort Claims Trust Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Tort Claims Board in the administration of the Tort Claims Act for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 6,552,495.00.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 8
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 6. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Commission on the Status of Women for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 44,125.00.

SECTION 7. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State

Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Commission on the Status of Women for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 3,135.00.

This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing funds to defray the expense of the Mississippi Commission on the Status of Women as established pursuant to Sections 43-59-1 through 43-59-14, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 6 and 7 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 1
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 9. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund for the purpose of defraying the expenses of State Property Insurance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 13,865,258.00.

SECTION 10. Of the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of the Legislature that two (2) of the allotted Full-Time Permanent Headcount in Section 3 of this act may be used for performing related administrative duties of the State Property Insurance Program.

SECTION 11. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose of providing a grant to the Mississippi Home Corporation, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 1,810,227.00.

SECTION 12. The funds appropriated in Section 11 of this act shall be targeted to individuals with disabilities or individuals with serious mental illnesses who:

(1) Are being discharged from a state psychiatric hospital after a stay of more than ninety (90) days; or, nursing facility, or intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities after a stay of more than ninety (90) days; or

(2) Have been discharged from a state psychiatric hospital within the last two (2) years; and

(a) Had multiple hospital visits in the last year due to mental illness;

or

(b) Are known to the mental health or state-housing agency to have been arrested or incarcerated in the last year due to conduct related to mental illness; or

(c) Are known to the mental health or state-housing agency to have been homeless for one (1) full year or have had four (4) or more episodes of homelessness in the last three (3) years; or

(3) Lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and includes a subset for an individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for ninety (90) days or less and who resides in an emergency shelter or a place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution.

Any funds appropriated herein to hire additional staff or employ staff shall only be used to implement this housing program.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that an annual financial report based upon the state's fiscal year shall be provided to the Attorney General, the Chairman of Senate Appropriations, the Chairman of House Appropriations, and the Legislative Budget Office.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act for the Mississippi Home Corporation (MHC) shall be expended for the purpose of making a payment of any kind or for any purpose, directly or indirectly, to a member of the State of Mississippi Legislature, state official, MHC board member, or person who has been a member of the MHC within the last year.

SECTION 15. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Broadband Expansion and Accessibility of Mississippi (BEAM) as established in Sections 77-19-1 through 77-19-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 425,000.00

SECTION 16. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Broadband Expansion and Accessibility of Mississippi (BEAM) as established in Sections 77-19-1 through 77-19-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 197,622,243.00.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 15 and 16 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 6

Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 18. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Finance and Administration shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

SECTION 19. The department is authorized to expend available funds on technology or equipment upgrades or replacements when it will generate savings through efficiency or when the savings generated from such upgrades or replacements exceed expenditures thereof.

SECTION 20. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 21. The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management of the Office of General Services is hereby expressly authorized and empowered to receive, budget and expend any state, local or other source funds designated for supplemental funding of construction and/or repairs and renovation projects. The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management of the Office of General Services shall not use any of the funds authorized in this section to pay salaries. For the purposes of this section, the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management of the Office of General Services does not have the authority to escalate from the Capital Expense Fund or the Working Cash-Stabilization Reserve Fund.

SECTION 22. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that an amount not to exceed Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,500,000.00) is authorized to be expended for the purpose of transferring funds to the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management for the administration of projects for the repair and maintenance of state-owned buildings.

SECTION 23. A report based on expenditures incurred during the current and immediate past fiscal years shall be provided to the Legislative Budget Office each regularly scheduled legislative session. This report should reflect expenditures as a result of the operation of the Robert E. Lee Building, the Woolfolk State Office Building, the Gartin and Sillers Buildings, the Capitol Buildings, the Central High School Building, the Robert G. Clark, Jr. Building and other state buildings, and this report should contain any steps taken to reduce operating costs.

SECTION 24. It is the intention of the Legislature that no state-owned aircraft shall be utilized by any person except for official business only.

SECTION 25. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) is authorized to be expended to defray any shortfall in the Master Lease Purchase Program as defined in Section 31-7-10, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 26. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) shall be expended from the Capitol Complex Improvement District Project Fund, as established in Section 29-5-215, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 27. Notwithstanding any other provision, the agency shall have the authority to escalate its headcount for any additional operational needs related to Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds, upon approval of the Department of Finance and Administration and the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 28. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000.00) or so much thereof, shall be derived out of the 2022 Local Improvement Fund to the credit of the Department of Finance and Administration. The funds are provided for such purposes as follows:

- (a) To assist the Town of Learned with infrastructure needs and improvements
\$ 100,000.00
- (b) To assist the Town of Utica with infrastructure improvements \$ 100,000.00
- (c) To assist the Town of Bolton with infrastructure improvements \$ 100,000.00
- (d) To assist the Town of Edwards with infrastructure improvements \$ 100,000.00
- (e) To assist the Town of Raymond with infrastructure improvements \$ 100,000.00
- (f) To provide funds to Tishomingo County, Mississippi, with the Belmont Fire Department in paying equipment costs
\$ 25,000.00
- (g) To provide funds to Alcorn County, Mississippi, with the Rienzi Fire Department in paying equipment costs \$ 25,000.00

Any amounts allocated to a project that are in excess of that needed to complete the project may be used for general repairs and renovations at state-owned facilities, universities, and community colleges at the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration.

SECTION 29. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund to the credit of the Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose of repairs, renovations and improvements of state-owned buildings for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 31,416,980.00

SECTION 30. Of the funds appropriated in Section 29 of this act, One Million Four Hundred Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$1,416,980.00) or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, for the repair, renovation, and improvement of the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission building

\$ 1,416,980.00.

SECTION 31. Of the funds appropriated in Section 29 of this act, Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, for the repair, renovation, and improvement of state-owned properties, universities, and community colleges \$ 30,000,000.00.

SECTION 32. Of the funds in Section 2 of this act, Seven Hundred Fifty-eight Million Forty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$758,048,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived out of the following funds in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Finance and Administration:

- (a) 2022 IHL Capital Improvements Fund \$ 193,252,000.00
- (b) 2022 Community and Junior Colleges Capital Improvement Fund \$ 40,000,000.00
- (c) 2022 State Agencies Capital Improvements
Fund \$ 45,500,000.00

- (d) 2023 Local Improvements Project Fund \$ 371,896,000.00
- (e) Statewide Repair and Renovation Fund \$ 10,000,000.00
- (f) DPS Headquarters Building Fund \$ 38,000,000.00
- (g) Declaration of Independence Fund \$ 4,000,000.00
- (h) 2023 DeSoto County Infrastructure Improvements Fund \$ 25,000,000.00
- (i) 2023 Lafayette County Infrastructure Improvements Fund \$ 15,000,000.00
- (j) Gulfport Commerce Corridor Fund \$ 15,400,000.00

The disbursements of funds by the Department of Finance and Administration under the provisions of the general bill, House Bill No. 603, 2023 Regular Session, are made pursuant to the authority granted to the department to spend those funds by this appropriation bill.

SECTION 33. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,500,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office to the Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose of storage upgrades to the MMRS system.

SECTION 34. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 35. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 36. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Kevin Blackwell
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Manly Barton, Jeff Hale

On motion of Rep. Barton the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Hopkins, Huddleston, Walker. Total-3.

Present--Banks, Stamps, Straughter, Watson. Total--4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--58

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. C. R. No. 56: Representative Edward Blackmon, Jr.; commend distinguished legislative career and public service of upon the occasion of his retirement.

H. C. R. No. 59: Representative Tommy Reynolds; commend distinguished legislative career and public service of upon the occasion of his retirement.

H. C. R. No. 62: Representative Tom Weathersby; commend distinguished legislative career and public service of upon the occasion of his retirement.

H. C. R. No. 64: Speaker Philip Gunn; commend on the esteemed and laudable legislative career of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2053: Deficit Prevention Act; require state agencies to notify certain officials when likelihood of a deficit exists.

S. B. No. 2054: Appointed state officers; provide for the removal of for certain forms of willful neglect.

S. B. No. 2339: Provision of law establishing energy efficiency standards for building construction; extend repealer on.

S. B. No. 2512: Counties; authorize to designate ARPA funds to rural water and sewer associations for infrastructure projects.

S. B. No. 2514: Secretary of State; clarify authority to transfer land records to Department of Archives and History.

S. B. No. 2530: "Secretary of State Eric Clark Coastal Preserve" and "Gollott Island/Godfather Point"; Department of Marine Resources designate.

S. B. No. 2551: Department of Marine Resources, Office of Marine Patrol; cooperate with federal law enforcement.

S. B. No. 2729: Limitation of liability requirements for information technology contracts; clarify.

S. B. No. 2853: Small unmanned aircraft systems; require state purchase and servicing of from American companies only.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

S. B. No. 3029: Appropriation; Dental Examiners, Board of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2079: MS School Safety Guardian Act; create.

S. B. No. 2140: National Security on State Devices and Networks Act; create.

S. B. No. 2167: Early Intervention Task Force; establish.

S. B. No. 2353: Poll managers; increase the compensation of.

S. B. No. 2359: Tourism; Mississippi Main Street Revitalization Grant Program.

S. B. No. 2371: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Nurse/Allied Health Workforce Development and Retention Act; create.

S. B. No. 2534: Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; require additional regulation of freshwater fishing guides.

S. B. No. 2538: Mississippi Regional Pre-Need Disaster Clean Up Act; create.

S. B. No. 2556: Qualifications for appointment as a conservation officer; clarify.

S. B. No. 2586: Computer science curriculum; clarify terminology to specify who may provide instruction in.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2673: Mississippi Real Estate Appraisal Board; make independent from Mississippi Real Estate Commission.

S. B. No. 2812: Board for administration of certain failing school district; extend date of repeal.

S. B. No. 2844: Bureau of Fleet Management; revise duties thereof.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2372: Mississippi Hospital Sustainability Grant Program; establish and provide eligibility for funds.

S. B. No. 2495: State inmates; require MDOC to pay increased rate to house inmates in county jails.

S. B. No. 2613: Nonemergency transportation providers; extend date by which providers may provide service without a permit.

S. B. No. 2842: Use tax; revise provisions regarding special infrastructure assistance funds for municipalities and counties.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2082: Child support; administratively suspend obligations for incarcerated individuals.

S. B. No. 3014: Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock shows.

S. B. No. 3017: Appropriation; Military Department.

S. B. No. 3038: Appropriation; Motor Vehicle Commission.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2297: Forensics laboratory and Chickasawhay Natural Gas District; revise provisions of.

S. B. No. 2346: Material harmful to minors; provide for liability for any entity that distributes on the internet without age verification.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 266: David R. Huggins and Tom Weathersby; revise names of public buildings to include.

H. B. No. 770: Mississippi Office of Space and Technology; create to be administered by MDA, which shall staff.

H. B. No. 799: Inmate Welfare Fund; authorize to expend funds for treatment of mental illness for certain inmates.

H. B. No. 1111: County court jurisdiction for termination of parental rights; authorize for both involuntary and voluntary termination.

H. B. No. 1605: Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.

H. B. No. 1608: Appropriation; Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board.

H. B. No. 1624: Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.

H. B. No. 1671: Tax credits; revise certain existing and authorize additional.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. C. R. No. 57: Dr. Daphine Hill; commend accomplishments of.

H. C. R. No. 58: Dr. Kent Hoblet; commend for many years of dedicated service as Dean of Mississippi State University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

H. C. R. No. 63: Representative Alyce G. Clarke; commend distinguished legislative career and public service upon the special occasion of her retirement.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 271: Appropriation; additional to Health Department for Mississippi Hospital Sustainability Grant Program, ARPA funds.

H. B. No. 485: Sexual assault evidence kit; regulate the processing of.

H. B. No. 588: Office of Workforce Development; revise funding mechanism for and revise powers and duties of.

H. B. No. 698: Municipal water, wastewater and sewer services; require equity based billing based on use of.

H. B. No. 704: Television series production; provide incentives for certain.

H. B. No. 795: Shoplifting; require to calculate the total price of all shoplifting items for fine.

H. B. No. 1615: Appropriation; Library Commission.

H. B. No. 1616: Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.

H. B. No. 1617: Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.

H. B. No. 1618: Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. B. No. 1640: Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 405: Bribery of a candidate and crime of conspiracy; revise statute of limitations for.

H. B. No. 602: District Attorneys; increase the operating allowance of.

H. B. No. 691: Memorial highways; designate various throughout the state.

H. B. No. 769: Harvey Moss Wildlife Management Area at Tuscumbia; designate Tuscumbia Wildlife Management Area as.

H. B. No. 817: Early Learning Collaborative; increase minimum funding levels for full-day and half-day programs.

H. B. No. 912: Firearm suppressors; authorizing manufacture and possession in Mississippi and prohibit enforcement of federal laws governing.

H. B. No. 917: Mississippi Worker's Comp commission office building; place under the supervision and care of DFA.

H. B. No. 923: Bob Tyler Fish Hatchery; designate the fish hatchery located in North Mississippi as.

H. B. No. 995: Rape; revise elements for the crime of and remove spousal exception.

H. B. No. 1140: Beer, light wine and light spirit products; revise manufacturers prohibited from having interest in wholesalers or distributors.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 1310: Elections; revise provisions related to the integrity of.

H. B. No. 1315: Pornographic online and digital/resources for K-12 students; prohibit.

H. B. No. 1609: Appropriation: Real Estate Commission.

H. B. No. 1628: Appropriation; Forestry Commission.

H. B. No. 1632: Appropriation; Port Authority, State.

H. B. No. 1641: Appropriation; Attorney General.

H. B. No. 1644: Appropriations; additional for various state agencies for FY 2023 and FY 2024.

H. B. No. 1819: City of Eupora; authorize conveyance of certain property located within city's industrial park.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Watson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ella Ree Alford Winford, and Aslee Hubbard Patters, which motion prevailed.

Representatives McGee and Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Larry Middleton, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dan Dillard, and Drew Troxler, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hobgood-Wilkes moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Seth Gabriel Conner, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Calvert and Evans (45th) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jerry Nelson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Ford (73rd) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Robert Hamil, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Darnell and Lamar moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Melvin McClure, Jr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Reynolds moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Julia "Julie" Elise Spencer, which motion prevailed.

Representative Darnell moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of John C. Jones, which motion prevailed.

At 11:59 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 12:01 AM, Saturday, April 1, 2023, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTY-SEVENTH DAY, SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023

(EIGHTY-NINTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Speaker Gunn.

Speaker Gunn led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hopkins, Huddleston, McCarty, Walker. Total-5.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Brown, C, Hopkins, Huddleston, McCarty and Walker.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Haney and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

S. B. No. 2444: ARPA programs; bring forward provisions related to for possible amendment.

S. B. No. 2454: Budget; bring forward code sections related to and provide for transfers.

S. B. No. 2961: Appropriations; additional for various state agencies for FY2023 and FY2024.

S. B. No. 3043: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of.

Adopted: 03/31/23

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

H. B. No. 603: State budget; bring forward sections relating to.

H. B. No. 1318: Baby drop-off and safe haven; revise provisions that regulate.

H. B. No. 1612: Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.

H. B. No. 1613: Appropriation; Education, Department of.

H. B. No. 1719: Appropriation; DFA to assist destination marketing organizations in paying for marketing activities.

Adopted: 03/31/23

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 603: Budget; provide for various transfers of funds, and create various special funds.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

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

H. B. No. 603: State budget; bring forward sections relating to.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the amounts listed below from the Capital Expense Fund (Fund No. 6499C00000) to each of the following named funds:

FUND	AMOUNT	FUND NUMBER
2023 Local Improvements Projects Fund created in Section 2 of this act		\$ 371,896,000.00
2022 IHL Capital Improvements Fund created in Section 37-101-83, Mississippi Code of 1972	6611330000	\$ 193,252,000.00
2022 Community and Junior Colleges Capital Improvements Fund created		

in Section 37-29-321, Mississippi Code of 1972	661130000	\$ 40,000,000.00	
2022 State Agencies Capital Improvements Fund created in Section 29-17-6, Mississippi Code of 1972	661132000	\$ 45,500,000.00	
2022 Department of Finance and Administration Statewide Repair and Renovation Fund created in Section 27-104-111, Mississippi Code of 1972	661131000	\$ 10,000,000.00	
ACE Fund created in Section 57-1-16, Mississippi Code of 1972	661411000	\$ 10,000,000.00	
Mississippi Site Development Grant Fund created in Section 57-1-701, Mississippi Code of 1972	661417000	\$ 20,000,000.00	
Economic Development Highway Fund created in Section 65-4-15, Mississippi Code of 1972	661412000	\$ 2,000,000.00	
Mississippi Industry Incentive Financing Revolving Fund created in Section 57-1-221, Mississippi Code of 1972	661414000	\$ 10,000,000.00	
Animal Disease Response Fund created in Section 18 of this act			\$ 250,000.00
TOTAL			\$
702,898,000.00			

SECTION 2. (1) A special fund, to be designated as the "2023 Local Improvements Projects Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Monies in the fund shall be disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration as provided in Section 28 of this act. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

SECTION 3. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Thirteen Million Seven Hundred Fifty-nine Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$13,759,700.00) from the 2022 Local Improvements Projects Fund (Fund No. 6611340000) to the 2023 Local Improvements Projects Fund created in this act, and transfer the sum of Thirteen Million Dollars (\$13,000,000.00) from the 2022 Local Improvements Projects Fund (Fund No. 6611340000) to the Capital Expense Fund (Fund No. 6499C00000).

SECTION 4. (1) Monies transferred pursuant to Section 1 of this act into the 2022 IHL Capital Improvements Fund created in Section 37-101-83, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration, pursuant to the authority granted by the department's appropriation bill, Senate Bill No. 3043, 2023 Regular Session, to spend those monies, with the approval of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning on those projects related to the universities under its management and control to pay the costs of capital improvements, renovation and/or repair of existing facilities, furnishings and/or equipping facilities for public facilities as hereinafter described:

NAME	AMOUNT PROJECT ALLOCATED	
Alcorn State University		\$ 13,197,500.00
Repair, renovation, and expansion of and upgrades, improvements and additions to the David L. Whitney Complex and Wellness Center.....	\$ 13,197,500.00	
Alcorn State University/Division of Agriculture.....		\$ 620,000.00
Preplanning for renovation of the poultry science facilities on the Lorman Campus into a Poultry/Animal Science Center Academic Research Center Building Complex.....	\$ 620,000.00	
Delta State University		\$ 8,122,500.00
Repair, renovation, and upgrading of campus buildings and facilities.....	\$ 2,800,000.00	
Repair and renovation of and upgrades, improvements and additions to the Walter Sillers Coliseum.....	\$ 5,322,500.00	
Jackson State University		\$ 8,013,000.00
Construction, furnishing and equipping of a new residence hall and related facilities.....	\$ 8,013,000.00	
Mississippi State University		\$ 20,732,500.00
Repair, renovation, construction, acquisition of property, furnishing and equipping of related facilities to house the College of Architecture, Art and Design.....	\$ 5,732,500.00	
Repair, renovation, construction, acquisition of property, furnishing and equipping of related facilities of the Kinesiology and Autism Building.....	\$ 15,000,000.00	
Mississippi State University/Division of Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine		\$ 14,755,000.00
Repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to Dorman Hall and related facilities.....	\$ 1,300,000.00	
Preplanning for renovation of and upgrades and improvements to the Bost Extension Center.....	\$ 455,000.00	

Repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to Dorman Hall and related facilities.....	\$ 13,000,000.00	
Mississippi University for Women		\$ 9,312,500.00
Repair, renovation, and upgrading of campus buildings and facilities.....	\$ 8,712,500.00	
Preplanning for repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to Old Pohl Gym.....	\$ 300,000.00	
Preplanning for repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to the Hogarth Center.....	\$ 300,000.00	
Mississippi Valley State University		\$ 3,427,500.00
Demolition of Leflore Hall and preplanning for construction, furnishing and equipping of a new residence hall and related facilities.....	\$ 3,427,500.00	
University of Mississippi		\$ 18,382,500.00
Planning and construction, furnishing and equipping of a new building and related facilities to house the School of Accountancy.....	\$ 14,382,500.00	
Repair, renovation, and expansion of the Nursing School in Oxford.....	\$ 4,000,000.00	
University of Mississippi Medical Center		\$ 56,886,500.00
Repair, renovation, and upgrading of campus buildings and facilities.....	\$ 11,350,000.00	
Upgrades and improvements to elevators and related facilities.....	\$ 4,000,000.00	
Development and implementation of campus wayfinding system.....	\$ 1,536,500.00	
Construction, furnishing and equipping of a new Dental School.....	\$40,000,000.00	
University of Southern Mississippi		\$ 22,162,500.00
Construction, furnishing and equipping of a new science research facility.....	\$ 17,162,500.00	
Repair and renovation of the Criminal Justice Building		

and improvements to the Forensic Lab	\$ 5,000,000.00
University of Southern Mississippi/Gulf Coast Campuses.....	\$ 11,140,000.00
Repair, renovation, and upgrading of campus buildings and facilities at the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, Halstead Campus.....	\$ 640,000.00
Ocean Enterprise at the Port of Gulfport	\$ 10,000,000.00
Dubard School and Children's Center for Communication and Development – Gulf Park campus for furnishing and equipment...	\$ 500,000.00.
IHL Education and Research Center.....	\$ 6,500,000.00
Replacement of a chiller and related equipment for the campus air conditioning and heating system; replacement of cooling tower and related equipment for the campus air conditioning and heating system; replacement of roof for the Universities Center; and replacement of campus emergency management system.....	\$6,500,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 193,252,000.00

(2) (a) Amounts transferred into such special fund pursuant to Section 1 of this act shall be disbursed to pay the costs of projects described in subsection (1) of this section. If any monies in such special fund are not used within four (4) years after the date funds are transferred under Section 1 of this act into the special fund, then the institution of higher learning for which any unused monies are allocated under subsection (1) of this section shall provide an accounting of such unused monies to the Department of Finance and Administration.

(b) Monies in the special fund may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, in administering or providing assistance directly related to a project described in subsection (1) of this section. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained for each project by the Department of Finance and Administration, Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs for a project shall not exceed two percent (2%) of the monies in the special fund used for such project. Monies authorized for a particular project may not be used to reimburse administrative costs for unrelated projects.

(3) The Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and expend any local or other source funds in connection with the expenditure of funds provided for in this section. The expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Finance and Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the

Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his or her designee.

(4) Any amounts allocated to an institution of higher learning that are in excess of that needed to complete the projects at such institution of higher learning that are described in subsection (1) of this section may be used for general repairs and renovations at the institution of higher learning.

SECTION 5. (1) Monies transferred pursuant to Section 1 of this act into the 2022 Community and Junior Colleges Capital Improvements Fund created in Section 37-29-321, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration, pursuant to the authority granted by the department's appropriation bill, Senate Bill No. 3043, 2023 Regular Session, to spend those monies, to pay the costs of acquisition of real property, construction of new facilities, equipping and furnishing facilities, including furniture and technology equipment and infrastructure, and addition to or renovation of existing facilities for community and junior college campuses as recommended by the Mississippi Community College Board. The amount to be expended at each community and junior college is as follows:

Coahoma.....	\$ 1,878,939.00
Copiah-Lincoln	2,225,161.00
East Central.....	2,040,946.00
East Mississippi.....	2,391,284.00
Hinds.....	4,251,234.00
Holmes.....	3,037,415.00
Itawamba.....	2,728,619.00
Jones.....	2,703,237.00
Meridian	2,171,922.00
Mississippi Delta.....	1,973,915.00
Mississippi Gulf Coast	3,873,133.00
Northeast Mississippi.....	2,556,646.00
Northwest Mississippi	3,311,303.00
Pearl River.....	2,971,077.00
Southwest Mississippi.....	1,885,169.00
GRAND TOTAL.....	\$40,000,000.00

(2) Amounts transferred into such special fund pursuant to Section 1 of this act shall be disbursed to pay the costs of projects described in subsection (1) of this section. If any monies in such special fund are not used within four (4) years after the date funds are transferred under Section 1 of this act into the special fund, then the community college or junior college for which any such monies are allocated under subsection (1) of this section shall provide an accounting of such unused monies to the Department of Finance and Administration.

(3) The Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and expend any local or other source funds in connection with the expenditure of funds provided for in this section. The expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Finance and Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his or her designee.

SECTION 6. (1) Monies transferred pursuant to Section 1 of this act into the 2022 State Agencies Capital Improvements Fund created in Section 29-17-6, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration, pursuant to the authority granted by the department's appropriation bill, Senate Bill No. 3043, 2023 Regular Session, to spend those monies, to pay the costs of capital improvements, renovation and/or repair of existing facilities, furnishings and/or equipping facilities for public facilities as hereinafter described:

STATE AGENCIES.....	\$ 45,500,000.00
Mississippi Department of Health.....	\$ 6,000,000.00
Planning, repair, and	
renovation to building	

envelope at Osborne Building.....	\$ 6,000,000.00
Department of Mental Health.....	\$ 15,000,000.00
Planning, repair, renovation, improvements, furnishing and upgrading of department facilities, grounds and infrastructure.....	\$ 15,000,000.00
Department of Corrections.....	\$ 24,500,000.00
Planning, repair and renovation and upgrading of department facilities, grounds and infrastructure.....	\$ 24,500,000.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 45,500,000.00

(2) (a) Amounts transferred into such special fund pursuant to Section 1 of this act shall be disbursed to pay the costs of projects described in subsection (1) of this section. If any monies in such special fund are not used within four (4) years after the date funds are transferred under Section 1 of this act into the special fund, then the agency for which any unused monies are allocated under subsection (1) of this section shall provide an accounting of such unused monies to the Department of Finance and Administration.

(b) Monies in the special fund may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, in administering or providing assistance directly related to a project described in subsection (1) of this section. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained for each project by the Department of Finance and Administration, Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs for a project shall not exceed two percent (2%) of the monies in the special fund used for such project. Monies authorized for a particular project may not be used to reimburse administrative costs for unrelated projects.

(3) The Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and expend any local or other source funds in connection with the expenditure of funds provided for in this section. The expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Finance and Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his or her designee.

(4) Any amounts allocated to an agency that are in excess of that needed to complete the projects at such agency that are described in subsection (1) of this section may be used for general repairs and renovations at the agency.

SECTION 7. (1) Monies transferred pursuant to Section 1 of this act into the 2022 Department of Finance and Administration Statewide Repair and Renovation Fund created in Section 27-104-111, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration, pursuant to the authority granted by the department's appropriation bill, Senate Bill No. 3043, 2023 Regular Session, to spend those monies, to pay the costs of site and infrastructure improvements, general repairs and renovations, weatherization, roofing, environmental mitigation, mechanical, electrical and structural repairs required for state-owned facilities, universities and community and junior colleges, repairs, renovations and improvements necessary for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act or other codes, purchase and installation of necessary furniture and equipment, and continuation and completion of previously authorized projects.

(2) Amounts transferred into such special fund pursuant to Section 1 of this act shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) The Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and expend any local or other source funds in connection with the expenditure of funds provided for in this section. The expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Finance and Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his or her designee.

SECTION 8. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) from the Capital Expense Fund (Fund No. 6499C00000) to the Economic Development and Infrastructure Fund created in Section 57-1-501, Mississippi Code of 1972, to be used for the purposes provided in that section.

SECTION 9. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) from the Capital Expense Fund (Fund No. 6499C00000) to the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority Fund created in Section 57-75-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, to be used for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(ii), Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 10. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Thirty-eight Million Dollars (\$38,000,000.00) from the Capital Expense Fund (Fund No. 6499C00000) to the CEF - DPS Headquarters Building Fund (Fund No. 6493700000) to be used by the Department of Finance and Administration, upon appropriation by the Legislature, as follows: (a) Thirty-two Million Dollars (\$32,000,000.00) for continuation of construction, furnishing and equipping the new Department of Public Safety headquarters building in Rankin County, including the acquisition of furniture, fixtures and equipment and the costs associated with moving to the new building; and (b) Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00) for continuation of construction, furnishing and equipping of the new Troop G Highway Patrol Substation in Starkville.

SECTION 11. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Six Million Five Hundred Eighteen Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-two (\$6,518,942.00) from the State General Fund (Fund No. 2999000000) to the MEMA Hazard Mitigation Fund (Fund No. 337HM00000).

SECTION 12. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00) from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (Fund No. 6821113000) to the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund (Fund No. 3822113000).

SECTION 13. (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2023 Mississippi Military Department Readiness Centers Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be expended by the Mississippi Military Department, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to pay the costs of planning, repairs, renovations, expansions, upgrades and furnishing and equipping of Readiness Centers.

SECTION 14. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) from the 2022 State Agencies Capital Improvements Fund created in Section 29-17-6, Mississippi Code of 1972, to the Mississippi Military Department Readiness Centers Fund created in Section 13 of this act.

SECTION 15. Section 29-17-6, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

29-17-6. (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2022 State Agencies Capital Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be

maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to pay the costs of capital improvements, renovation and/or repair of existing facilities, furnishings and/or equipping facilities for public facilities as hereinafter described:

STATE AGENCIES.....\$ *** 33,250,000.00
Department of Finance and Administration.....\$ 21,500,000.00
Continuation of planning,
repair, restoration of
and improvements to the
New Capitol Grounds.....\$ 5,000,000.00
Phase II of repair,
renovation, furnishing
and equipping of the
660 North Street Building..\$ 9,500,000.00
Phase II of repair,
renovation, furnishing
and equipping of the
350 High Street Building..\$ 7,000,000.00
Department of Mental Health.....\$ 7,750,000.00
Phase II of ligature
compliance measures
at the Mississippi
State Hospital.....\$ 1,250,000.00
Planning, construction,
furnishing and equipping
of new north entry gate
security station and
perimeter fencing at
the Boswell Regional
Center.....\$ 1,500,000.00
Planning, repair
and renovation, furnishing
and equipping of Buildings
#42, #49 and #50 at
Ellisville State School...\$ 3,000,000.00
Planning, construction,
furnishing and equipping
of new entry security
station and reconstruction
of north passage bridge
at North Mississippi
Regional Center.....\$ 2,000,000.00
Department of Public Safety.....\$ 4,000,000.00
Continuation of construction,
furnishing and equipping of
new Troop G Highway Patrol
Substation in Starkville..\$ 4,000,000.00

TOTAL.....\$ *** 33,250,000.00

(b) (i) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of projects described in paragraph (a) of this section. If any monies in such special fund are not used within four (4) years after the date funds are transferred under Section 3 of Chapter 510, Laws of 2022, from the Capital Expense Fund created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, into the special fund, then the agency for

which any unused monies are allocated under paragraph (a) of this section shall provide an accounting of such unused monies to the Department of Finance and Administration.

(ii) Monies in the special fund may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, in administering or providing assistance directly related to a project described in paragraph (a) of this section. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained for each project by the Department of Finance and Administration, Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs for a project shall not exceed two percent (2%) of the monies in the special fund used for such project. Monies authorized for a particular project may not be used to reimburse administrative costs for unrelated projects.

(c) The Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and expend any local or other source funds in connection with the expenditure of funds provided for in this section. The expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Finance and Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee.

(d) Any amounts allocated to an agency that are in excess of that needed to complete the projects at such agency that are described in paragraph (a) of this section may be used for general repairs and renovations at the agency.

SECTION 16. There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "March 2023 Storm Housing Mission Fund," which shall consist of funds made available by the Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Monies in the fund shall be expended by the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to provide the state match for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's temporary housing mission for the individuals impacted by the severe weather event on March 24 and 25, 2023.

SECTION 17. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000.00) from the State General Fund (Fund No. 2999000000) to the March 2023 Storm Housing Mission Fund created in Section 16 of this act.

SECTION 18. (1) The Animal Disease Response Fund is created as a special fund in the State Treasury. The response fund shall consist of any funds appropriated or otherwise made available by the Legislature for animal disease outbreaks, any income from investment of the funds in the response fund, and federal reimbursement for expenditures made from the response fund.

(2) Monies in the response fund shall be expended by the Mississippi Board of Animal Health only upon appropriation by the Legislature or by escalation of the board's budget as authorized in the appropriation bill for the board. Unexpended amounts remaining in the response fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned on amounts in the response fund shall be deposited to the credit of the response fund.

(3) The response fund shall be used only for payment of expenses incurred by the Board of Animal Health in responding to animal disease outbreaks, including, but not limited to, purchasing commodities, hiring temporary employees and/or engaging the contractual services of companies that can provide trained emergency response personnel.

(4) Before the Board of Animal Health expends funds from the response fund to respond to an animal disease outbreak, the State Veterinarian shall notify the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the respective

Chairmen of the Senate Appropriations Committee, the Senate Agriculture Committee, the House Appropriations Committee and the House Agriculture Committee, and the Legislative Budget Office, of the proposed expenditure of the funds.

SECTION 19. There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "2023 DeSoto County Infrastructure Improvements Fund," which shall consist of funds made available by the Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Monies deposited into the fund shall be used by the Department of Finance and Administration, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to assist the Mississippi Department of Transportation in paying the costs associated with infrastructure improvements on Interstate 55 from Church Road to Goodman Road in Desoto County, Mississippi. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

SECTION 20. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) from the Capital Expense Fund (Fund No. 6499C00000) to the 2023 DeSoto County Infrastructure Improvements Fund created in Section 19 of this act.

SECTION 21. There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "2023 Lafayette County Infrastructure Improvements Fund," which shall consist of funds made available by the Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Monies deposited into the fund shall be used by the Department of Finance and Administration, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to assist the Mississippi Department of Transportation in paying the costs associated with infrastructure improvements on Highway 7 from Highway 9 to 0.2 miles North of Highway 6 in Lafayette County, Mississippi. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

SECTION 22. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00) from the Capital Expense Fund (Fund No. 6499C00000) to the 2023 Lafayette County Infrastructure Improvements Fund created in Section 21 of this act.

SECTION 23. There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "2023 Gulfport Commerce Corridor Fund," which shall consist of funds made available by the Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Monies deposited into the fund shall be used by the Department of Finance and Administration, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to assist in paying the costs associated with the Gulfport Commerce Corridor project located in the City of Gulfport. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

SECTION 24. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Fifteen Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$15,400,000.00) from the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund (Fund No. 6802719000) to the 2023 Gulfport Commerce Corridor Fund created in Section 23 of this act.

SECTION 25. A special fund, to be designated as the "2023 Declaration of Independence Center for the Study of American Freedom Fund", is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund. Monies deposited into the fund shall be expended by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to support the operations of the Declaration of Independence Center for the

Study of American Freedom ("Center") at the University of Mississippi, subject to the conditions that the Center shall:

- (a) Promote scholarly research and civic education by exploring the principles of freedom expressed in our country's founding documents;
- (b) Support individual faculty members at institutions of higher learning who have been named Declaration Fellows and who actively participate in the Center's network of scholars and further the mission and principles of the Center;
- (c) Support classes, activities, and internships that advance students' understanding of American freedom at both the secondary and post-secondary level of education, including support for the operation of any Freedom Studies minor that may be available for academic credit at the University of Mississippi, as well as support for all Freedom Studies courses belonging to this minor; and
- (d) Continue to be governed and advised in accordance with the Center governing structure described in the last paragraph of the Center mission statement signed by the Chancellor, Provost and founding Director of the Center and received in the Office of the Chancellor on March 1, 2023.

SECTION 26. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) from the Capital Expense Fund (Fund No. 6499C00000) to the 2023 Declaration of Independence Center for the Study of American Freedom Fund created in Section 25 of this act.

SECTION 27. Through the end of fiscal year 2028, the State Treasurer may borrow funds from the Working Cash-Stabilization Reserve Fund created in Section 27-103-203 to offset any temporary cash flow deficiencies in the GF Obligations Fund (Fund No. 22951000000). The amount borrowed from the Working Cash-Stabilization Reserve Fund under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00) during any month. The State Treasurer shall reimburse the Working Cash-Stabilization Reserve Fund from the GF Obligations Fund for all sums borrowed for such temporary cash flow deficiency purposes within twenty (20) working days after the funds were borrowed. The State Treasurer shall immediately notify the Legislative Budget Office and the State Department of Finance and Administration of each transfer into and out of such funds.

SECTION 28. Monies transferred pursuant to Sections 1 and 3 of this act into the 2023 Local Improvements Projects Fund shall be disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration, pursuant to the authority granted by the department's appropriation bill, Senate Bill No. 3043, 2023 Regular Session, to spend those monies, as follows:

- (a) To assist the City of Indianola, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with purchasing six (6) new police cars for the city's police department \$400,000.00
- (b) To assist Sunflower County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with completing construction of the county's Transitional Shelter for Homeless families \$300,000.00
- (c) To Tishomingo County, Mississippi, to assist the Belmont Volunteer Fire Department in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment \$25,000.00
- (d) To Alcorn County, Mississippi, to assist the Rienzi Volunteer Fire Department in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment..... \$25,000.00
- (e) To assist Prentiss County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with replacing bridge SA 59-029 and repaving and restoring County Road 1475 and County Road 1481 located in Supervisors District 5 in Prentiss County..... \$450,000.00
- (f) To assist Alcorn County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with ongoing repair and renovation of the Alcorn County Courthouse..... \$1,000,000.00
- (g) To Kossuth, Mississippi, to assist in paying costs associated with renovation of the LC Follin Community Center \$150,000.00
- (h) To assist the City of Corinth, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and renovation to include the Coliseum and South Corinth High School..... \$500,000.00
- (i) To Alcorn County, Mississippi, to assist in paying costs associated with construction of a new fire station for the Jacinto Volunteer Fire Department \$100,000.00

(j) To assist Alcorn County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with special operations at the county's Emergency Management Agency.....	\$400,000.00
(k) To assist the City of Corinth, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to and maintenance of Harper Road.....	\$500,000.00
(l) To assist the City of Corinth, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with general assistance to Corinth Theatre-Arts.....	\$25,000.00
(m) To assist the City of Jackson, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with renovations and upgrades for the Jackson Planetarium....	\$1,000,000.00
(n) To assist the City of Waynesboro with infrastructure improvements at the Waynesboro Sports Complex	\$1,500,000.00
(o) To assist George County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction of the Agricola Multipurpose Center in George County, Mississippi	\$400,000.00
(p) To assist George County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction of the Basin-Barton.....	
Multipurpose Facility	\$1,800,000.00
(q) To assist Jackson County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction of a multipurpose.....	
arena.....	\$750,000.00
(r) To assist Itawamba County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of the Itawamba County Courthouse	\$1,500,000.00
(s) To assist the Town of Tremont, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and remodeling of the town's Town Hall	\$150,000.00
(t) To assist Itawamba County, Mississippi, with providing funds to Volunteer Fire Departments located in the county, at the discretion of the Fire Coordinator	\$150,000.00
(u) To assist the City of Fulton, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with renovation and remodeling of the city's City Hall and costs associated with street repairs	\$500,000.00
(v) To assist Itawamba Community College in paying costs associated with capital construction related to the Health Sciences program	\$1,500,000.00
(w) To assist the City of Jackson, Mississippi, to provide a federal match to the Jackson Redevelopment Authority for the train station	\$420,000.00
(x) To assist the Lighthouse Academy for Dyslexia in Ocean Springs, Mississippi, in paying costs for general purposes for dyslexia services	\$200,000.00
(y) To assist the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with purchasing portable equipment including a portable stage to promote tourism	\$200,000.00
(z) To assist Lee County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of a fire truck for the Richmond Volunteer Fire Department	\$350,000.00
(aa) To assist the Town of Tunica, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road improvements.....	\$500,000.00
(ab) To assist the Town of Marks, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with making water and sewer improvements in the town.....	\$500,000.00
(ac) To assist the Town of Coldwater, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with paving the town square	\$500,000.00
(ad) To assist the Town of Coldwater, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of fire trucks	\$250,000.00
(ae) To assist the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with making upgrades and improvements to the Pascagoula City Hall building and related facilities.....	\$2,000,000.00

- (af) To assist the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, for the Pascagoula Police Department in providing an East Pascagoula Police SubStation \$2,000,000.00
- (ag) To assist the Petal School District Board of Trustees in paying costs associated with the repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to the district's Central Office building and related facilities in Petal, Mississippi \$1,000,000.00
- (ah) To assist Lauderdale County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with building a new fire station for the Bailey Volunteer Fire Department \$100,000.00
- (ai) To assist Tishomingo County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs to the Tishomingo County Courthouse \$500,000.00
- (aj) To assist Alcorn County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with building a new fire station on Kendrick Road for the Farmington Volunteer Fire Department \$100,000.00
- (ak) To assist the City of Lexington, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of sewage pumping and vacuuming equipment and making street improvements \$100,000.00
- (al) To assist the Village of Eden with construction and repair of Town Hall and a safe room \$100,000.00
- (am) To assist Holmes County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with renovation of the Holmes County Courthouse \$150,000.00
- (an) To assist the Jackson Public School District with the Career Development Center in paying costs associated with parking lot resurfacing including restriping and drainage repairs \$250,000.00
- (ao) To assist the Jackson Public School District with the Career Development Center in paying costs associated with trade shop repairs and upgrades, including roof leak repairs \$250,000.00
- (ap) To assist the Jackson Public School District with the Career Development Center in paying costs associated with repair, renovation, furnishing and equipping of and upgrades and improvements to the Jackson Public School District's Career Development Center in Jackson, Mississippi \$100,000.00
- (aq) To assist the Town of Centreville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the completion of construction, furnishing and equipping of a recreation center \$500,000.00
- (ar) To assist Harrison County, Mississippi, with the following fire stations with various costs, funds are to be allocated equally: Vidalia Fire Station, Delisle Fire Station, Cuevas Fire and Rescue Station, and Henderson Point Fire Station \$100,000.00
- (as) To assist the City of Pass Christian, Mississippi, with various costs for the city's Fire Department \$25,000.00
- (at) To assist the City of Pass Christian, Mississippi, with various costs for the city's Police Department \$25,000.00
- (au) To assist the City of New Albany, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with central business district renovations, upgrades and improvements as part of the city's downtown revitalization project \$500,000.00
- (av) To assist Union County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to the Union County Courthouse and Veterans Park in New Albany \$500,000.00
- (aw) To assist the City of Jackson, Mississippi, acting through its Department of Planning and Development, in paying costs associated with the acquisition, demolition and/or removal of blighted properties in the City of Jackson and in the Mississippi House of Representatives District 71 \$250,000.00
- (ax) To assist Lincoln County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the acquisition and installation of HVAC systems and equipment for the county courthouse

.....	\$250,000.00
(ay) To assist Lincoln County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with renovations to the jail	\$500,000.00
(az) To assist Desoto County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with purchasing equipment for Alhaba-Cockrum-Ingrams Mill Volunteer Fire Department	\$25,000.00
(ba) To assist Desoto County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with purchasing equipment for the Lewisburg Volunteer Fire Department	\$25,000.00
(bb) To assist Desoto County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchasing of equipment for the Love Volunteer Fire Department	\$25,000.00
(bc) To assist the City of Oxford, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of a building to be used by the City of Oxford Police Department	\$4,000,000.00
(bd) To assist Lafayette County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the extension of West Oxford Loop in Lafayette County ...	\$1,000,000.00
(be) To assist the City of D'Iberville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Mallett Road and Sangani Boulevard intersection and widening project	\$1,000,000.00
(bf) To assist the City of Philadelphia, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with purchasing police cars for the Philadelphia Police Department	\$160,000.00
(bg) To assist Kemper County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements within the county.....	\$300,000.00
(bh) To assist the Town of Scooba, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with town improvements	\$50,000.00
(bi) To assist Kemper County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with purchasing fire equipment for the Kemper County Volunteer Fire Department	\$60,000.00
(bj) To assist Kemper County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with water line improvements for the Porterville Water Association	\$200,000.00
(bk) To assist East Mississippi Community College in paying costs associated with upgrades to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the Career Technical Education Program	\$2,000,000.00
(bl) To assist the City of Biloxi, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with providing general support for the Boys and Girls Club of Biloxi	\$1,000,000.00
(bm) To assist Warren County, Mississippi, in paying costs to assist the Warren County Sheriff's Office with site work and infrastructure improvements to the future Warren County Jail site	\$1,000,000.00
(bn) To assist Madison County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Reunion Parkway and Bozeman Road expansion project	\$12,000,000.00
(bo) To assist the Town of Edwards, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to the town's fire station	\$250,000.00
(bp) To assist the Town of Raymond, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and rehabilitation of the water tank on the town square in downtown Raymond and the Raymond water tank on the Hinds Community College campus	\$250,000.00
(bq) To assist Clay County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with paving and resurfacing of Lake Grove Road and Randle Road in Supervisors District 4 in Clay County	\$1,000,000.00

(br) To assist Monroe County, Mississippi, with costs associated for the Prairie Rural Community Development Club to renovate the old Prairie School Building for use as a
multi-purpose center \$250,000.00

(bs) To assist the City of West Point, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with renovations to City Hall \$500,000.00

(bt) To assist Greene County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road construction and road repairs in the county \$500,000.00

(bu) To assist the City of Clinton, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with Phase II of site work for and construction and development of streets, street lighting and signals, electrical and communications distribution systems and equipment, water system and sewer system infrastructure and related infrastructure within an area bound by U.S. Highway 80, Springridge Road, Interstate 20 and Clinton-Raymond Road/Madison Street in the City of Clinton \$8,000,000.00

(bv) To assist the City of Clinton, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Clinton Raymond Bolton Edwards Water and Sewer Plant Capacity Expansion project..... \$20,000,000.00

(bw) To assist the Gloster Southern Railroad with costs associated with line installations and new lines \$8,000,000.00

(bx) To assist the Town of Flora, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with water, sewer and drainage from Odom Road to Jackson Street and water infrastructure from McGraw Street to Peach Street..... \$2,500,000.00

(by) To provide general assistance to the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame..... \$500,000.00

(bz) To assist the City of Greenville, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with repairs and renovations to Frisby Park, Greenville Municipal, Maude Bryan Park and Rounds \$500,000.00

(ca) To assist the City of Picayune, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction, equipping and furnishing of a new burn building and any related structures and facilities for the Picayune Fire Department to replace the existing burn building..... \$350,000.00

(cb) To assist the City of Picayune, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs and maintenance at the Picayune Memorial High School \$150,000.00

(cc) To assist the Administrative Office of the Courts in paying costs associated with technological upgrades, equipment, furnishings, and installation for Courtroom 4 of the Hinds County Courthouse \$50,000.00

(cd) To assist the City of Hazlehurst, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, renovations, educational programming, and expansion to the Mississippi Music..... \$150,000.00
Museum

(ce) To assist the City of Hazlehurst, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Phase 5 Renovation Project of the Millsaps House \$200,000.00

(cf) To assist the Village of Beauregard, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction of a community center \$400,000.00

(cg) To assist the City of Europa, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repaving and repair of streets \$400,000.00

(ch) To assist the Town of French Camp, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with sidewalk repairs and infrastructure improvements for the town's Downtown Historic Area \$75,000.00

(ci) To assist Choctaw County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road repairs and resurfacing in Beat 3 Choctaw County \$300,000.00

- (cj) To assist Choctaw County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road repairs and resurfacing in Beat 1 Choctaw County \$150,000.00
- (ck) To assist Choctaw County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road repairs and resurfacing in Beat 5 Choctaw County \$150,000.00
- (cl) To provide funds to be distributed equally among the following fire departments in Choctaw County to assist in paying various department costs: Reform Volunteer Fire Department, Town of Ackerman Fire Department, ByWy Volunteer Fire Department, Simpson Volunteer Fire Department, Town of Weir Fire Department, Panhandle Volunteer Fire Department, Union Volunteer Fire Department, Town of French Camp Fire Department \$200,000.00
- (cm) To provide funds to be distributed equally among the following fire departments in Webster County to assist in paying various department costs: Tomnolen Fire Department, City of Eupora Fire Department and Town of Mathiston Fire Department \$75,000.00
- (cn) To assist the Town of Ackerman, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road repairs and resurfacing \$250,000.00
- (co) To assist the Town of Mathison, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to the town's infrastructure..... \$200,000.00
- (cp) To assist VFW Post 3806 in the City of Eupora, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Post building and Post activities \$25,000.00
- (cq) To assist American Legion Post 82 in the Town of Ackerman, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Post building and Post activities \$25,000.00
- (cr) To assist the Town of Noxapater, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road repairs and resurfacing \$200,000.00
- (cs) To provide funds to be distributed equally among the following fire departments in Winston County to assist paying various department costs: Nanih Waiya Volunteer Fire Department, Shiloh Fire Department, City of Louisville Fire Department, Lo Butcha Volunteer Fire Department and Beth Eden Volunteer Fire Department \$100,000.00
- (ct) To assist the Town of Weir, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repainting and other necessary repairs to the water tank \$200,000.00
- (cu) To assist the City of Grenada, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with street resurfacing \$1,000,000.00
- (cv) To assist Grenada County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to the Nat Trout Road and Hawkins Entrance \$500,000.00
- (cw) To assist Carroll County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with general road resurfacing and maintenance \$750,000.00
- (cx) To provide funds to be distributed equally among the eighteen (18) volunteer fire departments in Lauderdale County, Mississippi, to assist in paying various department costs \$360,000.00
- (cy) To assist the City of Pontotoc, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with relocating the fire station on Main Street in the city to a less congested corner lot near the current location \$1,000,000.00
- (cz) To assist the City of Pontotoc, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the completion of a pavilion at the gateway to the Tanglefoot Trail \$400,000.00
- (da) To assist the City of Pontotoc, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with building and equipping a training center that provides trainee safety and live fire training to firefighters and first responders, benefitting both the Pontotoc City Fire Department and Pontotoc County volunteer fire departments \$500,000.00
- (db) To assist the City of Pontotoc, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with renovation of and upgrades, improvements and additions to the Pontotoc Town Square Museum and Post Office building and the McMackin House necessary to

provide and improve accessibility to and inside the buildings through the Pontotoc County Historical Society..... \$50,000.00

(dc) To assist the Town of Como, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road infrastructure repairs and improvements..... \$500,000.00

(dd) To assist Adams County, Mississippi, with costs associated with the Carthage Point Road drainage repair and flood control project..... \$500,000.00

(de) To assist the City of Natchez, Mississippi, for the purpose of providing funding to defray the expenses of the Concord Avenue Drainage Improvement Project for construction costs..... \$500,000.00

(df) To assist the Town of Byhalia, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with relocation of water, sewer, gas utility lines and other equipment currently located on or near Mississippi Highway 309 near the Byhalia schools, and to assist in paying costs associated with street paving improvements to Mississippi Highway 309..... \$1,000,000.00

(dg) To assist the Byhalia Old School Commons in costs associated with the renovation of the historic Byhalia High School to provide civic, business, and hospitality for the town..... \$500,000.00

(dh) To assist the Lafayette County Sheriff's Department in paying costs associated with building a substation in the Harmontown Community with Lafayette County..... \$250,000.00

(di) To assist the Town of New Houlika, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of a new fire truck..... \$150,000.00

(dj) To assist the City of Houston, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and overlay of streets including Airport Road, Church Street, Pittsboro Street, Dulaney Street, 1st Avenue, Harrington Street, Washington Street, Hamilton Street, Castle Street, Scott Street, Terrace Road and 6th Avenue..... \$400,000.00

(dk) To assist the Town of Bude, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to the town's existing sewer lagoon for cleaning, removing excessive vegetation and including, but not limited to, dredging of sludge and sediment..... \$500,000.00

(dl) To assist the Tennessee Valley Authority in paying costs associated with performing an assessment of the Holly Springs, Mississippi Utility Department and to be used for cutting of the right-of-way of the Holly Springs Utility Department..... \$500,000.00

(dm) To assist Benton County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs to the Benton County Historic Courthouse..... \$300,000.00

(dn) To assist Benton County Sheriff's Department in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment and vehicles..... \$400,000.00

(do) To assist Benton County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to Benton County Veterans Park..... \$300,000.00

(dp) To assist the Town of Abbeville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs and additions to the town's water system..... \$500,000.00

(dq) To assist Union County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road maintenance on County Road 47 in Supervisors District 2 in Union County..... \$900,000.00

(dr) To assist DeSoto County, Mississippi, with providing funds to assist in paying costs associated with construction, furnishing and equipping of a training facility for the Walls Volunteer Fire Department..... \$250,000.00

(ds) To assist the City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements in infrastructure in the Midtown area of the city, including, but not limited to, roads, bridges, water, sewer, drainage, sidewalks, stormwater detention, land acquisition, utility relocation and lighting..... \$2,000,000.00

- (dt) To assist Hancock County, Mississippi, with costs associated with the Hancock County Utility Authority for sewer system improvements in the areas of Kiln Delisle Road and Fenton Dedeaux Road \$500,000.00
- (du) To assist the Town of Caledonia, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase and upgrades of equipment..... \$150,000.00
- (dv) To assist the Town of Caledonia, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with upgrading the town's lighting infrastructure \$350,000.00
- (dw) To assist the Town of Brooksville, Mississippi, with matching funds for the Federal EPA Stag Grant to complete the town's water and wastewater infrastructure program
..... \$500,000.00
- (dx) To assist Noxubee County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the county's community sports complex redevelopment project including the addition of bleachers, concession stand, scoreboard, bathrooms and approximately four hundred (400) yards of roadway pavement..... \$500,000.00
- (dy) To provide funds to be distributed equally among the following fire departments in Scott County, Mississippi, to assist in purchasing equipment: Forest Fire Department, North Scott Volunteer Fire Department, Homewood Volunteer Fire Department, Lake Volunteer Fire Department, Liberty Volunteer Fire Department, Ludlow Volunteer Fire Department, Morton Fire Department and Sebastopol Fire Department \$200,000.00
- (dz) To assist the City of Forest, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with constructing and developing a turn lane at a road by Tyson Foods for safety purposes..... \$250,000.00
- (ea) To assist the Town of Summit, Mississippi, for purpose of building a fire station for Summit Rural Fire Department \$500,000.00
- (eb) To assist Pike County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with renovation and repairs to the Courthouse Complex buildings \$750,000.00
- (ec) To assist the Town of Summit, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with a building to house the ladder truck, 18-wheeler tanker truck, rescue pumper and smaller tanker truck for the Sunnyhill Volunteer Fire Department \$250,000.00
- (ed) To assist the City of Columbia, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the RA Johnson Drive stormwater retention pond project \$300,000.00
- (ee) To assist the City of Columbia, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with downtown storm drainage system improvements \$500,000.00
- (ef) To assist Marion County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with paving roads within the county \$500,000.00
- (eg) To assist Marion County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with roof repairs on the Board of Supervisors building, Hammond Hall and the Marion County Health Department \$500,000.00
- (eh) To assist the City of Purvis, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with VFW Post 3955 to expand and modernize the facility \$150,000.00
- (ei) To assist the City of Pearl, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction of a bridge extending from the intersection of the extension of Ware Street and relocated St. Augustine Street to Pearson Road in the City of Pearl \$500,000.00
- (ej) To assist the Town of Carrollton, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the installation of high speed service via Delta Lightspeed .. \$400,000.00
- (ek) To assist the Town of North Carrollton, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the installation of high speed service via Delta Lightspeed \$350,000.00
- (el) To assist the City of Greenwood, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to Yazoo River Trail and Yazoo River Landing \$750,000.00
- (em) To assist Montgomery County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with an emergency generator, 65kw transfer switch, concrete pad and installation for the Stewart Water Association \$100,000.00

- (en) To assist the Town of Kilmichael, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with purchasing turnout suits and equipment for the Kilmichael Volunteer Fire Department \$100,000.00
- (eo) To assist Montgomery County, Mississippi, for the purpose of the Red Hill Volunteer Fire Department \$250,000.00
- (ep) To assist the City of Winona, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with purchasing a fire truck \$450,000.00
- (eq) To assist Carroll County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to County Road 83 \$700,000.00
- (er) To assist the City of Tylertown, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements \$500,000.00
- (es) To assist Walthall County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction of a frontage road along the south side of Highway 98 Bypass \$750,000.00
- (et) To assist the City of Gautier, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction of the Mississippi Songwriters Performing Arts Center \$2,000,000.00
- (eu) To assist the City of Gautier, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with constructing an inclusion and Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) approved park area including, but not limited to, playground equipment for children with disabilities \$1,000,000.00
- (ev) To assist the City of Gautier, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to Town Commons Park, including, but not limited to, parking and through roads for an amphitheater \$2,000,000.00
- (ew) To assist the City of Water Valley, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with maintenance, repairs and facilitation of broadband service by the city electric department \$750,000.00
- (ex) To assist the City of Charleston, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvement and restoration of city streets \$500,000.00
- (ey) To assist Yalobusha County, Mississippi, by providing funds to be used as matching funds for the Tennessee Valley Authority grant for the industrial park \$100,000.00
- (ez) To assist the City of Water Valley, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with restoration and maintenance of the Water Valley Civic Center \$250,000.00
- (fa) To assist Oktibbeha County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with constructing a new building for Oktibbeha County Circuit and County Court \$1,000,000.00
- (fb) To assist the City of Starkville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the city's Main Street Project \$1,500,000.00
- (fc) To assist the Town of Sumner, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction of a Police Department building and related facilities \$250,000.00
- (fd) To assist the Town of Webb, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction of a community center \$250,000.00
- (fe) To assist Newton County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with purchasing a fire truck \$250,000.00
- (ff) To assist the Town of Decatur, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of two (2) patrol vehicles and equipment \$125,000.00
- (fg) To assist the Town of Sebastopol, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with a building extension and fixtures for the town police department \$250,000.00
- (fh) To assist the Town of Seminary, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with water and sewer infrastructure improvements \$250,000.00

(fi) To assist Jefferson Davis County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to Broome Road
..... \$100,000.00

(fj) To assist Jones County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with mill and overlay to Graves Road from Buffalo Hill road to the city limits of Ellisville, Mississippi, and to extend the project to Mississippi Highway 588..... \$600,000.00

(fk) To assist the City of Laurel, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with additions to and expansion of the Veterans Memorial Museum in Laurel, Mississippi..... \$200,000.00

(fl) To assist Jones County Junior College in paying costs associated with construction of a building to house the School of Design \$200,000.00

(fm) To assist the City of Brandon, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure repairs, maintenance, upgrades and improvements
..... \$1,000,000.00

(fn) To provide funds to be distributed equally among the following fire departments in Jasper County: Bay Springs Volunteer Fire Department, Central Volunteer Fire Department, Fellowship Volunteer Fire Department, Hal Volunteer Fire Department, Lake Eddins Volunteer Fire Department, Louin Volunteer Fire Department, Montrose Volunteer Fire Department, Mossville Volunteer Fire Department, Northeast Jasper Volunteer Fire Department, Paulding Volunteer Fire Department and Rose Hill Volunteer Fire Department..... \$110,000.00

(fo) To assist Clarke County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure for the new Howard Industrial Expansion Plant, including, but not limited to water, sewer and fencing..... \$500,000.00

(fp) To assist Mississippi Wireless Information Network in paying costs associated with adding new statewide communication towers in needed locations
..... \$3,900,000.00

(fq) To assist Tippah County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the destruction of the old Tippah County Hospital..... \$500,000.00

(fr) To assist the Town of Blue Mountain, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the town's fire department..... \$50,000.00

(fs) To assist the Town of Walnut, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the town's fire department.... \$100,000.00

(ft) To assist the City of Ripley, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the city's fire department..... \$175,000.00

(fu) To assist the Town of Falkner, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the town's fire department..... \$50,000.00

(fv) To assist the Town of Dumas, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the town's fire department..... \$50,000.00

(fw) To assist Tippah County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the Tippah County Sheriff's Department
..... \$100,000.00

(fx) To assist the Town of Falkner, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Heritage Museum..... \$30,000.00

(fy) To assist Tippah County, Mississippi, with creating a Target Endowment Fund for various projects in the county..... \$75,000.00

(fz) To assist the City of Ripley, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with building maintenance for VFW Post 4881..... \$25,000.00

(ga) To assist the City of Ripley with costs associated for building maintenance for American Legion Post 81
..... \$25,000.00

(gb) To assist the Town of Walnut, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with gas system improvements
..... \$75,000.00

(gc) To assist Sharkey County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated to repairs to the Sharkey County Courthouse located in Rolling Fork, Mississippi..... \$1,000,000.00

- (gd) To assist Hinds County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with purchasing and installing surveillance cameras on Dixon Road, McCain Avenue and South Drive \$25,000.00
- (ge) To assist the City of Verona, Mississippi, in paying associated with site work and infrastructure related to the Old Town Project \$500,000.00
- (gf) To assist the Town of Taylorsville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure repair and to upgrade water, sewer and fire protection systems to industrial area \$350,000.00
- (gg) To assist the City of Guntown, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairing, reconstruction, resurfacing and other improvements such as curbs, drainage to Mike Avenue and to bring the road up to code, and any remaining funds shall be used for costs associated with making improvements to other streets in the city \$750,000.00
- (gh) To assist Prentiss County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with making improvements to roads and bridges in Supervisors District 3 in Prentiss County \$300,000.00
- (gi) To assist the Town of Lena, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road and water infrastructure projects \$500,000.00
- (gj) To assist the Town of D'Lo, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction of a fire station \$50,000.00
- (gk) To assist the Town of D'Lo, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with phase II of paving town streets including First Street from Highway 149 to South Pine, Second Street from Highway 149 to South Maple, Third Street from Highway 149 to South Maple, Fourth Street from Highway 149 to South Maple and Cemetery Road \$250,000.00
- (gl) To assist the Town of D'Lo, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with phase III of paving town streets including South Oak from Highway 540 to end, West Fifth from Highway 149 to South Oak, East Fifth from Highway 149 to South Oak, West Pecan from Willow Street to Highway 149, and East Pecan from Highway 149 to Water Tower \$250,000.00
- (gm) To assist Rankin County, Mississippi, to provide funds to be distributed equally among the following fire departments in Rankin County: Cleary Volunteer Fire Department, Star Volunteer Fire Department, Florence Volunteer Fire Department, SW Rankin Volunteer Fire Department and Monterey Volunteer Fire Department \$75,000.00
- (gn) To assist Copiah County, Mississippi, to provide funds to be distributed equally among the following fire departments in Copiah County: Crystal Springs Volunteer Fire Department, Hopewell Volunteer Fire Department, New Zion Volunteer Fire Department and Dentville Volunteer Fire Department \$60,000.00
- (go) To assist Simpson County, Mississippi, with costs associated with the Old Pearl Volunteer Fire Department \$15,000.00
- (gp) To assist Rankin County, Mississippi, with funds associated with the road connecting U.S. Highway 49 to Pearson Road \$500,000.00
- (gq) To the City of Crystal Springs, Mississippi, to assist in paying costs associated with Chautauqua Park Amphitheater \$500,000.00
- (gr) To assist Hinds County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs for flood plain revisions to Eubanks Creek \$500,000.00
- (gs) To assist the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with GIS mapping of infrastructure \$75,000.00
- (gt) To assist the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements or adding turn lanes, curbs, drainage and sidewalks \$400,000.00
- (gu) To assist the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with covering the stage located at Fort Maurepas \$450,000.00
- (gv) To the Mississippi Development Authority for the purpose of providing funding to WISPR Systems in Batesville, Mississippi, for research and development to expand its

- current small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) manufacturing capabilities in Mississippi \$500,000.00
- (gw) To assist the Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency in paying costs associated with a statewide communications program..... \$500,000.00
- (gx) To assist the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with water, sewer and road infrastructure renovations in the Downtown Historic District \$2,000,000.00
- (gy) To assist the Rankin County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements on the I-20 Connector Loop Project \$3,000,000.00
- (gz) To assist the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure repairs and improvements at the Senatobia Sports Park \$600,000.00
- (ha) To assist the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with sewer and water improvements to the New Image Water and Sewer System \$2,000,000.00
- (hb) To assist Tate County, Mississippi, with reimbursement of funds for costs associated with Tate County Courthouse parking facility renovations; any remaining funds may be spent on drainage and road repairs as determined by the Tate County Board of Supervisors \$1,650,000.00
- (hc) To assist the Mississippi Department of Transportation in paying costs associated with improvements at the intersection of Highway 51 and Porter Street, and at the intersection of Highway 4 and I-55 intersection within the city limits of the City of Senatobia, Mississippi \$750,000.00
- (hd) To assist Northwest Mississippi Community College in paying costs associated with capital infrastructure and repairs to the main campus facilities \$2,000,000.00
- (he) To assist the Cottonville-Savage Rural Water Association in paying costs associated with construction, repair and maintenance of, and acquiring equipment for, a water system \$285,000.00
- (hf) To assist Holmes Community College in paying costs associated with the construction of a new Allied Health building \$1,000,000.00
- (hg) To assist the Kosciusko School District in paying costs associated with infrastructure, construction and improvements to facilities throughout the district \$1,000,000.00
- (hh) To assist the Edinburg Domestic Water Association in paying costs associated with the construction, repair and maintenance of, and acquiring equipment for, a water system \$150,000.00
- (hi) To assist Leake County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction, repair and renovation of North Jordan Street \$2,500,000.00
- (hj) To assist Leake County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction, repair and renovation of Red Dog Road \$925,000.00
- (hk) To assist Leake County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the local workforce initiative of the Leake County Development Association for students in Leake County \$50,000.00
- (hl) To assist Holmes County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road resurfacing and repairs in Supervisors District 2 of the county \$500,000.00
- (hm) To assist the City of Carthage, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction, repair and renovation of the Carthage Coliseum \$1,000,000.00
- (hn) To assist Leake County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with acquiring firefighting equipment for Leake County fire departments \$100,000.00
- (ho) To assist the Town of West, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements, renovations and rehabilitation of existing town properties, including, but not limited to, the Welcome Center, City Hall, Old City Hall and the Library, as well as the purchase of a new police vehicle, including the necessary equipment to outfit the vehicle \$300,000.00
- (hp) To assist Attala County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction of an Attala County Fire Station, an Emergency Operations Center and E-911 Telecommunications Center \$3,600,000.00

- (hq) To assist Attala County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the repair or replacement of the roof for the Old Jack Post Industrial Building \$850,000.00
- (hr) To assist the City of Kosciusko, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction, renovation and rehabilitation of the Strand Theatre \$500,000.00
- (hs) To assist Attala County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the renovation, construction and rehabilitation of a building for the Carmack Community Club \$200,000.00
- (ht) To assist Carmack Water Association in paying costs associated with the construction, repair and maintenance of, and acquiring equipment for, the water association \$150,000.00
- (hu) To assist Zama Water Association in paying costs associated with the construction, repair and maintenance of, and acquiring equipment for, the water association \$150,000.00
- (hv) To assist the Department of Finance and Administration in paying costs associated with the program established under Section 3 of House Bill No. 419, 2023 Regular Session \$300,000.00
- (hw) To assist Jasper County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing and improvements to roads and bridges \$ 1,100,000.00
- (hx) To assist the Town of Heidelberg, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements \$ 300,000.00
- (hy) To assist the City of Bay Springs, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements \$ 150,000.00
- (hz) To assist the East Jasper Consolidated School District in paying costs associated with the acquisition of the old Heidelberg Academy \$ 150,000.00
- (ia) To assist Forrest County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs and improvements on Monroe Road Extension \$ 325,000.00
- (ib) To assist Lawrence County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with pavement maintenance for the N.A. Sandifer Highway \$ 1,000,000.00
- (ic) To assist Lincoln County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs and renovations to the county courthouse \$ 250,000.00
- (id) To assist Holmes County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements \$ 500,000.00
- (ie) To assist the City of Lexington, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with renovations to the city hall and the municipal fire station \$ 500,000.00
- (if) To assist the Town of Tchula, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing and improvements to town streets \$ 250,000.00
- (ig) To assist the City of Olive Branch, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the improvement and expansion of aircraft hangers \$ 1,500,000.00
- (ih) To assist Marshall County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with building the Chickasaw Trail Emergency Response Center \$ 1,500,000.00
- (ii) To assist Desoto County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with a parking lot and staging improvements at the National Guard Armory \$ 500,000.00
- (ij) To assist the City of Byram, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with drainage repair projects \$ 500,000.00
- (ik) To assist the City of Byram, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to the Terry Road Bridge \$ 250,000.00.
- (il) To assist the Town of Terry, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the renovation of a community center and improvements to Main Street \$ 300,000.00
- (im) To assist Hinds County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with widening, straightening and clearing debris from Eubanks Creek \$ 500,000.00
- (in) To assist the City of Oxford, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction of a new police station \$ 1,000,000.00

- (io) To assist Panola County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements at the Panola County Airport \$ 500,000.00
- (ip) To assist the City of Louisville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements for the North and South Industrial Road Project \$ 2,000,000.00
- (iq) To assist Neshoba County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the Neshoba County Sheriff's Department \$ 200,000.00
- (ir) To assist the Brewer Community Association, Inc., in paying costs associated with the improvement and operation of the community center in Brewer, Mississippi \$ 150,000.00
- (is) To assist Tammy Wynette Legacy Park in paying costs associated with the improvement and operation of the Tammy Wynette Legacy Center in the Town of Tremont, Mississippi \$ 150,000.00
- (it) To assist the Prairie Rural Community Development Club in paying costs associated with the improvement and operation of the former Prairie School in Prairie, Mississippi \$ 150,000.00
- (iu) To assist the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to Ballard Park including, but not limited to, inclusive playground equipment and any necessary playground equipment for special needs children \$ 500,000.00
- (iv) To assist Jefferson County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements to roads and bridges \$ 100,000.00
- (iw) To assist Claiborne County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements \$ 500,000.00
- (ix) To assist Claiborne County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to law enforcement facilities \$ 225,000.00
- (iy) To assist Copiah County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the demolition of the former hospital complex in the City of Hazlehurst \$ 75,000.00
- (iz) To assist the City of Natchez, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with various drainage projects \$ 500,000.00
- (ja) To assist the Gulfport Redevelopment Commission in paying costs associated with a mixed-use downtown development project, including general infrastructure to leverage public and private investment \$ 2,000,000.00
- (jb) To assist the City of Magee, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements \$ 500,000.00
- (jc) To assist the City of Mendenhall, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements \$ 500,000.00
- (jd) To assist the Village of Puckett, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements \$ 500,000.00
- (je) To assist Montgomery County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of U.S. Highway 82 and Middleton Road and at the intersection of U.S. Highway 82 and Mission Road \$ 700,000.00
- (jf) To assist Grenada County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to Nat G. Trout Road \$ 500,000.00
- (jg) To assist the Kosciusko School District in paying costs associated with renovations and improvements to the Skipworth Auditorium \$ 500,000.00
- (jh) To assist Attala County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the repair and/or replacement of the roof of the Jack Post Industrial Building \$ 250,000.00

- (ji) To assist the City of Kosciusko, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs and renovations to the Strand \$ 250,000.00
- (jj) To assist Greene County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the Emergency 911 Call Center \$ 705,000.00
- (jk) To assist Greene County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction of a county-owned building \$ 400,000.00
- (jl) To assist Greene County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the rehabilitation and repair of the Greene County Rural Events Center \$ 600,000.00
- (jm) To assist the Mississippi Department of Transportation in paying costs associated with widening and improvements to State Highway/Old Highway 63 from Highway 57 to Highway 63 in Greene County, Mississippi \$ 1,000,000.00
- (jn) To assist George County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements \$ 300,000.00
- (jo) To assist Greene County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements \$ 550,000.00
- (jp) To assist the Town of State Line, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with Hurricane Zeta \$ 250,000.00
- (jq) To assist Wayne County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the repair and upgrades to courtrooms \$ 75,000.00
- (jr) To assist the City of D'Iberville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the extension of Mallet Road \$ 2,500,000.00
- (js) To assist the Mississippi State University Research and Technology Corporation in paying costs associated with the Mississippi Cybersecurity Center adjacent to Keesler Air Force Base \$15,000,000.00
- (jt) To assist the Jackson County School District in paying costs associated with repairs and renovations to facilities at St. Martin High School \$ 1,000,000.00
- (ju) To assist Jackson County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with upgrades at the intersection of Jim Ramsey Road and Old Fort Bayou Road \$ 500,000.00
- (jv) To assist the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs and restoration of the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Arts Center \$ 250,000.00
- (jw) To assist the Lamar County School District in paying costs associated with the development of the new courtyard at the Sumrall High School \$ 1,400,000.00
- (jx) To assist the Town of Seminary, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with water and sewer improvements \$ 250,000.00
- (jy) To assist the City of Collins, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with water and sewer improvement near the Collins Civic Center \$ 400,000.00
- (jz) To assist the City of Flowood, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements on Flowood Drive \$ 1,500,000.00
- (ka) To assist the City of Flowood, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements on Liberty Road and at Liberty Park \$ 1,250,000.00
- (kb) To assist Rankin County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements on the I-20 Connector Loop Project \$ 4,500,000.00
- (kc) To assist the City of Meridian, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements to North Hills Street from Highway 19 to Highway 39 \$ 3,400,000.00
- (kd) To assist the Kemper County School District in paying costs associated with software and training programs for the Career and Technical Education Center \$ 200,000.00
- (ke) To assist the City of Picayune, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements \$ 500,000.00

- (kf) To assist the City of Poplarville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of public safety vehicles, fire protection purchases, street paving and drainage improvements \$ 1,000,000.00
- (kg) To assist the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs to the Fisher Ferry Bridge \$ 4,000,000.00
- (kh) To assist the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements \$ 500,000.00
- (ki) To assist the South Delta School District in paying costs associated with asbestos demolition and remediation \$ 350,000.00
- (kj) To assist with Pearl River Valley Water Supply District for the dredging fund \$ 2,000,000.00
- (kk) To assist the Lighthouse Academy for Dyslexia in Ocean Springs with costs associated for general purposes for dyslexia services \$ 195,000.00
- (kl) To assist the Culkin Water District with the reconstruction of water lines for an industrial park, schools, hospital and other accounts \$ 1,500,000.00
- (km) To assist Warren County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with upgrades and improvements to the historic Old Courthouse and grounds in Vicksburg \$ 2,000,000.00
- (kn) To assist Yazoo County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction and repairs to the Lake George Bridge \$ 3,000,000.00
- (ko) To assist the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction of the Commerce Park Connector Road \$ 2,000,000.00
- (kp) To assist the City of Jackson, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, renovation and upgrades to the Jackson Planetarium \$ 1,000,000.00
- (kq) To assist the City of Jackson, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, renovations and upgrades to Thalia Mara Hall \$ 1,500,000.00
- (kr) To assist the Town of Bolton, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs and renovations to the volunteer fire department \$ 50,000.00
- (ks) To assist Tunica County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing and improvements and traffic signal upgrades on Casino Strip Resort Boulevard \$ 500,000.00
- (kt) To assist the Town of Lambert, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with equipment purchases for the town's fire department \$ 100,000.00
- (ku) To assist the City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements in infrastructure in the Midtown area of the city, including, but not limited to, roads, bridges, water, sewer, drainage, sidewalks, stormwater detention, land acquisition, utility relocation and lighting \$ 2,000,000.00
- (kv) To assist Perry County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction of a roadway and a bridge to access the Perry County Industrial Park \$ 750,000.00
- (kw) To assist the City of Greenwood, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements \$ 500,000.00
- (kx) To assist the Mississippi Development Authority in providing reimbursements for Major League Baseball mandated alterations and improvements to Trustmark Park..... \$ 1,300,000.00
- (ky) To assist the Town of Gloster, Mississippi, in paying costs associated for infrastructure improvements to Gloster Road, Georgia Pacific 1 Road, Georgia Pacific 2 Road, Pepper House Road and East Railroad Avenue . \$ 2,500,000.00
- (kz) To assist the City of Pearl, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with lighting improvements on U.S. Highway 80..... \$ 1,500,000.00
- (la) To assist the City of Richland, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the U.S. Highway 49 pedestrian crossover \$ 500,000.00

(lb) To assist the City of Newton, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with demolition, repairs and renovations of the Medical and Community Facility \$ 1,500,000.00

(lc) To assist the City of Forest, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements to Jack Lee Drive and Old Morton Road \$ 250,000.00

(ld) To assist the City of Hernando, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the installation of a roundabout at the intersection of U.S. Highway 51 and Oak Grove Road

\$ 1,500,000.00

(le) To assist Lee County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the acquisition of real property adjacent to Turner Industrial Park for the purpose of site expansion and rail spur improvements \$ 1,000,000.00

(lf) To assist Lee County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of a fire truck for the Richmond Fire Department in the Richmond community of Lee County

\$ 358,000.00

(lg) To assist the City of Saltillo, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction of a new fire station \$ 1,000,000.00

(lh) To assist the City of Gluckstadt, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction of a municipal court building and a police station \$ 750,000.00

(li) To assist the City of Madison, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Madison Avenue bypass to U.S. Highway 51 \$ 2,000,000.00

(lj) To assist the City of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements

\$ 250,000.00

(lk) To assist Hancock County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements

\$ 500,000.00

(ll) To assist the City of Waveland, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements

\$ 250,000.00

(lm) To assist the Horn Lake Creek Basin Interceptor Sewer District in paying the costs associated with infrastructure improvements \$ 2,000,000.00

(ln) To assist the Twenty-third Circuit Court District in paying costs associated with the District Attorney's Office

\$ 275,000.00

(lo) To assist the City of Southaven, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with traffic signal and intersection improvements at Stateline Road and Swinnea Road \$ 300,000.00

(lp) To assist the City of Southaven, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with upgrades and improvements to Snowden Grove Park \$ 500,000.00

(lq) To assist the City of Southaven, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with a traffic signal and intersection improvements at Church Road and Tchulahoma Road

\$ 350,000.00

(lr) To assist Small Horn Lake Water District in paying costs associated with a water meter replacement \$ 250,000.00

(ls) To assist Alcorn County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements to the Industrial Access Roadway \$ 500,000.00

(lt) To assist the City of Corinth, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Polk Street bridge replacement project \$ 1,500,000.00

(lu) To assist Blue Mountain Christian University in paying costs associated with the nursing school \$ 250,000.00

(lv) To assist the City of Farmington, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the purchase of vehicles and equipment for the police department \$ 100,000.00

(lw) To assist Lamar County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements to the roundabout at Oak Grove Road and Weathersby Road \$ 1,500,000.00

(lx) To assist the Jackson County Economic Development Foundation in paying costs associated with the employment of career coaches for the Jackson County School District

\$ 600,000.00

(ly) To assist Jackson County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road and bridge repairs in Supervisor District 1 \$ 300,000.00

(lz) To assist Washington County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and renovations of Estes Street, Airdale Drive and Sidney Street \$ 600,000.00

(ma) To assist the Town of Metcalfe, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, renovations and

technological enhancements of town hall \$ 100,000.00

(mb) To assist the Town of Benoit, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, renovations and

technological enhancements of town hall \$ 100,000.00

(mc) To assist the City of Leland, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, renovations and

technological enhancements of city hall \$ 75,000.00

(md) To assist Washington County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements, renovations, repairs and upgrades to the Greenville Mid-Delta Airport \$ 500,000.00

(me) To assist the City of Cleveland, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure and drainage

improvements \$ 500,000.00

(mf) To assist Bolivar County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the expansion of the Terrene Landing River Boat Dock and improvements to Terrene Landing Road

\$ 400,000.00

(mg) To assist Tishomingo County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the repair, renovation and expansion of the General Building 1016 at the Tri-State Commerce Park

\$ 650,000.00

(mh) To assist the City of Fulton, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction, renovation and repair of an acquired building to repurpose for use as the city hall

\$ 250,000.00

(mi) To assist the Town of Marietta, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements

\$ 200,000.00

(mj) To assist the Town of Mantachie, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements for the Fawn Grove Industrial Park \$ 148,000.00

(mk) To assist the Town of Tishomingo, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the replacement of gate valves and other water infrastructure projects \$ 150,000.00

(ml) To assist the Village of Paden, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the repairs and renovations of a village-owned industrial building \$ 150,000.00

(mm) To assist Itawamba County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs and renovations to the RCDC

facilities \$ 40,000.00

(mn) To assist Tishomingo County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs and renovations at the Old

Historical Courthouse \$ 100,000.00

(mo) To assist the Town of Bruce, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with equipment upgrades and other purchases for the town's police department \$ 50,000.00

(mp) To assist the Town of Houlka, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of a fire truck

\$ 125,000.00

(mq) To assist Calhoun County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the repairs, paving and improvements of County Road 137 \$ 125,000.00

(mr) To assist Calhoun County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the repairs, paving and improvements of County Road 306 \$ 1,000,000.00

(ms) To assist the Pat Harrison Waterway District in paying costs associated with the relocation of a boat ramp

\$ 100,000.00

- (mt) To assist the Mississippi Department of Transportation in paying costs associated with a turn lane and traffic signal at the intersection of McArthur Street and Highway 145 in Quitman, Mississippi \$ 100,000.00
- (mu) To assist Clarke County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of vehicles and equipment for the Clarke County Sherriff's Department \$ 100,000.00
- (mv) To assist Yazoo County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs and improvements to roads and bridges \$ 500,000.00
- (mw) To assist the Town of Cary, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction of a fire station \$ 250,000.00
- (mx) To assist Yazoo City, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the repair and renovation of the Triangle Cultural Center \$ 200,000.00
- (my) To assist the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements \$ 750,000.00
- (mz) To assist the City of Pass Christian, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements \$ 750,000.00
- (na) To assist the City of Macon, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of fire trucks and firefighting equipment for the city's fire department \$ 350,000.00
- (nb) To assist the City of West Point, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing and improvements to streets \$ 1,000,000.00
- (nc) To assist Tate County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements for the Chrome-Craft Redevelopment project \$ 1,000,000.00
- (nd) To assist Union County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements in Supervisor District 1 \$ 300,000.00
- (ne) To assist Union County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements in Supervisor District 2 \$ 300,000.00
- (nf) To assist the Town of Potts Camp, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements \$ 300,000.00
- (ng) To assist Jackson County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the engineering and construction of the Jackson County Blueway Connection, along the Pascagoula River \$ 500,000.00
- (nh) To assist the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, in defraying expenses associated with a police substation for East Pascagoula \$ 1,500,000.00
- (ni) To assist the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements \$ 600,000.00
- (nj) To assist the City of Starkville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Starkville Main Street Project \$ 500,000.00
- (nk) To assist Oktibbeha County, Mississippi, with costs associated with roof repairs to the Town of Maben's Fire Department \$ 50,000.00
- (nl) To provide funds to be distributed equally among the following fire departments to assist in paying various department costs: Adaton Self Creek Volunteer Fire Department, Central Oktibbeha Fire Department, Maben Fire Department, and Sturgis/District 4 Volunteer Fire Department \$ 200,000.00
- (nm) To assist Webster County, Mississippi, with costs associated with the repairs and maintenance of the Volunteer Fire Departments buildings \$ 250,000.00
- (nn) To assist the City of Eupora, Mississippi, with costs associated with the purchase of a police vehicle \$ 55,000.00

- (no) To assist the Town of Weir, Mississippi, with costs associated with infrastructure improvement projects and purchasing vehicles for the police department \$ 45,000.00
- (np) To assist the Community Foundation for Mississippi in paying costs associated with providing direct services for reading intervention and training for teachers, and with renovations to building space to provide such services \$ 500,000.00
- (nq) To assist the Marty Stuart Congress of Country Music Museum in paying costs associated with the construction of Phase 2 of the museum in the City of Philadelphia, Mississippi; however, no funds may be disbursed for such purposes until the Department of Finance and Administration is provided proof that the museum, museum owner or museum governing body, as applicable, possesses the ownership rights to all Marty Stuart memorabilia, exhibits and/or other items or material displayed in the museum \$10,000,000.00
- (nr) To provide funds to the Three Rivers Solid Waste Management Authority to construct, repair, renovate, expand, enhance, improve, and equip the Three Rivers Regional Landfill in the City of Pontotoc, Mississippi, and the three (3) three Authority Transfer Stations located in the City of Oxford, Mississippi, Lee County, Mississippi, and Monroe County, Mississippi \$4,000,000.00
- (ns) To assist the Chickasaw Inkana Foundation in paying costs associated with the construction, furnishing and equipping of the Chickasaw Heritage Center in the City of Tupelo, Mississippi \$4,950,000.00
- (nt) To assist the Scenic Rivers Development Alliance in paying costs associated with the Okhissa Lake Development Project \$8,000,000.00
- (nu) To assist the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, with a match to federal funds for the construction of railroad improvements that run through the city for public safety and economic development improvements \$4,600,000.00
- (nv) To assist Camp Kamassa in defraying expenses related to construction of buildings, facilities, complexes and related infrastructure \$4,000,000.00
- (nw) To assist Hinds Community College in paying costs associated with construction of the Health Science Complex at the Rankin Campus \$16,000,000.00
- (nx) To provide funds to the City of Columbus, Mississippi, to use to assist the Columbus Redevelopment Authority in paying costs associated with the Park View - Burns Bottom Project \$3,000,000.00
- (ny) To the Prentiss County School District for upgrades to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE program at Wheeler Attendance Center \$1,000,000.00
- (nz) To the Grenada School District for upgrades to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE program \$3,000,000.00
- (oa) To the Itawamba County School District for upgrades to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE program including equipment for aiding in logistics and maintenance \$4,000,000.00
- (ob) To the George County School District for upgrades to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE program \$1,000,000.00
- (oc) To the Jackson County School District for upgrades to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE program at three high schools: East Central, Vancleave and St. Martin \$9,000,000.00
- (od) To the South Tippah School District for upgrades to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE program \$500,000.00
- (oe) To the Senatobia Municipal School District for upgrades to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE program \$500,000.00
- (of) To the Attala County School District for upgrades to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE program at Kosciusko-Attala County Career Tech Center \$2,000,000.00

(og) To the Greene County School District for upgrades to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE program

..... \$2,000,000.00

(oh) To the Lee County School District for upgrades to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE program

\$350,000.00

(oi) To the Wayne County School District for upgrades to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE program

..... \$500,000.00

(oj) To the Long Beach High School for upgrades to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE program

..... \$1,000,000.00

(ok) To the Newton County School System for upgrades to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE program

\$2,000,000.00

(ol) To the Tupelo Public School District for upgrades to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE program

\$350,000.00

SECTION 29. Section 17-23-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

17-23-21. There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "Annual Fire Fund" to be administered by the Commissioner of Insurance. Monies in the fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature, may be used by the commissioner only for the purpose of his or her discretion in requesting the State Fiscal Officer, and notifying the Legislative Budget Office of such, to transfer funds from this fund to the Rural Fire Truck Fund, the Supplementary Rural Fire Truck Fund, the Municipal Fire Protection Fund and/or the County Volunteer Fire Department Fund; however, the commissioner shall request the State Fiscal Officer to transfer at least One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) annually to the Rural and Supplementary Rural Fire Truck Funds. Upon the request of the commissioner, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the requested amounts from the Annual Fire Fund to the Rural Fire Truck Fund, the Supplementary Rural Fire Truck Fund, the Municipal Fire Protection Fund and/or the County Volunteer Fire Department Fund. The total amount of all such transfers shall not exceed the amount appropriated by the Legislature from the Annual Fire Fund for the fiscal year in which the transfers are made, and those transfers shall not reduce the amount of the spending authority provided to the commissioner by that appropriation. The commissioner shall document those transfers through a reconciliation with the Department of Finance and Administration. * * * The Annual Fire Fund shall consist of monies provided to it through the provisions of Section 83-34-4(6), and any monies which may be appropriated to it by the Legislature. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

SECTION 30. Section 39-5-145, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

39-5-145. (1) A special fund, to be designated the "Mississippi Community Heritage Preservation Grant Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. The fund shall consist of any monies designated for deposit therein from any source, including proceeds of any state general obligation bonds designated for deposit therein. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into the fund. The expenditure of monies deposited into the fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Finance and Administration, based upon recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by the Department of Finance and Administration. Monies deposited into such fund shall be allocated and disbursed according to the provisions of this section. If any monies in the special fund are derived

from proceeds of state general obligation bonds and are not used within four (4) years after the date such bond proceeds are deposited into the special fund, then the Department of Finance and Administration shall provide an accounting of such unused monies to the State Bond Commission.

(2) Monies deposited into the fund shall be allocated and disbursed as follows:

(a) (i) * * * Sixty-one Million Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$61,050,000.00)

shall be allocated and disbursed as grants on a reimbursable basis through the Department of Finance and Administration, based upon the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History, to assist county governments, municipal governments, school districts, universities, community colleges, state agencies and nonprofit organizations that have obtained Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status from the United States Internal Revenue Service in helping pay the costs incurred in preserving, restoring, rehabilitating, repairing or interpreting 1. historic county courthouses, 2. historic school buildings, and/or 3. other historic properties identified by certified local governments or owned by the State of Mississippi. Where possible, expenditures from the fund shall be used to match federal grants or other grants that may be accessed by the Department of Archives and History, other state agencies, county governments or municipal governments, school districts or nonprofit organizations that have obtained Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status from the United States Internal Revenue Service. Any properties, except those described in paragraphs (b) and (d) of this subsection, receiving monies pursuant to this section must be designated as "Mississippi Landmark" properties prior to selection as projects for funding under the provisions of this section.

(ii) One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,750,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grants through the Department of Finance and Administration, based upon the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History, to assist county governments in helping pay the costs of historically appropriate restoration, repair and renovation of historically significant county courthouses. Grants to individual courthouses under this paragraph (a)(ii) shall not exceed Eight Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$875,000.00).

(b) Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the Amory Regional Museum in Amory, Mississippi, to pay the costs of capital improvements, repair, renovation, furnishing and/or equipping of the museum. The Department of Finance and Administration is directed to transfer Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) from the fund to the city on or before December 31, 2004, and the city shall place the funds into an escrow account. The city may expend the funds from the account only in an amount equal to matching funds that are provided from any source other than the state for the project. As the funds are withdrawn from the escrow account, the city shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the amount of the funds that have been withdrawn and that the funds withdrawn are in an amount equal to matching funds required by this paragraph.

(c) One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the Jacinto Foundation, Inc., to pay the costs of capital improvements, repairing, renovating, restoring, rehabilitating, preserving, furnishing and/or equipping the courthouse and related facilities in Jacinto, Mississippi, and to pay the costs of capital improvements, repairing, renovating, restoring, rehabilitating, preserving, furnishing and/or equipping other buildings and facilities near the courthouse.

(d) Four Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$425,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the Oxford-Lafayette County Heritage Foundation to pay the costs of capital improvements, repairing, renovating, restoring, rehabilitating, preserving, furnishing, equipping and/or acquiring the L.Q.C. Lamar Home in Oxford, Mississippi.

(e) One Million Four Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$1,425,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the City of Columbus, Mississippi, to assist in paying the costs associated with repair, renovation and restoration of the Columbus City Hall building and related facilities.

(f) One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the Town of Wesson, Mississippi, to pay the costs of restoration and renovation of the Old Wesson School.

(g) Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the Town of Shubuta, Mississippi, to assist in paying the costs associated with construction, reconstruction, refurbishing, repair, renovation and restoration of the Shubuta Town Hall building and related facilities.

(h) Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the City of Okolona, Mississippi, to assist in paying costs associated with the purchase, repair, renovation, furnishing and equipping of a building and related facilities on Main Street in the City of Okolona, for the purpose of establishing a welcome center in which historical information relating to the City of Okolona will be displayed, including, but not limited to, information relating to the furniture, banking, retail and farming industries; education; historical collections owned by individuals and organizations; genealogy; Okolona College; and the Battle of Okolona and the War Between the States.

(i) One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to Tallahatchie County, Mississippi, to assist in paying the costs associated with repair, renovation and restoration of the Tallahatchie County Courthouse.

(j) Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to Wayne County, Mississippi, to assist in paying the costs associated with repair, renovation and restoration of the Wayne County Courthouse.

(k) Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to assist in paying the cost of rehabilitation and restoration of Winterville Indian Mounds in Washington County, Mississippi.

(l) Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the City of Kosciusko, to assist the City of Kosciusko, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with (i) repair, renovation, furnishing, equipping, additions to and expansion of the Kosciusko Natchez Trace Visitor Center in the City of Kosciusko, Mississippi, and (ii) repair, renovation, furnishing, equipping, additions to and expansion of the historic Strand Theater in the City of Kosciusko, Mississippi.

(m) One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to Jefferson County, Mississippi, to assist in paying costs associated with repair, renovation, upgrades and improvements to the confederate cemetery and related properties and facilities in the county.

(n) Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to Tate County, Mississippi, to assist in paying costs associated with painting, refurbishment and historical restoration and renovation of the Tate County Courthouse.

(o) Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to Humphreys County, Mississippi, to assist in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to the Humphreys County Courthouse.

(p) One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) of any monies deposited into the fund during Fiscal Year 2023 shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to assist in paying the costs associated with relocation, repair, renovation and restoration of a one-room school building and related facilities including costs incurred before July 1, 2022, and such grant funds shall not be subject to any requirement for matching funds.

(q) Monies in the Mississippi Community Heritage Preservation Grant Fund which are derived from proceeds of state general obligation bonds may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History in providing assistance directly related to a project described in paragraph (a) of this subsection for which funding is provided under this section. Reimbursement may be made only until such time as the project is completed. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained for each project by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs for a project shall not exceed three percent (3%) of the proceeds of bonds issued for such project. Monies authorized

for a particular project may not be used to reimburse administrative costs for unrelated projects.

(3) (a) The Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History shall receive and consider proposals from county governments, municipal governments, school districts, universities, community colleges, state agencies and nonprofit organizations that have obtained Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status from the United States Internal Revenue Service for projects associated with the preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, repair or interpretation of (i) historic courthouses, (ii) historic school buildings, and/or (iii) other historic properties identified by certified local governments. Proposals shall be submitted in accordance with the provisions of procedures, criteria and standards developed by the board. The board shall determine those projects to be funded and may require matching funds from any applicant seeking assistance under this section. This subsection shall not apply to projects described in subsection (2)(a)(ii), (2)(b), (2)(c), (2)(d), (2)(e), (2)(f), (2)(g), (2)(h) and (2)(j) of this section.

(b) The Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History shall receive and consider proposals from county governments for projects associated with historically appropriate restoration, repair and renovation of historically significant county courthouses. Proposals shall be submitted in accordance with the provisions of procedures, criteria and standards developed by the board. The board shall determine those projects to be funded and may require matching funds from any applicant seeking assistance under this section. This subsection shall not apply to projects described in subsection (2)(a)(i), (2)(b), (2)(c), (2)(d), (2)(e) and (2)(f) of this section.

(4) The Department of Archives and History shall publicize the Community Heritage Preservation Grant Program described in this section on a statewide basis, including the publication of the criteria and standards used by the department in selecting projects for funding. The selection of a project for funding under the provisions of this section shall be made solely upon the deliberate consideration of each proposed project on its merits. The board shall make every effort to award the grants in a manner that will fairly distribute the funds in regard to the geography and cultural diversity of the state. This subsection shall not apply to projects described in subsection (2)(b), (2)(c), (2)(d), (2)(e) and (2)(f) of this section.

(5) With regard to any project awarded funding under this section, any consultant, planner, architect, engineer, exhibit contracting firm, historic preservation specialist or other professional hired by a grant recipient to work on any such project shall be approved by the board before their employment by the grant recipient.

(6) Plans and specifications for all projects initiated under the provisions of this section shall be approved by the board before the awarding of any contracts. The plans and specifications for any work involving "Mississippi Landmark" properties shall be developed in accordance with "The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties."

SECTION 31. Section 57-1-601, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-1-601. (1) For the purposes of this section, the following words shall have the following meanings ascribed in this section, unless the context clearly otherwise requires:

(a) "MDA" means the Mississippi Development Authority.

(b) "Municipality" means any municipality with a population of less than fifteen thousand (15,000) according to the latest federal decennial census at the time the municipality submits an application to the MDA under this section.

(c) "Revitalization zone" means an area in the municipality officially designated by ordinance or resolution of the governing authorities of the municipality as a revitalization zone and approved and certified by the MDA as meeting the requirements of this section.

(2) (a) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "Mississippi Main Street Investment Grant Fund" which shall consist of funds from any source designated for deposit into the fund. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used by the MDA for the purposes authorized in subsection (3) of this

section. In addition, monies remaining in the fund on the effective date of this act shall be used for such purposes solely to provide grant funds to a municipality that, prior to January 1, 2023, has received and/or been approved to receive grant funds under this section for a revitalization zone project or projects commenced before January 1, 2023.

(b) Monies in the fund which are derived from the proceeds of general obligation bonds may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the MDA in providing grants under this section through the use of proceeds of such general obligation bonds. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained for the program. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs for assistance shall not exceed three percent (3%) of the proceeds of bonds issued for such assistance. Reimbursements made under this subsection shall satisfy any applicable federal tax law requirements.

(3) The MDA shall establish a program to make grants to a municipality to assist with maintaining and improving the viability of revitalization zones. The proceeds of a grant made to a municipality under this section may be used for maintaining and/or improving the viability of a revitalization zone through means deemed appropriate by the governing authorities of a municipality, including, but not limited to, making loans, grants and/or other forms of assistance to any person or public or private association or other entity for use for infrastructure projects, improvements to properties, signage and other purposes related to maintaining and/or improving the viability of the revitalization zone.

(4) (a) If a municipality desires a grant under this section, the municipality shall submit an application to the MDA seeking (i) approval and certification of the proposed revitalization zone and (ii) a grant for the purposes authorized in this section. The application shall include, at a minimum:

1. The name of the proposed revitalization zone, together with the words, "revitalization zone";
2. A description of the revitalization zone by metes and bounds;
3. A map showing the parcels of real property included in the revitalization zone and the present use of such parcels;
4. A master plan for the revitalization zone that has been approved by sixty percent (60%) of the property owners within the zone at the time the municipality submits the application; and
5. Any other information required by the MDA.

The governing authorities of a municipality may designate the boundaries of a proposed revitalization zone by adoption of an ordinance or resolution that is spread upon its minutes and describes the boundaries of the zone.

(b) The MDA shall review the application to confirm that the revitalization zone meets the requirements of this section. A revitalization zone may embrace two (2) or more separate parcels of real property, and such property may be publicly and/or privately owned. Each revitalization zone shall be of such size and form as to include all properties that, in the determination of the municipality and the MDA, constitute an integral part of the revitalization zone. If the MDA determines that the boundaries of the proposed revitalization zone exceed the area that is reasonably deemed to be integral to the revitalization zone, the MDA may reduce the boundaries of the proposed area. Upon the approval and selection of a municipal revitalization zone project, the MDA shall certify the revitalization zone.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the MDA shall not accept or approve any application for a grant or grants under this section after the effective date of this act.

(5) The MDA shall have all powers necessary to implement and administer the program established under this section, and the MDA shall promulgate rules and regulations, in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, necessary for the implementation of this section.

(6) This section shall stand repealed on the first day of the next month following the date that all monies in the Mississippi Main Street Investment Grant Fund have been disbursed to provide grant funds to a municipality described in subsection (2) of this section.

SECTION 32. Section 1, Chapter 480, Laws of 2021, is amended as follows:

Section 1. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 IHL Capital Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, with the approval of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning on those projects related to the universities under its management and control to pay the costs of capital improvements, renovation and/or repair of existing facilities, furnishings and/or equipping facilities for public facilities as hereinafter described:

NAME	AMOUNT PROJECT ALLOCATED	
Alcorn State University		\$ 5,675,000.00
Phase I of repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to campus dormitories.....	\$ 5,675,000.00	
Delta State University		\$ 10,800,000.00
Renovation and expansion of and upgrades, improvements and additions to the Robert E. Smith School of Nursing Building and related facilities.....	\$ 7,800,000.00	
Repair, renovation and upgrading of campus buildings and facilities.....	\$ 3,000,000.00	
Jackson State University		\$ 6,500,000.00
Phase III of repair, renovation and upgrading of campus buildings, facilities, and infrastructure.....	\$ 6,000,000.00	
Preplanning for construction, furnishing and equipping of a new dining facility and related facilities.....	\$ 500,000.00	
Mississippi State University		\$ 15,000,000.00
Phase I of construction, furnishing and equipping of a new building and related facilities to house the College of		

Architecture, Art and Design.....	\$ 15,000,000.00	
Mississippi State University/Division of Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine		\$ 8,000,000.00
Repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to Dorman Hall and related facilities.....	\$ 8,000,000.00	
Mississippi University for Women		\$ 2,750,000.00
Repair, renovation, and upgrading of campus buildings and facilities.....	\$ 2,750,000.00	
Mississippi Valley State University.....		\$ 500,000.00
Preplanning for repair, renovation, furnishing and equipping of the Charles Lackey Recreation Center.....	\$ 500,000.00	
University of Mississippi		\$ 12,000,000.00
Construction, furnishing and equipping of a new mechanical and power plant building and related facilities.....	\$ 12,000,000.00	
University of Mississippi Medical Center.....		\$ 8,000,000.00
Repair, renovation, and upgrading of campus buildings and facilities.....	\$ 8,000,000.00	
University of Southern Mississippi		\$ 10,750,000.00
Repair and renovation of Hickman Hall and related facilities.....	\$ 10,000,000.00	
Preplanning and construction, furnishing and equipping of a new science research facility..	\$ 750,000.00	
University of Southern Mississippi/Gulf Coast Campuses.....		\$ 5,800,000.00
*** Renovation and expansion of and upgrades, improvements and additions to Hardy Hall to house the Executive Education *** Center and related facilities on the Gulf Park Campus.....	\$ 4,800,000.00	
Repair, renovation life safety, and ADA code upgrades, furnishing and equipping of campus buildings and facilities at the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, Halstead Campus.....	\$ 1,000,000.00	
IHL Education and Research Center		\$ 600,000.00
Planning, repair, renovation,		

life safety and ADA code
upgrades of buildings,
facilities and infrastructure,
including the Paul B. Johnson
Tower, Edsel E. Thrash
Universities Center and
the Mississippi Public

Broadcasting Building.....\$ 600,000.00
TOTAL \$ 86,375,000.00

(b) (i) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. If any monies in such special fund are not used within four (4) years after the date the proceeds of the bonds authorized under this section are deposited into the special fund, then the institution of higher learning for which any unused monies are allocated under paragraph (a) of this subsection shall provide an accounting of such unused monies to the commission. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(ii) Monies in the special fund may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, in administering or providing assistance directly related to a project described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained for each project by the Department of Finance and Administration, Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs for a project shall not exceed two percent (2%) of the proceeds of bonds issued for such project. Monies authorized for a particular project may not be used to reimburse administrative costs for unrelated projects.

(c) The Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and expend any local or other source funds in connection with the expenditure of funds provided for in this subsection. The expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Finance and Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee.

(d) Any amounts allocated to an institution of higher learning that are in excess of that needed to complete the projects at such institution of higher learning that are described in paragraph (a) of this subsection may be used for general repairs and renovations at the institution of higher learning.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this section, the Department of Finance and Administration shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Eighty-six Million Three Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$86,375,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special funds

created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 33. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER CERTAIN AMOUNTS FROM THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE 2023 LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS FUND, THE 2022 IHL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND, THE 2022 COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND, THE 2022 STATE AGENCIES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND, THE 2022 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION STATEWIDE REPAIR AND RENOVATION FUND, THE ACE FUND, THE MISSISSIPPI SITE DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUND, THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HIGHWAY FUND, THE MISSISSIPPI INDUSTRY INCENTIVE FINANCING REVOLVING FUND, THE ANIMAL DISEASE

RESPONSE FUND, THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUND, THE MISSISSIPPI MAJOR ECONOMIC IMPACT AUTHORITY FUND, THE CEF - DPS HEADQUARTERS BUILDING FUND, THE DESOTO COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FUND, THE DESOTO COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FUND, AND THE 2023 DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF AMERICAN FREEDOM FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER A CERTAIN AMOUNT FROM THE 2022 LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS FUND TO THE 2023 LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS FUND, AND TRANSFER A CERTAIN AMOUNT FROM THE 2022 LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS FUND TO THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER CERTAIN AMOUNTS FROM THE STATE GENERAL FUND TO THE MEMA HAZARD MITIGATION FUND, AND THE MARCH 2023 STORM HOUSING MISSION FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER A CERTAIN AMOUNT FROM THE CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND TO THE CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY LOST REVENUE FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER A CERTAIN AMOUNT FROM THE 2022 STATE AGENCIES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND TO THE MISSISSIPPI MILITARY DEPARTMENT READINESS CENTERS FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER A CERTAIN AMOUNT FROM THE GULF COAST RESTORATION FUND TO THE 2023 GULFPORT COMMERCE CORRIDOR FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 29-17-6, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE THE 2022 PROJECT FOR THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT FROM THE 2022 STATE AGENCIES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND; TO CREATE THE FOLLOWING NEW SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY: THE 2023 LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS FUND, THE 2023 MISSISSIPPI MILITARY DEPARTMENT READINESS CENTERS FUND, THE MARCH 2023 STORM HOUSING MISSION FUND, THE ANIMAL DISEASE RESPONSE FUND, THE 2023 DESOTO COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FUND, THE 2023 LAFAYETTE COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FUND, THE 2023 GULFPORT COMMERCE CORRIDOR FUND, AND THE 2023 DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF AMERICAN FREEDOM FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER TO MAKE DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE 2022 IHL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND, THE 2022 COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND AND THE 2022 STATE AGENCIES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS; TO DIRECT THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER TO MAKE DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE 2022 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION STATEWIDE REPAIR AND RENOVATION FUND TO PAY THE COSTS OF CERTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, GENERAL REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS; TO DIRECT THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER TO MAKE DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE 2023 LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS FUND FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS; TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE TREASURER TO BORROW FUNDS FROM THE WORKING CASH-STABILIZATION RESERVE FUND TO OFFSET TEMPORARY CASH FLOW DEFICIENCIES IN THE GF OBLIGATIONS FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 17-23-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT UPON THE REQUEST OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE, THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER SHALL TRANSFER THE REQUESTED AMOUNTS FROM THE ANNUAL FIRE FUND TO THE RURAL FIRE TRUCK FUND, THE SUPPLEMENTARY RURAL FIRE TRUCK FUND, THE MUNICIPAL FIRE PROTECTION FUND AND/OR THE COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 39-5-145, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF FUNDS IN THE MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY HERITAGE PRESERVATION GRANT FUND THAT MAY BE ALLOCATED FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF PROJECTS; TO REVISE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH MONIES IN THE MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY HERITAGE PRESERVATION GRANT FUND MAY BE USED; TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-601, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE CERTAIN PROVISIONS REGARDING GRANTS MADE UNDER THIS SECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 1, CHAPTER 480, LAWS OF 2021, TO REVISE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS OF BONDS AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED FOR THE

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI MAY BE USED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Angela Cockerham

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Josh Harkins

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bailey, P, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hopkins, Huddleston, Walker. Total-4.

Vacancies--1.

Necessary for passage--59

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. R. No. 205: Representative Joel Bomgar; commend esteemed legislative career of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representatives Busby and Oliver moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Robert Sledge Simmons, Sr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Mangold moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jack Foster, and Johnnie James Hamilton, Jr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Bennett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of William George Stiger, which motion prevailed.

At 1:55 AM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned Sine Die, with the Journal left open, until the final bill has been received from Governor Tate Reeves.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

The House did not convene on Sunday, April 2, 2023, however the following messages were received:

RESIGNATION LETTER - REP. KENNETH WALKER

April 1, 2023

Speaker Philip Gunn
Clerk Andrew Ketchings

Gentlemen:

I, Representative Kenneth Walker, respectfully resign from my position as State Representative for Mississippi House District 27, effective April 2, 2023.

Best wishes from the gentleman from Leake.

/s/ Kenneth Walker
State Representative, District 27

Representative Summers adjourned in memory of Doris Marie Jenkins Bradley.

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023

The House did not convene on Monday, April 3, 2023, however the following messages were received:

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Monday, April 3, 2023

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 1325: City of Brandon; extend repealer on hotels/motel to fund amphitheater and other ancillary improvements. Monday, April 3, 2023, 10:20 AM

H. B. No. 1667: City of Florence; authorize a tax on restaurants and hotels/motels. Monday, April 3, 2023, 10:23 AM

H. B. No. 1790: Washington County; reenact and extend repeal date on hotel and motel tax supporting a sports complex. Monday, April 3, 2023, 10:24 AM

H. B. No. 1793: Neshoba County; authorize contribution to Philadelphia Transit. Monday, April 3, 2023, 10:25 AM

H. B. No. 1794: City of Charleston; extend date of repeal on restaurant tourism tax. Monday, April 3, 2023, 10:26 AM

H. B. No. 1795: Oktibbeha County; authorize contributions to the Education Association of East Oktibbeha County Schools. Monday, April 3, 2023, 10:28 AM

H. B. No. 1796: Oktibbeha County; authorize contributions to the J.L. King Center. Monday, April 3, 2023, 10:29 AM

H. B. No. 1797: Oktibbeha County; authorize contributions to maintain Camp Seminole Road. Monday, April 3, 2023, 10:29 AM

H. B. No. 1798: Oktibbeha County; authorize contribution to Brickfire Project. Monday, April 3, 2023, 10:30 AM

H. B. No. 1799: Oktibbeha County; authorize contributions to Sally Kate Winters Family Services. Monday, April 3, 2023, 10:31 AM

H. B. No. 1800: Holmes County; authorize contributions to the Holmes County Long-Term Recovery Committee. Monday, April 3, 2023, 10:32 AM

H. B. No. 1807: City of Eupora; authorize tourism tax on hotels/motels/Airbnbs and restaurants. Monday, April 3, 2023, 10:33 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 419: Tourism; provide assistance to destination marketing organizations and other entities.

H. B. No. 529: Department of Public Safety; revise various provisions.

H. B. No. 1020: Capitol Complex Improvement District judicial jurisdiction; create and revise boundaries.

H. B. No. 1029: United States Space Force; provide that reference to "Armed Forces" and "Uniformed Services" in Mississippi law shall include members of.

H. B. No. 1216: Circuit judges and chancellors; increase office operating and expense allowances and support staff funding.

H. B. No. 1626: Appropriation; Health, Department of.

H. B. No. 1636: Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.

H. B. No. 1715: Appropriation; Health Department for funding the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program.

H. B. No. 1717: Appropriation; DFA - Office of Insurance for reimbursing the State Health Plan for eligible expenses incurred.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023

The House did not convene on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, however the following messages were received:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 1089: State budget; revise provisions of several FY 23 funds and authorize reimbursement of certain costs of MDA.

H. B. No. 1719: Appropriation; DFA to assist destination marketing organizations in paying for marketing activities.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2187: Disabled veterans license tags; revise provisions regarding disability rating and persons eligible for.

S. B. No. 2384: Foster Care and Adoption Task Force; create.

S. B. No. 2695: Tourism Project Incentive Program; extend deadline for MDA issuance of certificates approving participants.

S. B. No. 2781: Mississippi Access to Maternal Assistance Program; create and provides for duties and responsibilities.

S. B. No. 3009: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses.

S. B. No. 3120: Capital Expense Fund; FY2024 appropriation to MDOT for certain infrastructure expenses.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 510: Foster Parents' Bill of Rights; and Responsibilities; create and require to be provided to foster parents.

H. B. No. 834: Assistant District Attorneys and criminal investigators; increase authorized number of.

H. B. No. 1390: Abstinence education; delete repealer on school board requirement to adopt a policy on abstinence-only or abstinence-plus.

H. B. No. 1623: Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.

H. B. No. 1722: Appropriation; UMMC for repair and renovation of facility used for adolescent psychiatric program.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2101: Criminal law; revise crimes of fleeing a law enforcement officer and carjacking.

S. B. No. 2749: School board members; increase pay.

S. B. No. 2887: State Treasurer; modify certain provisions concerning the deposit and investment of excess state funds.

S. B. No. 3002: Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural programs.

S. B. No. 3113: Appropriation; additional to Office of Workforce Development for certain programs, ARPA funds.

S. B. No. 3118: Appropriation; additional to DFA - Bureau of Buildings, ARPA funds.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2073: Age of majority; lower to 18 for securing loans and entering contracts for real property.

S. B. No. 2696: Income tax credit for qualified adoption expenses; increase amount for Mississippi children and remove CPS requirement.

S. B. No. 2841: Law enforcement officers & fire fighters death benefits black tag; authorize black version of regular tag.

S. B. No. 3016: Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023

The House did not convene on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, however the following messages were received:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 252: Alcoholic beverages; revise provisions regarding certain permits and distance restrictions.

H. B. No. 521: Length of Service Award Program; authorize for the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters.

H. B. No. 603: Budget; provide for various transfers of funds, and create various special funds.

H. B. No. 1612: Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.

H. B. No. 1613: Appropriation; Education, Department of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2444: ARPA programs; revise provisions related to certain programs.

S. B. No. 2454: Budget; revise provisions related to and provide for transfers.

S. B. No. 2616: Real Estate Commission; decrease fees charged by.

S. B. No. 2961: Appropriations; additional for various state agencies for FY2024.

S. B. No. 3000: Appropriation; IHL - General support.

S. B. No. 3001: Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs.

S. B. No. 3012: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.

S. B. No. 3043: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of.

S. B. No. 3052: Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund; FY2024 reappropriate to certain agencies.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2343: Department of Public Safety; revise jurisdiction of.

S. B. No. 3015: Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 535: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

H. B. No. 1136: Distinctive motor vehicle license tags; authorize for 2021 and 2022 National Championship Rebels and supporters of various organizations.

H. B. No. 1149: Path to permanency; provide for children in Child Protection Services.

H. B. No. 1318: Baby drop-off and safe haven; revise provisions that regulate.

H. B. No. 1639: Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2382: Out-of-state lawyers; disclosure required in certain advertisements if not licensed to practice law in Mississippi.

S. B. No. 2487: Mississippi Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program; establish.

S. B. No. 2612: Residential builders and remodelers; revise license examination for certain license applicants.

S. B. No. 2862: Sales tax; exempt sales of coins, currency and bullion.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

S. C. R. No. 570: Recognize leadership of Senator Angela Turner-Ford as Chair of the Mississippi Legislative Black Caucus (MLBC).

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Ford (73rd) adjourned in memory of Barbara Louise Dorr.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2023

HOUSE JOURNAL
FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2023

The House did not convene on Friday, April 14, 2023, however the following messages were received:

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Friday, April 14, 2023

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bill:

H. B. No. 1636: Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of. Wednesday, April 12, 2023, 10:58 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Friday, April 14, 2023

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 912: Firearm suppressors; authorizing manufacture and possession in Mississippi and prohibit enforcement of federal laws governing. Thursday, April 13, 2023, 10:00 AM

H. B. No. 1110: Second Amendment Financial Privacy Act; create. Thursday, April 13, 2023, 10:01 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Friday, April 14, 2023

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 698: Municipal water, wastewater and sewer services; require equity based billing based on use of. Friday, April 14, 2023, 9:30 AM

H. B. No. 1715: Appropriation; Health Department for funding the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program. Friday, April 14, 2023, 10:01 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023

The House did not convene on Monday, April 17, 2023, however the following messages were received:

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Monday, April 17, 2023

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 405: Bribery of a candidate and crime of conspiracy; revise statute of limitations for. Monday, April 17, 2023, 8:50 AM

H. B. No. 485: Sexual assault evidence kit; regulate the processing of. Monday, April 17, 2023, 9:00 AM

H. B. No. 602: District Attorneys; increase the operating allowance of. Monday, April 17, 2023, 8:58 AM

H. B. No. 677: County veteran service officers; revise certain qualifications for. Monday, April 17, 2023, 8:58 AM

H. B. No. 691: Memorial highways; designate various throughout the state. Monday, April 17, 2023, 8:00 AM

H. B. No. 704: Television series production; provide incentives for certain. Monday, April 17, 2023, 9:00 AM

H. B. No. 770: Mississippi Office of Space and Technology; create to be administered by MDA, which shall staff. Monday, April 17, 2023, 9:30 AM

H. B. No. 799: Inmate Welfare Fund; authorize to expend funds for treatment of mental illness for certain inmates. Monday, April 17, 2023, 9:01 AM

H. B. No. 817: Early Learning Collaborative; increase minimum funding levels for full-day and half-day programs. Monday, April 17, 2023, 9:02 AM

H. B. No. 917: Mississippi Worker's Comp commission office building; place under the supervision and care of DFA. Monday, April 17, 2023, 9:03 AM

H. B. No. 923: Bob Tyler Fish Hatchery; designate the fish hatchery located in North Mississippi as. Monday, April 17, 2023, 8:01 AM

H. B. No. 995: Rape; revise elements for the crime of and remove spousal exception. Monday, April 17, 2023, 9:04 AM

H. B. No. 1029: United States Space Force; provide that reference to "Armed Forces" and "Uniformed Services" in Mississippi law shall include members of. Monday, April 17, 2023, 9:27 AM

H. B. No. 1084: Insurance agents; revise the continuing education requirements of those who are 65 and have been licensed for 20 years. Monday, April 17, 2023, 9:05 AM

H. B. No. 1111: County court jurisdiction for termination of parental rights; authorize for both involuntary and voluntary termination. Monday, April 17, 2023, 9:06 AM

H. B. No. 1216: Circuit judges and chancellors; increase office operating and expense allowances and support staff funding. Monday, April 17, 2023, 9:27 AM

H. B. No. 1593: Appropriation; Athletic Commission. Monday, April 17, 2023, 8:02 AM

H. B. No. 1594: Appropriation; Auctioneers Commission. Monday, April 17, 2023, 8:03 AM

H. B. No. 1595: Appropriation; Barber Examiners, Board of. Monday, April 17, 2023, 8:04 AM

H. B. No. 1596: Appropriation; Cosmetology, Board of. Monday, April 17, 2023, 8:05 AM

H. B. No. 1597: Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, Board of Examiners for. Monday, April 17, 2023, 8:05 AM

H. B. No. 1598: Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of. Monday, April 17, 2023, 8:07 AM

H. B. No. 1599: Appropriation; Nursing, Board of. Monday, April 17, 2023, 8:07 AM

H. B. No. 1600: Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of. Monday, April 17, 2023, 8:08 AM

H. B. No. 1601: Appropriation; Optometry, Board of. Monday, April 17, 2023, 8:09 AM

H. B. No. 1602: Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board. Monday, April 17, 2023, 8:10 AM

H. B. No. 1603: Appropriation; Psychology, Board of. Monday, April 17, 2023, 8:11 AM

H. B. No. 1604: Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional. Monday, April 17, 2023, 8:12 AM

H. B. No. 1607: Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System. Monday, April 17, 2023, 8:12 AM

H. B. No. 1608: Appropriation; Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board. Monday, April 17, 2023, 8:13 AM

H. B. No. 1609: Appropriation; Real Estate Commission. Monday, April 17, 2023, 8:14 AM

H. B. No. 1611: Appropriation; Arts Commission. Monday, April 17, 2023, 8:13 AM

H. B. No. 1615: Appropriation; Library Commission. Monday, April 17, 2023, 8:15 AM

H. B. No. 1617: Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of. Monday, April 17, 2023, 9:00 AM

H. B. No. 1618: Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission. Monday, April 17, 2023, 8:17 AM

H. B. No. 1619: Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board. Monday, April 17, 2023, 8:18 AM

H. B. No. 1627: Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for. Monday, April 17, 2023, 8:19 AM

H. B. No. 1628: Appropriation; Forestry Commission. Monday, April 17, 2023, 8:19 AM

H. B. No. 1629: Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Monday, April 17, 2023, 8:20 AM

H. B. No. 1630: Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District. Monday, April 17, 2023, 8:21 AM

H. B. No. 1631: Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District. Monday, April 17, 2023, 8:22 AM

H. B. No. 1632: Appropriation; Port Authority, State. Monday, April 17, 2023, 8:23 AM

H. B. No. 1633: Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District. Monday, April 17, 2023, 8:24 AM

H. B. No. 1634: Appropriation; Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority. Monday, April 17, 2023, 8:24 AM

H. B. No. 1635: Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board. Monday, April 17, 2023, 8:24 AM

H. B. No. 1637: Appropriation; District attorneys and staff. Monday, April 17, 2023, 9:31 AM

H. B. No. 1697: City of Farmington; authorize the use of low-speed vehicles and golf carts on certain public streets with certain restrictions. Monday, April 17, 2023, 8:25 AM

H. B. No. 1792: City of Starkville; revise the definitions of the terms "hotel" and "motel" under the city's motel-hotel tax. Monday, April 17, 2023, 8:26 AM

H. B. No. 1805: Jackson County; authorize to enter a MOU with DFA regarding Singing River Health System and healthcare workforce academy. Monday, April 17, 2023, 9:07 AM

H. B. No. 1816: City of Clinton; extend repeal date on additional tourism tax on hotels and motels. Monday, April 17, 2023, 8:27 AM

H. B. No. 1819: City of Eupora; authorize conveyance of certain property located within city's industrial park. Monday, April 17, 2023, 8:29 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023

The House did not convene on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, however the following messages were received:

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Wednesday, April 19, 2023

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 252: Alcoholic beverages; revise provisions regarding certain permits and distance restrictions. Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 11:40 AM

H. B. No. 261: Income tax; extend credit for qualified contributions to an endowed fund at qualified community foundations. Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 11:10 AM

H. B. No. 529: Department of Public Safety; revise various provisions. Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 11:02 AM

H. B. No. 535: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 11:12 AM

H. B. No. 834: Assistant District Attorneys and criminal investigators; increase authorized number of. Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 11:15 AM

H. B. No. 1136: Distinctive motor vehicle license tags; authorize for 2021 and 2022 National Championship Rebels and supporters of various organizations. Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 11:20 AM

H. B. No. 1390: Abstinence education; delete repealer on school board requirement to adopt a policy on abstinence-only or abstinence-plus. Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 11:21 AM

H. B. No. 1605: Appropriation; Insurance, Department of. Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 9:40 AM

H. B. No. 1606: Appropriation; Fire Academy. Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 9:41 AM

H. B. No. 1610: Appropriation; Legislative expenses. Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 9:42 AM

H. B. No. 1612: Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of. Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 10:40 AM

H. B. No. 1614: Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for. Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 9:43 AM

H. B. No. 1616: Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of. Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 9:40 AM

H. B. No. 1620: Appropriation; Public Service Commission. Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 9:44 AM

H. B. No. 1621: Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff. Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 9:45 AM

H. B. No. 1622: Appropriation; Human Services, Department of. Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 9:46 AM

H. B. No. 1623: Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of. Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 10:41 AM

H. B. No. 1624: Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of. Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 9:47 AM

H. B. No. 1626: Appropriation; Health, Department of. Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 10:16 AM

H. B. No. 1638: Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of. Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 9:48 AM

H. B. No. 1639: Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of. Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 10:42 AM

H. B. No. 1640: Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services. Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 9:50 AM

H. B. No. 1641: Appropriation; Attorney General. Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 9:51 AM

H. B. No. 1643: Appropriation, Reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building - FY2024. Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 9:51 AM

H. B. No. 1644: Appropriations; additional for various state agencies for FY 2023 and FY 2024. Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 9:52 AM

H. B. No. 1717: Appropriation; DFA - Office of Insurance for reimbursing the State Health Plan for eligible expenses incurred. Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 4:02 PM

H. B. No. 1734: Use tax; revise distribution of revenue, provide income tax credit for employer making payments for employee dependent care. Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 11:10 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023

The House did not convene on Thursday, April 20, 2023, however the following messages were received:

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Thursday, April 20, 2023

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 271: Appropriation; additional to Health Department for Mississippi Hospital Sustainability Grant Program, ARPA funds. Monday, April 17, 2023, 8:43 AM

H. B. No. 521: Length of Service Award Program; authorize for the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters. Monday, April 17, 2023, 2:30 PM

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Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Thursday, April 20, 2023

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bill:

H. B. No. 1315: Pornographic online and digital/resources for K-12 students; prohibit. Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 8:44 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Thursday, April 20, 2023

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 510: Foster Parents' Bill of Rights; and Responsibilities; create and require to be provided to foster parents. Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 11:00 AM

H. B. No. 1149: Path to permanency; provide for children in Child Protection Services. Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 11:01 AM

H. B. No. 1310: Elections; revise provisions related to the integrity of. Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 4:15 PM

H. B. No. 1318: Baby drop-off and safe haven; revise provisions that regulate. Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 11:03 AM

H. B. No. 1625: Appropriation: Child Protection Services, Department of. Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 9:47 AM

H. B. No. 1671: Tax credits; revise certain existing and authorize additional. Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 11:07 AM

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Thursday, April 20, 2023

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 266: David R. Huggins and Tom Weathersby; revise names of public buildings to include. Thursday, April 20, 2023, 10:15 AM

H. B. No. 588: Office of Workforce Development; revise funding mechanism for and revise powers and duties of. Thursday, April 20, 2023, 10:32 AM

H. B. No. 769: Harvey Moss Wildlife Management Area at Tuscumbia; designate Tuscumbia Wildlife Management Area as. Thursday, April 20, 2023, 10:14 AM

H. B. No. 795: Shoplifting; require to calculate the total price of all shoplifting items for fine. Thursday, April 20, 2023, 10:08 AM

H. B. No. 1140: Beer, light wine and light spirit products; revise manufacturers prohibited from having interest in wholesalers or distributors. Thursday, April 20, 2023, 10:00 AM

H. B. No. 1613: Appropriation; Education, Department of. Thursday, April 20, 2023, 10:09 AM

H. B. No. 1642: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of. Thursday, April 20, 2023, 1:32 PM

H. B. No. 1722: Appropriation; UMMC for repair and renovation of facility used for adolescent psychiatric program. Thursday, April 20, 2023, 10:15 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023

The House did not convene on Friday, April 21, 2023, however the following messages were received:

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Friday, April 21, 2023

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 419: Tourism; provide assistance to destination marketing organizations and other entities. Friday, April 21, 2023, 10:00 AM

H. B. No. 1020: Capitol Complex Improvement District judicial jurisdiction; create and revise boundaries. Friday, April 21, 2023, 10:45 AM

H. B. No. 1719: Appropriation; DFA to assist destination marketing organizations in paying for marketing activities. Friday, April 21, 2023, 10:01 AM

April 21, 2023

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

GOVERNOR'S PARTIAL VETO MESSAGE FOR HOUSE BILL 1089

I am returning House Bill 1089: "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-104-371, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY AND CORRECT NAMES AND PURPOSES OF CERTAIN PROJECTS FUNDED FROM DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE 2022 LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 37-101-83, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE PURPOSE OF A PROJECT FOR MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY FUNDED FROM THE 2022 IHL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 1, CHAPTER 109, LAWS OF 2022, TO REVISE THE APPROPRIATION OF GULF COAST RESTORATION FUNDS TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 TO REVISE THE USE OF FUNDS TO THE HERITAGE SPRING WATER, LLC, AND TO DELETE ONE PROJECT; TO AMEND SECTION 5, CHAPTER 64, LAWS OF 2022, TO REVISE THE AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT NUMBERS FOR THE DIVISION OF MEDICAID FOR PERMANENT AND TIME-LIMITED POSITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 9, CHAPTER 98, LAWS OF 2022, TO REVISE THE PURPOSE OF THE APPROPRIATION TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION; TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-16, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES PROVIDED BY THE LEGISLATURE IN THE ACE FUND MAY BE USED TO REIMBURSE REASONABLE ACTUAL AND NECESSARY COSTS INCURRED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-701, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES PROVIDED BY THE LEGISLATURE IN THE MISSISSIPPI SITE DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUND MAY BE USED TO REIMBURSE REASONABLE ACTUAL AND NECESSARY COSTS INCURRED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; TO AMEND SECTION 57-61-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES FROM THE PROCEEDS OF BONDS AND PROVIDED BY THE LEGISLATURE IN THE MISSISSIPPI BUSINESS INVESTMENT FUND AND THE MISSISSIPPI BUSINESS INVESTMENT SINKING FUND MAY BE USED TO REIMBURSE REASONABLE ACTUAL AND NECESSARY COSTS INCURRED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; TO AMEND SECTION 57-61-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES PROVIDED BY THE LEGISLATURE IN A CERTAIN FUND CREATED IN THE MISSISSIPPI BUSINESS ACT MAY BE USED TO REIMBURSE REASONABLE ACTUAL AND NECESSARY COSTS INCURRED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; TO AMEND SECTION 65-4-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES PROVIDED BY THE LEGISLATURE IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HIGHWAY FUND MAY BE USED TO REIMBURSE REASONABLE ACTUAL AND NECESSARY COSTS INCURRED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-221, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES PROVIDED BY THE LEGISLATURE IN THE MISSISSIPPI INDUSTRY INCENTIVE FINANCING REVOLVING FUND MAY BE USED TO REIMBURSE REASONABLE ACTUAL AND NECESSARY COSTS INCURRED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-601, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES PROVIDED BY THE LEGISLATURE IN THE MISSISSIPPI MAIN STREET INVESTMENT GRANT FUND MAY BE USED TO REIMBURSE REASONABLE ACTUAL AND NECESSARY COSTS INCURRED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; TO AMEND SECTION 65-1-183, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE 2022 INFRASTRUCTURE MATCH FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT'S AGENCY SUPPORT FUND SUBJECT TO CERTAIN PROVISIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES" partly approved and partly not approved pursuant to Article 4, Section 73 of the Mississippi Constitution as an "exercise of the authority endowed the office of the Governor by the people of Mississippi in our Constitution." *Governor Reeves v. Representative Gunn and Representative White*, 307 So.3d 436, 439-442 (Miss. 2020).

On April 28, 2022, I returned House Bill 1353, 2022 Regular Session, an appropriations bill, partly approved and partly not approved pursuant to Article 4, Section 73 of the Mississippi Constitution of 1890. Specifically, I exercised my line-item veto authority to disapprove nine of the more than two hundred and eighty separate, distinct and complete appropriations contained in Section 25(2) of that bill. The House did not

attempt to override these line-item vetoes or otherwise call into question the legality of the use of my authority pursuant to Article 4, Section 73 to veto parts of that appropriation bill.

The short title for House Bill 1089 states that Section 1 is adopted to "clarify and correct names and purposes for certain projects funded from disbursements from the 2022 Local Improvements Project Fund," the very same appropriations that were contained in Section 25(2) of House Bill 1352, 2022 Regular Session. Despite the fact that nine of those appropriations were previously vetoed, all nine are contained in Section 1 of House Bill 1089. While I believe this clarifying and correcting of names for certain projects does not reauthorize those appropriations that no longer exist, to avoid any legal ambiguity, I am again vetoing the following appropriations:

- Section 1(2)(w) (Lines 138-140) providing a \$1,000,000 appropriation to the City of Jackson, Mississippi to pay costs associated with construction of a parking lot and related facilities at the Jackson Convention Center.
- Section 1(2)(ee) (Lines 167-169) providing a \$50,000 appropriation to Arise and Shine, Inc. to provide programing and services in Copiah County.
- Section 1(2)(ppppp) (Lines 481-492) providing a \$1,000,000 appropriation to the Scenic Rivers Development Alliance for various facility improvements including golf cart path repairs and course equipment upgrades at Quail Hollow Golf Course.
- Section 1(2)(ttttt) (Lines 501-503) providing a \$250,000 appropriation to the Briarwood Pool to pay costs associated with facility improvements.
- Section 1(2)(bbbbbbb) (Lines 744-746) providing a \$1,000,000 appropriation to the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi to pay costs associated with renovations of city offices.
- Section 1(2)(sssssss) (Lines 798-800) providing a \$2,000,000 appropriation to the City of Jackson, Mississippi to pay costs associated with facility improvements at the Jackson Planetarium.
- Section 1(2)(ddddddd) (Lines 834-836) providing a \$200,000 appropriation to the Summit Community Development Foundation to pay costs associated with the Stand Pipe project.
- Section 1(2)(yyyyyyyyy) (Lines 985-988) providing a \$500,000 appropriation to the City of Greenville, Mississippi to pay costs associated with the construction and development of a downtown green space.
- Section 1(2)(vvvvvvvvv) (Lines 1063-1066) providing a \$13,250,000 appropriation to the Department of Finance and Administration to pay costs associated with the development of the LeFleur's Bluff Otter Creek Golf Park and Connector Trail Project.

Article 4, Section 73 of the Mississippi Constitution states: "The Governor may veto parts of any appropriation bill, and approve parts of the same, and the portions approved shall be law." The removal of these separate, distinct and complete appropriations does not affect any other appropriations in House Bill 1089. See Reeves, 307 So.3d at 442.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tate Reeves
Governor
10:30 AM

April 21, 2023

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

GOVERNOR'S PARTIAL VETO MESSAGE FOR HOUSE BILL 603

I am returning House Bill 603: "AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER CERTAIN AMOUNTS FROM THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE 2023 LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS FUND, THE 2022 IHL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND, THE 2022 COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND, THE 2022 STATE AGENCIES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND, THE 2022 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION STATEWIDE REPAIR AND RENOVATION FUND, THE ACE FUND, THE MISSISSIPPI SITE DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUND, THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HIGHWAY FUND, THE MISSISSIPPI INDUSTRY INCENTIVE FINANCING REVOLVING FUND, THE ANIMAL DISEASE RESPONSE FUND, THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUND, THE MISSISSIPPI MAJOR ECONOMIC IMPACT AUTHORITY FUND, THE CEF - DPS HEADQUARTERS BUILDING FUND, THE DESOTO COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FUND, THE DESOTO COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FUND, AND THE 2023 DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF AMERICAN FREEDOM FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER A CERTAIN AMOUNT FROM THE 2022 LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS FUND TO THE 2023 LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS FUND, AND TRANSFER A CERTAIN AMOUNT FROM THE 2022 LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS FUND TO THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER CERTAIN AMOUNTS FROM THE STATE GENERAL FUND TO THE MEMA HAZARD MITIGATION FUND, AND THE MARCH 2023 STORM HOUSING MISSION FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER A CERTAIN AMOUNT FROM THE CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND TO THE CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY LOST REVENUE FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER A CERTAIN AMOUNT FROM THE 2022 STATE AGENCIES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND TO THE MISSISSIPPI MILITARY DEPARTMENT READINESS CENTERS FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER A CERTAIN AMOUNT FROM THE GULF COAST RESTORATION FUND TO THE 2023 GULFPORT COMMERCE CORRIDOR FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 29-17-6, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE THE 2022 PROJECT FOR THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT FROM THE 2022 STATE AGENCIES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND; TO CREATE THE FOLLOWING NEW SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY: THE 2023 LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS FUND, THE 2023 MISSISSIPPI MILITARY DEPARTMENT READINESS CENTERS FUND, THE MARCH 2023 STORM HOUSING MISSION FUND, THE ANIMAL DISEASE RESPONSE FUND, THE 2023 DESOTO COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FUND, THE 2023 LAFAYETTE COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FUND, THE 2023 GULFPORT COMMERCE CORRIDOR FUND, AND THE 2023 DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF AMERICAN FREEDOM FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER TO MAKE DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE 2022 IHL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND, THE 2022 COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND AND THE 2022 STATE AGENCIES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS; TO DIRECT THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER TO MAKE DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE 2022 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION STATEWIDE REPAIR AND RENOVATION FUND TO PAY THE COSTS OF CERTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, GENERAL REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS; TO DIRECT THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER TO MAKE DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE 2023 LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS FUND FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS; TO AUTHORIZE

THE STATE TREASURER TO BORROW FUNDS FROM THE WORKING CASH-STABILIZATION RESERVE FUND TO OFFSET TEMPORARY CASH FLOW DEFICIENCIES IN THE GF OBLIGATIONS FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 17-23-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT UPON THE REQUEST OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE, THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER SHALL TRANSFER THE REQUESTED AMOUNTS FROM THE ANNUAL FIRE FUND TO THE RURAL FIRE TRUCK FUND, THE SUPPLEMENTARY RURAL FIRE TRUCK FUND, THE MUNICIPAL FIRE PROTECTION FUND AND/OR THE COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 39-5-145, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF FUNDS IN THE MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY HERITAGE PRESERVATION GRANT FUND THAT MAY BE ALLOCATED FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF PROJECTS; TO REVISE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH MONIES IN THE MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY HERITAGE PRESERVATION GRANT FUND MAY BE USED; TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-601, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE CERTAIN PROVISIONS REGARDING GRANTS MADE UNDER THIS SECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 1, CHAPTER 480, LAWS OF 2021, TO REVISE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS OF BONDS AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI MAY BE USED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES" partly approved and partly not approved pursuant to Article 4, Section 73 of the Mississippi Constitution of 1890 as an "exercise of the authority endowed the office of the Governor by the people of Mississippi in our Constitution." *Governor Reeves v. Representative Gunn and Representative White*, 307 So.3d 436, 439-442 (Miss. 2020).

Article 4, Section 72 of the Mississippi Constitution of 1890 ("Constitution"), commonly referred to as the Presentment Clause, prescribes the exclusive method for a bill to become law. The Clause is modeled after the Presentment Clause in the United States Constitution, a clause adopted by the Framers to clearly spell out the procedures for adopting laws and prevent factions from attempting to depart from this constitutional law-making process. Specifically, upon presentment to the Governor of a bill that has been passed by both legislative chambers, the Governor may (a) sign the bill within 5 days of presentment, and it becomes law; (b) return the bill without signature, and such bill will become law as if he had signed it; or (c) return the bill with his objections (veto) to the chamber of origin, and such bill will become law if it is subsequently passed by each chamber upon a two-thirds vote. Additionally, if the Governor is unable to return a bill by the 5th legislative day after presentment due to the adjournment of the Legislature, the Governor may return the bill with or without his signature, or with his objections within 15 days of presentment.

The Constitution authorizes only four types of bills: revenue bills, appropriations bills, general bills and local and private (special) bills. Revenue bills generate money to fund the operation of state government and require passage on a 3/5th vote of each legislative chamber. Appropriations bills fix the maximum sum of money that may be drawn from the state treasury for a particular use, and such use may be conditioned by the authorizing legislation. General bills create laws of general application--that is they (a) operate equally upon all persons in a particular class or in a like situation, (b) are reasonable and (c) are based upon a real distinction. Local and private bills create laws affecting only a single person, group of people or geographic area of the state, and either grant a unique benefit or power not available under a general law or absolve a legal responsibility.

In addition, the Constitution imposes several other limitations on the legislative process including the following: (a) Article 4, Section 67 prohibits the introduction of any new bill during the last three days of a legislative session; (b) Article 4, Section 68 prohibits the passage of any appropriations or revenue bill during the last five days of a legislative session; and (c) Article 4, Section 69 prohibits the engrafting of any other type of legislation onto an appropriations bill. Such prohibition on engrafting forecloses all arguments that a general law has been amended by implication through the adoption of an appropriations bill. In the words of the United States Supreme Court: "[w]ithout such an assurance, every appropriations measure would be pregnant with prospects of altering

substantive legislation, repealing by implication any prior statute which might prohibit the expenditure. . . . [and] lead to the absurd result of requiring Members to review exhaustively the background of every authorization before voting on an appropriation. . . .” *TVA v. Hill*, 437 U.S. 153, 190 (1978).

With this Constitutional framework in mind, it appears that House Bill 603 has not been lawfully presented to the Governor. Despite its drafters’ use of words such as “spend,” “pay,” “used,” “expended,” “disbursed,” and “transfer(red),” as opposed to “appropriated,” House Bill 603 indisputably fixes the maximum sum of money that may be drawn from the state treasury for hundreds of particular uses. Thus, House Bill 603 is an appropriations bill. One need look no further than Section 28 of the bill—appropriating more than \$370 million to various entities to fund more than 350 separate and distinct projects across the state—to confirm this reality. In *Reeves v. Gunn*, the Mississippi Supreme Court rejected arguments that attempted to elevate form over substance and held that when a bill appropriates monies to multiple distinct and separate entities, each appropriation is separate and subject to the Governor’s line item veto authority as an “exercise of the authority endowed the office of the Governor by the people of Mississippi in [Article 4, Section 73 of] our Constitution.” 307 So.3d 436, 439-442 (Miss. 2020). The Mississippi Supreme Court further reasoned, the removal of any such separate and distinct appropriation would not affect any other appropriation in the bill, as such appropriation could be taken from the bill without affecting the others, which could be separated into different parts complete in themselves. *Id.*

Because House Bill 603 plainly is an appropriations bill, Article 4, Section 68 of the Constitution prohibits its passage during the final five days of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session. The final Conference Report for HB 603 was adopted by both the House and Senate on Saturday, April 1, 2023. Assuming both chambers are afforded the benefit of the extension of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 61, the 2023 Legislative Session stood Sine Die at 12:00 midnight, Wednesday, April 5, 2023—just four legislative days after passage of HB 603. Thus, the passage of HB 603 violates Article 4, Section 68 of the Constitution.

Additionally, multiple pieces of general legislation have been engrafted onto House Bill 603, an appropriations bill. By way of example, HB 603 creates multiple funds within the State Treasury, transfers state funds between accounts within the State Treasury, and amends various general statutes. Thus, HB 603 also violates Article 4, Section 69 of the Constitution.

The presence of these Constitutional defects calls into serious question whether House Bill 603 has been lawfully presented to the Governor. Despite these questions, questions that can only be finally resolved by the Mississippi Supreme Court, HB 603 contains a number of critical provisions. Specifically, HB 603 provides \$6.5 million to MEMA’s disaster trust fund and an additional \$7 million to fund MEMA’s emergency temporary housing mission both critical to facilitate the state’s disaster recovery efforts in the wake of the deadly March 24th tornadoes. Additionally, HB 603 appropriates \$4 million to the Declaration of Independence Center for the Study of American Freedom to promote scholarly research and civic education by exploring the principles of freedom expressed in our country’s founding documents. I can think of few more worthy expenditures of state funds than to support classes, activities and internships that advance students’ understanding of American freedom at both the secondary and post-secondary level of education. Finally, HB 603 provides funding for much-needed capital improvement/repair projects at various state entities, and to MDAs various industry incentive programs.

Mindful of the need for much of the funding authorized by House Bill 603 and preserving the legal arguments raised in this Message, I will choose to treat HB 603 as a properly presented appropriations bill. In treating HB 603 as such, I fully understand that given the opportunity, the Mississippi Supreme Court may opine that this bill has not been properly presented to the Governor.

Article 4, Section 73 of the Constitution states: "The Governor may veto parts of any appropriation bill, and approve parts of the same, and the portions approved shall be law."

I am vetoing Section 28(m) (Lines 859-861) providing a \$1,000,000 appropriation to the City of Jackson, Mississippi to pay costs associated with renovations and upgrades for the Jackson Planetarium.

I am also vetoing Section 28(bz) (Lines 1076-1079) providing a \$500,000 appropriation to the City of Greenville, Mississippi to pay costs associated with repairs and renovations to Frisby Park, Greenville Municipal, Maude Bryan Park and Rounds Park.

I am also vetoing Section 28(gv) (Lines 1531-1535) providing a \$500,000 appropriation to the Mississippi Development Authority for the purpose of providing funding to WISPR Systems in Batesville, Mississippi, for research and development to expand its current small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) manufacturing capabilities in Mississippi.

I am also vetoing Section 28(hv) (Lines 1627-1630) providing a \$300,000 appropriation to the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration to pay costs associated with the program established under Section 3 of House Bill No. 419, 2023 Regular Session.

I am also vetoing Section 28(jl) (Lines 1761-1763) providing a \$600,000 appropriation to Greene County to assist in paying costs associated with the rehabilitation and repair of the Greene County Rural Events Center.

Finally, I am vetoing Section 28(kp) (Lines 1852-1854) providing a \$1,000,000 appropriation to the City of Jackson, Mississippi to assist in paying costs associated with repairs, renovations and upgrades to the Jackson Planetarium.

The removal of these separate, distinct and complete appropriations does not affect any other appropriations in House Bill 603. See *Reeves*, 307 So.3d at 442.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tate Reeves
Governor
2:00 PM

PART I

**History of Actions on All Legislative
Matters Considered by the House**

Titles of all House bills in this part of the index are condensed and appear in numerical order, showing the authors and the committees to which they were referred. House bills with more than two authors will reflect only the first recorded author. Senate bill numbers begin at 2001, so as to prevent duplication of House bill numbers.

Titles of all Senate bills which reached the House are condensed and appear in numerical order in this part of the index, showing the committees to which they were referred.

Following these titles are abbreviations indicating actions on the bills, followed by figures showing the pages in the Journal where such actions will be found. Explanations of these abbreviations are shown below. The chapter in the General Laws or in the Local and Private Laws, as the case may be, is shown for each bill which became law. The General Laws and the Local and Private Laws are published in separate volumes.

EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS

AA	- Author added	MRL	- Motion to reconsider lost
AD	- Adopted without record vote	MRCL	- Motion to recommit lost
AP	- Approved by Governor	MRT	- Motion to reconsider tabled
BWLS	- Law without Governor's Signature	MRWD	- Motion to reconsider withdrawn
CE	- Consent to correct error	MTL	- Motion to table lost
CR	- Committee Report	MTLT	- Motion to lay on table
CRA	- Conference Report Adopted	MTLTL	- Motion to lay on table lost
CRO	- Conference Report Offered	PO	- Point of order
CU	- Called up	PV	- Governor partially vetoed
EV	- Explanation of Vote	R	- Reconsidered
F	- Failed	RC	- Recommitted
HC	- House concurred in Senate amendment	RF	- Referred to committee
HCA	- House Committee or Conferees appointed	RRB	- Request return of bill by Sen.
HRC	- House requested conference	RS	- Received from Senate
HRFC	- House recommitted for further conference	RTT	- Read for the third time
I	- Introduced	SC	- Senate concurred in House amendments
IR	- Immediate Release	SCA	- Senate conferees appointed
JI	- Journal Insertion	SCRA	- Senate conference report adopted
LTSC	- Laid on table subject to call	SR	- Speaker's Ruling
MAC	- Motion to advance on calendar	SRC	- Senate refused to concur and requested conference
MHC	- Moved to heel of Calendar	SRFC	- Senate recommitted for further conference
ML	- Motion lost	T	- Tabled
MPIL	- Motion to postpone indefinitely	V	- Yea or Nay vote on a bill
MR	- Motion to reconsider entered	Veto	- Vetoed by Governor

A. HOUSE BILLS

H. B. No.

1 - (Apportionment and Elections) Campaign finance reports; require candidates for county, county district and municipal offices to file with Secretary of State. Zuber. I3.

2 - (Apportionment and Elections) Campaign finance reports; shall be available on county and municipal websites. Zuber. I3.

- 3 - (Judiciary A) Third-party delivery service; prohibit from using name, likeness, trademark or intellectual property of restaurants without agreement. Zuber. I3. CR197. CU389. RTT389. CU449. V449.
- 4 - (Drug Policy) Tianeptine; include in Schedule I controlled substance list. Yancey. I3. CR146. CU312. V312. RS793. HC818. MR822. MRT835. SS868. AP916.
- 5 - (Drug Policy) Kratom; include in Schedule I controlled substances list. Yancey. I3.
- 6 - (Judiciary A) Casino winnings; provide procedures for intercept of child support arrearages. Yancey. I3.
- 7 - (Drug Policy) Fentanyl testing strips; exclude from definition of paraphernalia. Yancey. I3.
- 8 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; authorize a credit for contributions made to certain hospitals. Yancey. I3.
- 9 - (Public Health and Human Services) Pharmacists; authorize to test for and treat certain minor, nonchronic health conditions subject to certain requirements. Yancey. I3.
- 10 - (Drug Policy) CON; remove chemical dependency services and facilities from requirements of the CON law. Yancey. I3.
- 11 - (Judiciary A) Birth parents; release identifying information upon agreement by. Yancey. I3.
- 12 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Code; modernize terminology by replacing "mentally retarded" with "intellectual disability". Yancey. I3.
- 13 - (Education) Water safety; require public schools to provide parents and student information on importance of and availability of local courses. Yancey. I3.
- 14 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; MS Department of Transportation for the Statewide Litter Prevention Program. Massengill. I3.
- 15 - (Public Health and Human Services) Regional food banks; DHS establish grant program to provide annual grant funding to. Massengill. I3.
- 16 - (Apportionment and Elections) Election commissioner; revise office of to be nonpartisan. Massengill. I4. CR158. CU344. RTT344. CU372. V372.
- 17 - (Universities and Colleges) Universities and colleges; require to allow MS residents to register for classes before nonresident students. Massengill. I4.
- 18 - (Ways and Means) Alternative-fuel fueling station; impose tax on motor vehicles charged at. Newman. I4.
- 19 - (Apportionment and Elections) Supreme Court districts; bring forward. Newman. I4.
- 20 - (Judiciary B) Shoplifting; revise penalties for crime of. Newman. I4.
- 21 - (Appropriations) PERS; law enforcement officers and firefighters will vest after 4 years of membership regardless of the date they became members. Newman. I4.
- 22 - (Judiciary B) Driver's license; restore ability to suspend for certain traffic violations. Newman. I4.

- 23 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of platinum, gold, silver bullion and numismatic coins. Newman. I4.
- 24 - (Judiciary B) Justice and municipal courts; require to file all legal documents by electronic form using MEC. Newman. I4.
- 25 - (Judiciary B) Prostitution; penalize procurement of as a felony. Newman. I4.
- 26 - (Constitution) Elected official; prohibit from holding more than one elected office at the same time. Newman. I4.
- 27 - (Education) "Equal Opportunity for Students with Special Needs Act"; revise definition of "eligible student" and "eligible school" to. Byrd. I4.
- 28 - (Appropriations) Appropriations; DFA to acquire new facility for MS Federation of Women's Clubs in exchange for lease of current headquarters building. Weathersby. I4.
- 29 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; exclude active duty military compensation received by a resident while stationed out of state. Weathersby. I4.
- 30 - (Public Utilities) Public Service Commission; require to mandate annual filings by rural water associations. Ladner. I4.
- 31 - (Judiciary B) False allegations of hate crime; provide penalties for. Ladner. I4.
- 32 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) State parks; exempt veterans and active duty from paying entry fee and provide discount for campsite rental. Ladner. I4.
- 33 - (Judiciary B) Department of Public Safety; authorize to investigate death of public officials. Ladner. I5. CR162. CU382. V382.
- 34 - (Judiciary B) The Combating Violence, Disorder and Looting and Law Enforcement Protection Act of Mississippi; create. Ladner. I5.
- 35 - (Apportionment and Elections) Appointed state officers; provide for the removal of for certain forms of willful neglect. Ladner. I5.
- 36 - (Apportionment and Elections) Campaign finance reports; require those filed by all candidates to be available online. Ladner. I5.
- 37 - (Local and Private Legislation) Standard Dedeaux Water District; delete provision on compensation of commissioners. Ladner. I5. CR115. CU121. V121. RS533. SS556. AP599.
- 38 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Administrative Procedures Act; amend to require proposed agency rules to be approved by the state auditor. Zuber. I5.
- 39 - (Apportionment and Elections) Lobbying; prohibit legislator from engaging in for one year after leaving office. Zuber. I5.
- 40 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) MS Accountability and Transparency Act; revise to include certain counties and municipalities. Zuber. I5.
- 41 - (Transportation) Radar; authorize use in Rankin County subject to approval of voters within the county. Newman. I5.
- 42 - (Transportation) Radar; authorize sheriff and deputies to use on county roads to enforce speed limits. Weathersby. I5.

- 43 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Pearl with improvements to city hall. Newman. I8.
- 44 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Pearl with U.S. Highway 80 lighting project. Newman. I8.
- 45 - (Judiciary B) Littering; increase fines and require trash pick-up as condition for conviction of. Newman. I8.
- 46 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for traffic signal at intersection of East Metro Parkway and El Dorado Road in Pearl. Newman. I9.
- 47 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Pearl with construction of a bridge. Newman. I9.
- 48 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; withhold diversion to a municipality that violates state law. Newman. I9.
- 49 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Resident lifetime hunting and fishing license; authorize Department of Wildlife to issue if parent was born in the state and was on active military service at the time of applicant's birth. Zuber. I9. CR152. CU289. V289. RS672. SS727. AP791.
- 50 - (Insurance) Federal home loan banks; require to establish a collateral liquidation plan to satisfy a delinquent borrower's obligations to the bank. Zuber. I9.
- 51 - (Education) School Security Disbursement Program; establish. Zuber. I9.
- 52 - (Ways and Means) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of Northeast Jones High School. Robinson. I9.
- 53 - (Apportionment and Elections) Early voting; authorize. Paden. I9.
- 54 - (Judiciary B) Firearms licensed; require proof of mental health evaluation. Paden. I9.
- 55 - (Public Health and Human Services) School districts; require all schools to have epinephrine auto-injectors in every building and cafeteria. Paden. I9.
- 56 - (Education) Public school curriculum; require instruction in mental illness as part of Health Education. Paden. I9.
- 57 - (Workforce Development) The Crown Act; create to prohibit discrimination based on hairstyles in workplace and schools. Paden. I9.
- 58 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Health Department for MAGnet Community Health Disparity Program. Paden. I9.
- 59 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Department of Health for MAGnet community Health Disparity Program. Paden. I9.
- 60 - (Education) Charter schools; require MAEP funds to be transferred to student's home school district when student disenrolls. Paden. I9.
- 61 - (Apportionment and Elections) Poll managers; increase the compensation of. Paden. I9.
- 62 - (Education) Teacher licensure; create additional nontraditional route for certain individuals to receive. Porter. I9.

- 63 - (Education) School bus drivers; require to be trained and certified in first aid and CPR. Porter. I10. CR193.
- 64 - (Judiciary A) Licensed child care facilities; require to purchase and maintain a certain minimum amount of liability insurance. Porter. I10. CR161. CU389. RTT389.
- 65 - (Judiciary A) Landlord-tenant; authorize tenant who is survivor of domestic abuse to break lease without penalty. Porter. I10. CR196. CU345. RTT345. CU449. LTSC450.
- 66 - (Apportionment and Elections) Secretary of State; require to provide election officials training on disenfranchising crimes. Porter. I10.
- 67 - (Constitution) Voter registration and suffrage restoration; authorize upon sentence completion and five years. Porter. I10.
- 68 - (Constitution) Voter registration; authorize upon completion of sentence. Porter. I10.
- 69 - (Judiciary B) "The Juvenile Offender Parole and Rehabilitation Act"; enact. Porter. I10.
- 70 - (Apportionment and Elections) Voter registration application; require to be processed within ten days of deadline and give applicant opportunity to cure. Summers. I10. CU345. RTT345.
- 71 - (Apportionment and Elections) No-excuse absentee voting; authorize for any qualified voter who votes in person at the office of the registrar. Summers. I10.
- 72 - (Transportation) Motor vehicle lien; authorize mechanic to seek title from title loan company after nonpayment for services. Hines. I10.
- 73 - (Judiciary A) Retailers; prohibit use of self-checkout terminals to scan consumer's driver's licenses to verify age. Hines. I10.
- 74 - (Judiciary A) Photo identification; require for those age 12 and up. Young. I10.
- 75 - (Apportionment and Elections) Voting registration; require by anyone who receives public assistance benefits. Young. I10.
- 76 - (Ways and Means) Income tax and sales tax liability; revise method of collecting from public officers or employees. Denton. I10.
- 77 - (Appropriations) Retirement; elected officials convicted of certain felonies shall have benefits withheld until full restitution has been paid. Denton. I10.
- 78 - (Appropriations) Retirement; elected officials convicted of certain felonies shall have benefits suspended until full restitution has been made. Denton. I10.
- 79 - (Education) School prayer; require school boards to designate a period of reflection for students at the beginning of each school day. Denton. I10.
- 80 - (Judiciary B) Concealed firearms; clarify prohibition for mentally incompetent. Denton. I11.
- 81 - (Judiciary B) Statute of Limitations; remove for crimes against children. Denton. I11.
- 82 - (Judiciary A) Child support; revise factors for award of. Denton. I11.
- 83 - (Judiciary A) Home inspectors; authorize home inspections on new construction without having residential home builders license. Denton. I11.

- 84 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Helping Hands Food Pantry in Tupelo with repair and renovation of building. Thompson. I11.
- 85 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist municipalities of Verona, Plantersville and Shannon and Lee County with certain projects. Thompson. I11.
- 86 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Lee and Monroe Counties for funding The National Resource Camp pilot program. Thompson. I11.
- 87 - (Judiciary B) "Jennifer's Law"; enact to prohibit state and local agencies from establishing traffic ticket quotas. Thompson. I11.
- 88 - (Conservation and Water Resources) Natural Resource Camp Pilot Program Act of 2023; establish for students in Lee and Monroe Counties. Thompson. I11. CR159. CU370. V370.
- 89 - (Judiciary B) Amiya Braxton; revise penalties when driver injures child who is exiting a school bus. Thompson. I11.
- 90 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Lee County School District for reconstruction of Verona Elementary School. Thompson. I11.
- 91 - (Workforce Development) Mississippi Department of Labor; create. Thompson. I11.
- 92 - (Public Health and Human Services) State Workplace Safety and Health Office; establish under State Board of Health. Thompson. I11.
- 93 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Mississippi Minority Farmers Alliance with repair of building and parking lot. Thompson. I11.
- 94 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Towns of Plantersville and Shannon with certain projects. Thompson. I11.
- 95 - (Judiciary B) Embezzlement; revise the list of excluded crimes for expungement. Mickens. I11.
- 96 - (Workforce Development) Minimum wage; establish at \$10.00 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. Mickens. I11.
- 97 - (Education) Metal detectors; require in all public schools beginning with 2023-2024 school year. Foster. I11.
- 98 - (Workforce Development) Overpayment of unemployment benefits; prohibit interest accrual or fees assessed by MDES when overpayment results from no fault of person receiving overpayment. Paden. I12.
- 99 - (Judiciary B) Assault weapons; prohibit sale of to any person under age 21 years. Denton. I12.
- 100 - (Judiciary B) Firearms license; require mental health evaluation before issuance of. Young. I12.
- 101 - (Education) Statewide Assessment Program; require SBE to use ACT Aspire as summative assessment. Mickens. I12.
- 102 - (Judiciary B) No-knock warrants; prohibit issuance of. Summers. I12.

103 - (Judiciary B) Death penalty executions; remove firing squad as an option. Summers. I12.

104 - (Ways and Means) Housing repair grant program; authorize issuance of bonds to provide funds for grants to low-income individuals for home repairs. Clark. I12.

105 - (Workforce Development) Mississippi Skill Standards Board; create an advisory board on industry standards. Clark. I12.

106 - (Insurance) Health insurance policies; require coverage for certain obesity treatments. Clark. I12.

107 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Smoke-Free Air Act of 2023; create. Clark. I12.

108 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. Clark. I12.

109 - (County Affairs) Counties; authorize to pay poll workers certain mileage. Clark. I12.

110 - (Public Health and Human Services) CON; remove end-stage renal disease facilities from application of law. Clark. I12.

111 - (Judiciary A) Driver's license; authorize issuance of hardship license to persons suspended for being out of compliance with order for support. Clark. I12.

112 - (Education) "Mississippi Universal Prekindergarten Program Act of 2023"; create. Clark. I12.

113 - (County Affairs) Election commissioners; require board of supervisors to provide insurance coverage for. Clark. I12.

114 - (Appropriations) PERS; allow retirees to teach in critical needs areas and work full time and receive full salary for three years. Clark. I12.

115 - (Education) Trimester School Year Pilot Program; establish. Clark. I12.

116 - (Education) MAEP; define "at-risk pupil" and include a child diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. Clark. I13.

117 - (Education) School curriculum; require comprehensive Mississippi History course for public school students in Grade 9. Clark. I13.

118 - (Public Health and Human Services) Disabilities, persons with; modernize terminology used to refer to. Clark. I13.

119 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; revise calculation of reimbursement for durable medical equipment (DME). Clark. I13.

120 - (Education) MAEP; increase adjustment to base student cost for at-risk students. Clark. I13. CU344. RTT344.

121 - (Ways and Means) Housing Loan Assistance Pilot Program; create and authorize issuance of bonds to provide funds for. Clark. I13.

122 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) "Mississippi All-Terrain/Off-Road Vehicle Numbering Act"; create to establish certificate of number system for operating on public lands. Clark. I13.

123 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Holmes County with improvements to county roads and buildings. Clark. I13.

124 - (Corrections) Joint state-county work program; require DOC to utilize under certain circumstances. Clark. I13. CR192. CU391. RTT391. CU422. V422.

125 - (Education) Student residency requirements; require State Board of Education to adopt uniform policy to be implemented by school boards. Clark. I13.

126 - (Rules) Juneteenth Freedom Day; designate June 19 as. Clark. I13.

127 - (Universities and Colleges) Tuition waiver; provide for certain foster and adopted children and wards of the state to attend a state-supported IHL. Clark. I13.

128 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; require Governor and Division of Medicaid to negotiate to obtain federal waiver to expand Medicaid coverage. Clark. I13.

129 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; create rural counties and municipalities cellular and broadband grant program and authorize issuance of bonds. Clark. I13.

130 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; authorize credit for certain child care expenses, child care centers and child care center teachers and directors. Clark. I13.

131 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Department of Mental Health for additional funding for crisis centers and outpatient services. Clark. I13.

132 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Holmes County Consolidated School District for expenses of consolidation. Clark. I13.

133 - (Municipalities) "Mississippi Joint Municipal Law Enforcement Act"; create. Clark. I14. CR148. CU320. V320.

134 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist the Holmes County Consolidated School District with construction of a football stadium. Clark. I14.

135 - (Judiciary B) Identity theft; establish procedure for victim to have debt forgiven and credit reports purged. Clark. I14.

136 - (County Affairs) Budget of county sheriff, tax assessor and tax collector; remove certain obsolete reporting requirements concerning. Clark. I14.

137 - (Judiciary B) Life jackets; increase minimum age of person required to wear on certain vessels. Clark. I14.

138 - (Judiciary B) Sexual harassment; create a state cause of action. Clark. I14.

139 - (Judiciary B) Mississippi Tobacco Minimum Legal Sale Age of 21 Act; create. Clark. I14.

140 - (Judiciary B) Criminal investigators; add two to the 21st Circuit Court District. Clark. I14.

141 - (Judiciary B) Habitual offenders; revise regulations for. Clark. I14.

142 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Special Needs Housing Steering Council; create. Clark. I14.

143 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; exclude overtime compensation from gross income. Clark. I14.

- 144 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to provide funds for public school capital improvements. Clark. I14.
- 145 - (Education) School social workers and psychologists; authorize districts to employ and receive partial state reimbursement for salaries of. Clark. I14.
- 146 - (Public Property) Historic Courthouse Fund; create to provide grants to counties for maintenance/restoration of historic courthouses. Clark. I14.
- 147 - (Education) Teachers; revise duties and responsibilities relating to student assessment and achievement before promotion. Young. I14.
- 148 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage restoration; authorize automatically upon satisfaction of all of the sentencing requirements of a conviction. Young. I14.
- 149 - (Transportation) Joint Legislative Study Committee on Electrification of Transportation; create. Young. I14.
- 150 - (Judiciary A) Tenth Circuit Court District; authorize additional district attorney. Young. I14.
- 151 - (Education) Wireless learning environments; require school districts to develop and implement within two years. Young. I15.
- 152 - (Education) The Digital Access Learning and Virtual Instruction Program Act of 2023; create. Young. I15.
- 153 - (Banking and Financial Services) Public employees; exempt from bad check fees caused by error in direct deposit made by their employer or retirement system. Young. I15.
- 154 - (Education) School districts; require administrative efficiency joinder of multiple districts in county into single countywide district. Young. I15.
- 155 - (Universities and Colleges) Mississippi Tuition Subsidy Forgivable Loan; create. Young. I15.
- 156 - (Education) School district efficiency; conduct feasibility study on the administration of. Young. I15.
- 157 - (Judiciary B) Right to vote; restore automatically once a person has completed all sentencing requirements. Mickens. I15.
- 158 - (Education) Corporal punishment; prohibit in public and charter schools. Mickens. I15.
- 159 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; provide increased reimbursement rate for hospitals in counties with high unemployment and doctor shortage. Hines. I15.
- 160 - (Public Health and Human Services) Long-term care facilities; require residents of certain to obtain a preneed contract within 6 months after admission. Hines. I15.
- 161 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; UMMC to support a medical residency program at Delta Regional Medical Center. Hines. I15.
- 162 - (Education) School board members; authorize excused absences from board meeting in the event of family emergency. Hines. I15.

163 - (Education) "Mississippi Eyes on Smiling Students Health Act"; enact to require vision screening and oral health assessments for certain students. Hines. I15.

164 - (Ways and Means) Legislative Public Project Grant Program; create. Hines. I15.

165 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Mississippi Delta Strategic Compact. Hines. I15.

166 - (Public Health and Human Services) Health; State Health Officer shall develop program to close the gap in health status of gender and racial groups. Hines. I15.

167 - (Education) Dating violence; require school districts to adopt a policy and educate students on. Hines. I15.

168 - (Public Health and Human Services) Medical records; persons seeking disability benefits may obtain at no charge until determination of disability. Hines. I16.

169 - (Education) Compulsory-school-age child; revise definition of by increasing required age to 18 years. Hines. I16.

170 - (Judiciary B) Domestic abuse court program; establish. Hines. I16. CR162. CU382. V387.

171 - (Youth and Family Affairs) Youth and Community Safety Act; create. Hines. I16.

172 - (Universities and Colleges) Universities and colleges; require to provide mental health assessments to members of school athletic teams. Hines. I16.

173 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Mississippi Commission on Wage Review; create. Hines. I16.

174 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Department of Human Services employees; remove prohibition on participating in political campaigns for. Hines. I16.

175 - (Public Health and Human Services) CON; provide for exception to home health agency moratorium for certain hospice licensees. Hines. I16.

176 - (Universities and Colleges) Military education credits and certifications; require IHL, MCCB and SWIB to develop policy for acceptance of toward academic credit. Hines. I16.

177 - (Judiciary A) Child support enforcement and collection; terminate contract with private entity for and DHS shall perform. Hines. I16.

178 - (Public Utilities) Electric Power Association Law; bring forward entirely and amend election provisions of. Hines. I16.

179 - (Public Health and Human Services) Health care and education shortage assistance program; establish to help attract professionals to work in certain counties. Hines. I16.

180 - (Rules) Women's Veterans' Day; designate as a legal holiday in the State of Mississippi. Massengill. I16.

181 - (Judiciary B) Malicious prosecution; require officials or employees involved to pay all costs associated with. Hines. I16.

182 - (Workforce Development) Unemployment compensation; revise weekly benefit amount for. Hines. I16.

183 - (Public Health and Human Services) Child care facilities; require licensing agency to disclose names of persons filing complaints against. Hines. I16.

- 184 - (Public Health and Human Services) Department of Human Services; require a board of directors to be created within. Hines. I16.
- 185 - (Public Health and Human Services) Child Care Advisory Council; require child care providers to recommend names of persons to serve on. Hines. I17.
- 186 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Employees terminated from certain agencies, departments, institutions or nonprofits; prohibit from receiving similar employment. Hines. I17.
- 187 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; require managed care organizations to use certain level of care guidelines in determining medical necessity. Hines. I17.
- 188 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Board of Human Services; create. Hines. I17.
- 189 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements at Alcorn State University, Jackson State University and Mississippi Valley State University. Hines. I17.
- 190 - (Judiciary B) Cyberstalking; revise to include certain kinds of social media communications. Hines. I17.
- 191 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Department of Health for making physician grants under the Mississippi Qualified Health Center Grant Program. Hines. I17.
- 192 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Department of Health for making care grants under the Mississippi Qualified Health Center Grant Program. Hines. I17.
- 193 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Greenville in paying costs of repair and renovation of city parks and golf course. Hines. I17.
- 194 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Metcalfe in paying costs of repair and renovation of town park. Hines. I17.
- 195 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Greenville in paying costs of improvements to its water and sewer systems. Hines. I17.
- 196 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to Great River Railroad line in Bolivar County and Washington County. Hines. I17.
- 197 - (Gaming) Video lottery terminals; authorize lottery board to allow with certain restrictions. Hines. I17.
- 198 - (Public Health and Human Services) Chronic diseases; direct Health Department to establish WISEWOMAN and WISEMAN programs in certain counties. Hines. I17.
- 199 - (Insurance) Health insurers; require to use certain standard for hospital inpatient admissions. Hines. I17.
- 200 - (Insurance) Workers' Compensation Law; increase maximum total recovery under to 520 weeks. Hines. I17.
- 201 - (Universities and Colleges) "Mississippi Promise Scholarship Act of 2023"; establish to provide tuition assistance for tuition-free community college attendance. Paden. I18.
- 202 - (Education) Assistant teachers; require school districts to notify of nonreemployment within 10 days after adopting budget. Paden. I18.

203 - (Public Health and Human Services) School districts; require each school to have epinephrine auto-injectors and AEDs in every building and cafeteria. Paden. I18.

204 - (Appropriations) Mississippi Secure Choice Savings Program; establish. Paden. I18.

205 - (Public Health and Human Services) Public universities and colleges; require to have epinephrine auto-injectors and AEDs in every building on campus. Paden. I18.

206 - (Workforce Development) Mississippi Department of Labor; create. Paden. I18.

207 - (Judiciary A) Mississippi Benefit Corporation Act; create. Paden. I18.

208 - (Education) Computer science curriculum; clarify terminology to specify who may provide instruction in. Felsher. I18. CR146. CU290. V290.

209 - (Judiciary B) Terroristic threats; revise elements of. Felsher. I18. CR137. CU289. V289.

210 - (Military Affairs) Honorably discharged veterans; exempt from concealed carry license fees. Miles. I18.

211 - (Insurance) Health insurance; prohibit modifications on renewal of covered and prescribed prescription drug's contracted benefit level. Powell. I18.

212 - (Appropriations) PERS; certain law enforcement officers and firefighters shall receive one year of creditable service for every five years of service in Mississippi. Newman. I18.

213 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Prentiss County with bridge projects. Turner. I18.

214 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Guntown with purchase of emergency equipment for the city's fire department. Turner. I18.

215 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with improvements to Carrollville Avenue. Turner. I18.

216 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Slatton for making safety enhancements and upgrades to voting precinct building. Turner. I18.

217 - (Ways and Means) Taxes levied by commissioners of master water management districts; remove requirement that boards of supervisors must implement. Turner. I18. CR202. CU219. V219.

218 - (Education) PERS; allow retirees working in nonlicensed school position to earn full amount of salary for position. Turner. I19.

219 - (Apportionment and Elections) Early voting; authorize for not more than 21 days nor less than 5 days before each election. Clarke. I19.

220 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. Clarke. I19.

221 - (Rules) Juneteenth; designate as a legal holiday in the State of Mississippi. Clarke. I19.

222 - (Judiciary B) Retail businesses; those that accept credit or debit cards shall have video cameras to record persons using the cards. Clarke. I19.

223 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Department of Archives and History for Scott Ford House to develop two historic properties in Jackson. Clarke. I19.

224 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to the Jackson Public School District's Career Development Center. Clarke. I19.

225 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to the Jackson Public Schools District's Career Development Center. Clarke. I19.

226 - (Judiciary A) Land sold for taxes; require chancery clerk to immediately execute deed of conveyance to purchaser. Clarke. I19.

227 - (Education) Visual art and music education; require instruction of in public schools as a part of the curriculum. Clarke. I19.

228 - (Education) Mississippi History and United States Government; require to be included in curriculum for all students in Grades 9-12. Hines. I19.

229 - (Judiciary B) Third Circuit Court District; authorize additional district attorney, criminal investigator and victim assistant coordinator. Creekmore IV. I22.

230 - (Universities and Colleges) In-state tuition; provide that 12 months of residency in MS shall constitute eligibility for. Creekmore IV. I22.

231 - (Drug Policy) Tobacco education, prevention and cessation program; add fentanyl and drug abuse prevention education. Creekmore IV. I22. CR146. CU312. V313. RS672. SS788. AP826.

232 - (Agriculture) Dairy show; relocate the show held in Lee County, MS, to Pontotoc County, MS. Creekmore IV. I22. CR136. CU226. V226. RS730. SS823. AP891.

233 - (Drug Policy) Testing strips for controlled substances; require Department of Health to provide free of charge. Creekmore IV. I22.

234 - (Ways and Means) Municipalities and counties trails program; create and issue bonds to provide funds for. Creekmore IV. I22.

235 - (Judiciary A) Landscape architects; authorize to participate with multi-disciplinary engineer and architecture firms. Creekmore IV. I22.

236 - (Ways and Means) Ad valorem tax; remove the provision that prescribes the manner in which affordable rental housing must be appraised. Rushing. I22.

237 - (Appropriations) Retirement; PERS members convicted of job-related felonies shall be terminated from system. Rushing. I22.

238 - (Ways and Means) Disabled veterans motor vehicle license tags; revise certain provisions regarding disability rating. Mickens. I22.

239 - (Judiciary A) Abandoned motor vehicle; current owner may contest sale of by filing a notice of appeal with the appropriate circuit court. Bomgar. I22.

240 - (Agriculture) Weighing devices; provide Commissioner of Agriculture with authority to regulate those that dispense agricultural commodities. Bomgar. I23.

241 - (Apportionment and Elections) Campaign finance reports; revise the time for filing electronically. Sanford. I23. CR175. CU344. RTT344. CU374. V374.

242 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to Veterans Outreach. Sanford. I23.

243 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; delete reverter on credit allowed for child adoption expenses. Sanford. I23.

244 - (Judiciary B) Baby Drop off immunity; revise age of baby and who may drop off. Sanford. I23. CR198.

245 - (Judiciary A) Medical records; set maximum amounts of fees that may be charged for providing in electronic format. Sanford. I23.

246 - (Ways and Means) Real property; right of first refusal expires on grantee's death unless specifically stated otherwise. Sanford. I23. CR150. CU206. V206. R207. V207.

247 - (Judiciary B) Bulletproof Vests Revolving Fund Program; create. Sanford. I23.

248 - (Judiciary A) Tax sales; require conveyances of land to be subject to recorded easements. Sanford. I23.

249 - (Drug Policy) MS Medical Cannabis Act; extend repealers to certain state laws for Departments of Health and Revenue in connection with. Roberson. I23. CR146. CU314. V314. RS762. HC816. SS868. AP891.

250 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; revise certain provisions regarding managed care providers and payments during appeals. Roberson. I23.

251 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; restrict frequency of managed care organizations transferring enrollees to other organizations. Roberson. I23.

252 - (Ways and Means) Festival wine permits; extend repealers on authority to issue and certain provisions relating to. Roberson. I23. CR150. CU204. RS674. HRC845. HCA881. SCA932. CRO1526. HRC1526. CRO1787. CRA1800. SCRA1837. SS2042. AP2048.

253 - (Judiciary B) DUI suspension; clarify how the 120 days are counted. Roberson. I23. CR138. CU352. V353.

254 - (Energy) Petroleum Products Inspection Law; extend repealers on definitions and penalties under. Roberson. I23. CR147.

255 - (Energy) Oil & gas severance taxes; extend repealers on lower rate for production from horizontally drilled wells. Roberson. I23.

256 - (Agriculture) Mississippi Boll Weevil Management Corporation; extend repealer on requirement that audits be submitted by November 15. Roberson. I23. CR136. CU226. V227. RS762. HC809. AP891.

257 - (Public Health and Human Services) Physical therapists; not required to have prior work experience to work at PPEC center. Roberson. I23.

258 - (Education) Educational Facilities Revolving Loan Fund; extend repealers on statutes relating to sales tax distribution and state public school building fund. Roberson. I24. CR194. CU407. V407.

259 - (Public Health and Human Services) Medical radiation technologists; extend repealers on registration statutes. Roberson. I24. CR125. CR125. CU223. V223. RS762. HC810. SS849. AP891.

260 - (Education) Failing school districts; extend repealer on alternative method of appointing new local school board after impairments are corrected. Roberson. I24. CR193.

261 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; extend credit for qualified contributions to an endowed fund at qualified community foundations. Roberson. I24. CR150. CU212. V212. RS646. HRC845. SCA876. HCA881. SRFC963. CRO1053. HRFC1053. CRO1261. CRA1262. SCRA1460. SS1731. AP2048.

262 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; extend reverter on credit allowed for child adoption expenses. Roberson. I24.

263 - (Municipalities) Municipalities; extend repealer on authority to create program addressing delinquent customer water bills. Roberson. I24.

264 - (Energy) Energy Efficiency standards on buildings; extend repealer on statute requiring certain buildings to meet. Roberson. I24. CR147. CU351. V351.

265 - (Constitution) The Second Amendment Preservation Act; create to provide that the Legislature preempts local firearms ordinances. Smith. I24.

266 - (Judiciary B) Department of Public Safety Headquarters Office; name in honor of Commissioner David R. Huggins. Bain. I24. CR36. CU45. V46. AA46. RS793. HRC808. HCA882. SCA918. CRO1499. CRA1500. SCRA1678. SS1990. AP2050.

267 - (Judiciary B) Expungement; authorize for embezzlement by a state, county, city or town officer 14 years after completing all terms and conditions of sentences. Burnett. I24.

268 - (Judiciary B) Expungement; remove embezzlement by officers from the list of nonexpungeable crimes. Burnett. I24.

269 - (Transportation) State aid system of roads; increase maximum total mileage of by 400 miles. Rushing. I24.

270 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; authorize a credit for certain registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses. Mims. I26.

271 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Health Department for funding Health Care Impact Grant Program for hospitals and nursing facilities. Mims. I26. CR511. CU512. V513. RS793. HRC812. HCA830. SCA860. SRFC960. CRO967. HRFC969. CRO1313. CRA1315. SCRA1460. SS1991. AP2049.

272 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Health Department for Local Provider Innovation Grant Program. Mims. I26. CR511. CU515. V515. RS794. HRC812. HCA830. SCA860. SRFC960. CRO967. HRFC969.

273 - (Public Health and Human Services) Health Care Impact Grant Program; establish to provide grants to hospitals and nursing facilities. Mims. I26. CR124. CR125. CU221. V221. RS762. HRC811. HCA830. SCA860.

274 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Office of Workforce Development for supporting and expanding the career coaching program for schools. Gunn. I26.

275 - (Public Health and Human Services) Physical therapists; authorize to perform services without referral from another health care provider. Hopkins. I26.

276 - (Judiciary A) State Board of Physical Therapy, authorize to issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents. Zuber. I26. CR196. CU389. RTT389. CU448. V448. RS672. SS727. AP792.

277 - (Judiciary B) State identification; authorize permanent identification for permanent residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Anderson (122nd). I27.

278 - (Education) Video surveillance cameras; require to be installed in classrooms and certain other areas of public schools and postsecondary educational institutions. Hobgood-Wilkes. I27.

279 - (Judiciary B) TikTok application; prohibit use of on state-issued devices. Currie. I27. CR161.

280 - (Agriculture) Foreign governments; prohibit sale of agricultural lands to. Currie. I28. CR136. CU343. RTT343. CU369. V370. RS765. HC809. SS836. AP891.

281 - (Judiciary B) Law enforcement officers killed in line of duty; clarify that beneficiaries may receive sidearm of. Currie. I28. CR176. CU390. RTT390. CU426. V426. RS674. HC807. SS849. AP891.

282 - (Corrections) Parole eligibility; revise for certain offenders and require Parole Board hearing before release of certain inmates. Johnson. I28.

283 - (Corrections) Commutation of sentences; require for certain nonviolent offenders. Johnson. I28.

284 - (Corrections) Mandatory 85% sentencing rule; repeal. Johnson. I28.

285 - (Judiciary B) Habitual offender law; exclude drug and nonviolent offenses when computing prior offenses under. Johnson. I28.

286 - (Corrections) Habitual offender law; authorize parole eligibility if offender served 10 years of a sentence of 40 years or more. Johnson. I28.

287 - (Forestry) Mississippi Forestry Commission; authorize to electronically accept bids for timber sales. Bounds. I28. CR137. CU241. V241.

288 - (Public Utilities) Public Utilities Staff; authorize certain personnel to be filled by consulting contract. Bounds. I28. CR164. CU322. V322. RS672. SS726. AP792.

289 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Hunting and fishing license fees; include training facilities in list of designated purposes for use of. Bounds. I28.

290 - (Rules) Indigenous Peoples' Day; declare second Monday in October as a day of observance. Crawford. I28.

291 - (Education) Corporal punishment; require school districts that allow to adopt a policy allowing parents to opt in. Crawford. I28.

292 - (Appropriations) Municipalities; prohibit from receiving certain funds if police department is defunded. Crawford. I28.

293 - (Education) Teacher and administrator license; deny or revoke for those who physically abuse a student. Crawford. I28.

294 - (Public Health and Human Services) Face masks; prohibit public schools and universities and colleges from requiring students to wear. Crawford. I28.

295 - (Education) School attendance officers; require to receive training on IDEA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Crawford. I28.

- 296 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Code; modernize terminology by replacing "mentally retarded" with "intellectual disability". Crawford. I28.
- 297 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Marshall County for completing the Potts Camp Railroad Bridge and Bypass Project. Kinkade. I29.
- 298 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Byhalia with infrastructure improvements. Kinkade. I29.
- 299 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Marshall County in improving Barringer Road for Chickasaw Trail Industrial Park access. Kinkade. I29.
- 300 - (Judiciary B) Immunity for law enforcement officers; authorize when claimant is convicted for resisting arrest. Rushing. I29.
- 301 - (Education) School boards; authorize to establish specialized security and threat mitigation teams. Rushing. I29.
- 302 - (Constitution) "Forming Open and Robust University Minds (FORUM) Act"; establish. Hobgood-Wilkes. I29.
- 303 - (Ways and Means) Electric vehicle tax; exempt lowspeed vehicles. Hobgood-Wilkes. I29.
- 304 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mattresses; require seller to give notice when previously owned. Hobgood-Wilkes. I29.
- 305 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Access to Care Act; create. Criswell. I29.
- 306 - (Appropriations) Retirement; persons convicted of certain felonies shall forfeit benefits from PERS, SLRP and MHSPRS. Haney. I29.
- 307 - (Judiciary B) DUI; revise violations of. Haney. I29.
- 308 - (Judiciary A) Officers who may administer oaths; add chiefs of police and sheriffs. Haney. I29.
- 309 - (Judiciary B) Indecent assault; create the crime of. Anderson (122nd). I29.
- 310 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) State park fee; authorize MDWFP to provide discount to senior citizens age 65 and older. Crawford. I29.
- 311 - (Judiciary B) Sexual battery; remove statute of limitations for prosecution of crime of. Crawford. I29.
- 312 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Hunting and fishing license; authorize Native Americans to receive free of charge upon providing a tribal identification card. Crawford. I29.
- 313 - (Education) Video surveillance cameras; require in certain areas of school facilities for protection of exceptional children. Crawford. I29.
- 314 - (Public Health and Human Services) State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering; create to license and regulate those two occupations. Currie. I29.
- 315 - (Insurance) Health Insurance policies; require coverage of certain examinations primarily related to women's health. Currie. I30.

316 - (Insurance) Health insurance; require certain policies to provide coverage for physician-prescribed proton beam therapy. Currie. I30.

317 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to the Lincoln Civic Center Foundation. Currie. I30.

318 - (Judiciary B) Immigrants; prohibit Mississippi agencies from assisting federal agencies transporting into Mississippi. Currie. I30.

319 - (Appropriations) Retirement; PERS and SLRP members convicted of certain felonies shall have benefits suspended until full restitution is made. Currie. I30.

320 - (Judiciary A) Child support for pregnant women; provide authority to allow court to order. Currie. I30.

321 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; provide a credit for taxpayers who claim a federal earned income tax credit. Johnson. I30.

322 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; authorize credit for certain child care expenses, child care centers and child care teachers and directors. Johnson. I30.

323 - (Workforce Development) Minimum Wage; establish at \$10.00 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. Johnson. I30.

324 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; telehealth services provided by FQHCs, rural health clinics and community mental health centers reimbursed at same rate as face-to-face encounters. Johnson. I30.

325 - (Corrections) DOC; convert restitution centers to post-release reentry centers. Johnson. I30.

326 - (Corrections) Use of restitution centers by DOC; repeal and convert centers into post-release reentry centers. Johnson. I30.

327 - (Corrections) Corrections Inspection Council; establish. Johnson. I30.

328 - (Workforce Development) Career pathways initiative; provide for development of to increase access to educational credentials for higher-paying jobs. Johnson. I30.

329 - (Judiciary B) "The Juvenile Offender Parole and Rehabilitation Act"; enact. Johnson. I30.

330 - (Appropriations) ARPA Expenditures Ombudsman; establish to oversee all expenditures of ARPA funds. Johnson. I30.

331 - (Appropriations) Helping Mississippians Afford Broadband Act; create. Johnson. I30.

332 - (Education) Statewide testing program; cease all statewide uniform assessments and determine promotion based on cumulative grades. Hopkins. I30.

333 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; State Department of Health from Coronavirus Recovery Fund for premium pay to essential health care workers. Johnson. I31.

334 - (Ways and Means) Motor vehicle; revise requirements for scrapping, dismantling or destroying when owner does not have title in his or her name. Johnson. I31. CR202. CU256. V256.

335 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; allow credit for investments in qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property. Johnson. I31.

- 336 - (Municipalities) MS Accountability and Transparency Act; revise to include certain counties and municipalities. Criswell. I31.
- 337 - (Judiciary B) Seizure and forfeiture; prohibit waiver of forfeiture and revise standard of proof. Criswell. I31.
- 338 - (Drug Policy) Mississippi Retail Marijuana Act; create to authorize and regulate the personal use of marijuana. Harness. I31.
- 339 - (Ways and Means) Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law; authorize governing authorities of certain qualified resort areas to allow package retailer's permits. Harness. I31.
- 340 - (Ways and Means) Alcoholic beverages; allow holders of package retailer's permits to sell on Sunday. Harness. I31.
- 341 - (Judiciary B) Habitual offenders; exclude nonviolent offenders. Harness. I31.
- 342 - (Judiciary B) Voting rights; restore upon satisfaction of all of the sentencing requirements of a conviction. Harness. I31.
- 343 - (Judiciary B) Public defenders; increase compensation for court appointed. Harness. I31.
- 344 - (Judiciary B) Law Enforcement Supplemental Pay Program; create. Harness. I31.
- 345 - (Education) Statewide assessment program; discontinue all standardized tests except for single test in Grades 3, 8 and 11. Harness. I31.
- 346 - (Judiciary B) Probation, post-release supervision and technical violations; revise certain time periods concerning. Harness. I31.
- 347 - (Judiciary B) Interrogations; require to be recorded if crimes of violence. Harness. I31.
- 348 - (Judiciary B) Youthful Offender Law; enact. Harness. I31.
- 349 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Bude with relocation and restoration of the Bude Depot. Harness. I31.
- 350 - (Universities and Colleges) IHL board; delete repealer on authority to oversee certain construction projects funded by state general obligation bonds. Harness. I31.
- 351 - (Universities and Colleges) State Institutions of Higher Learning; authorize program to provide devices to students when necessary for remote learning. Harness. I32.
- 352 - (Judiciary B) Public defenders; increase compensation for. Harness. I32.
- 353 - (Judiciary B) Concealed carry permit; exempt members of the Mississippi Legislature from the licensing requirement for. Harness. I32.
- 354 - (Education) U.S. History end-of-course subject area test; remove requirement for the purpose of graduation. Harness. I32.
- 355 - (Judiciary A) Landowners Protection Act; repeal. Harness. I32.
- 356 - (Judiciary B) "Supplemental Salary Pay for Law Enforcement Act of 2023"; establish. Harness. I32.

357 - (Judiciary B) Commercial driver's license; remove prohibition for nonadjudication of. Harness. I32.

358 - (Ways and Means) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; reauthorize issuance to supporters of former Hinds Agricultural High School. Foster. I32.

359 - (Education) Students; prohibit entities directly or indirectly funded with public monies from distinguishing between. Brown (20th). I32.

360 - (Education) Local Government Control of Public School Athletics Task Force; create to evaluate transfer of such activities from schools. Brown (20th). I32.

361 - (Universities and Colleges) Postsecondary educational institutions; require to provide certain information to students upon declaration of a major. Brown (20th). I32.

362 - (Agriculture) "Mississippi Food Freedom Act"; enact to provide greater autonomy to private producers of agricultural or farm products. Brown (20th). I32.

363 - (Agriculture) Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce; technical amendments related to certain powers and duties. Pigott. I32. CR136. CU227. V227. MR244. MRT249. RS790. HC810. AP891.

364 - (Drug Policy) Kratom and Tianeptine; include in Schedule I controlled substances list. Scoggin. I32.

365 - (Education) Patriotic societies; authorize principal to allow to speak to student body on importance of civic duty. Scoggin. I32. CR193. CU345. RTT345. CU359. V359.

366 - (Public Property) Sam G. Polles State Office Building; designate the MS Dept. of Wildlife Central Office Building as. Bounds. I32. CR116. CU116. V116. AA117. RS763. HRC815. HCA830. SCA855.

367 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Charitable organizations; revise the registration renewal period of certain from every year to every 3 to 5 years, as determined by the SOS. Thompson. I33.

368 - (Judiciary B) State identification for homeless persons; authorize. Summers. I33. CR138. CU353. V353.

369 - (Judiciary B) Courts; require to establish certain minimum guidelines. Harness. I33.

370 - (Judiciary B) Municipal elected officers; authorize removal of using the same process as removal of county elected officers. Yates. I34. CR36. CU39. LTSC39. CU403. F403.

371 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; revise purposes for which proceeds of bonds authorized for City of Union. Rushing. I34. CU205. V205. RS646. SS667. AP729.

372 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; extend time for exemption on retail sales of school supplies during the last weekend in July. Rushing. I34.

373 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Hunting; authorize hunters to wear fluorescent pink as an alternative to fluorescent orange. Rushing. I34.

374 - (Judiciary B) Wiretapping; authorize state and local law enforcement to use for human trafficking. Rushing. I34. CR138. CU354. V354.

375 - (Ways and Means) Ad valorem taxation; exempt real property. Hopkins. I35.

- 376 - (Judiciary B) Cell site simulator device; require law enforcement agencies to obtain warrant before using. Hopkins. I35.
- 377 - (Ways and Means) Ad valorem tax; exempt motor homes and trailers. Hopkins. I35.
- 378 - (Ways and Means) Electric/hybrid vehicles; repeal sections of law authorizing. Hopkins. I35.
- 379 - (Ways and Means) Ad valorem tax; revise assessment rate for motor vehicles. Hopkins. I35.
- 380 - (Education) "The Financial Transparency Act"; enact. Hopkins. I35.
- 381 - (Ways and Means) Alcoholic beverages; increase number of package retailer's permits a person may own. Powell. I35.
- 382 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; create sales tax diversion to the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District. Powell. I35.
- 383 - (Energy) Oil and gas severance taxes; extend repealer on lower rate for production from horizontally drilled wells. Powell. I35. CR160. CU309. V309. RS672. SS727. AP792.
- 384 - (Ways and Means) Alcoholic beverages; authorize local authorities of wet jurisdiction to permit package retail sales on Sunday. Powell. I35. CR150. CU206. V206.
- 385 - (Ways and Means) Alcoholic beverages; allow direct sales and shipments of wine to be made to residents in this state. Powell. I35.
- 386 - (Education) Year of teaching experience; permit school districts to credit for certain postsecondary personnel upon employment. Lamar. I35.
- 387 - (Education) School attendance officers; revise salary scale for. Lamar. I35.
- 388 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; revise local governmental entities that may collect debt by a setoff against a debtor's refund. Lamar. I35. CR151. CU207. V207. RS729. HC845. AP916.
- 389 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Punkin Water Association for costs of drinking water projects under ARPA. Lamar. I35.
- 390 - (Ways and Means) Historic property income tax credit; revise certain provisions regarding. Lamar. I35. CR39. CU44. V44. RS646. SS667. AP729.
- 391 - (Apportionment and Elections) Direct recording electronic voting equipment (DRE); extend repealer on authority of counties and municipalities to use. Roberson. I35.
- 392 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; extend tax years for employer taxpayer to claim credit for employees' blood donations during blood drive. Roberson. I35. CR150. CU205.
- 393 - (Drug Policy) Pseudoephedrine and ephedrine; extend repealer on authority to sell and purchase without a prescription certain products containing. Roberson. I36. CR120. CU128. V128.
- 394 - (Ways and Means) Emerging Crops Fund; extend deadline for issuance of general obligation bonds for funding. Roberson. I36.

395 - (Ways and Means) MS Major Economic Impact Act; extend deadline for issuance of bonds for certain automotive parts manufacturing plant projects. Roberson. I36. CR150. CU205. RS730. SS822. AP891.

396 - (Ways and Means) Tourism Project Sales Tax Incentive Program; extend authority of MDA to approve participants for projects. Roberson. I36. CR150. CU217. V217.

397 - (Public Utilities) MS Gulf Coast Region Utility Board; extend repealers on. Roberson. I36. CR164. CU321. V321.

398 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Department of Human Services; extend repealers on. Roberson. I36.

399 - (Workforce Development) MS Comprehensive Workforce Training and Education Consolidation Act of 2004; extend repealer on statutes making up. Roberson. I36.

400 - (Judiciary B) Election crimes; revise the penalties for certain. Owen. I38. CR137. CU310. MTL310. V311. MR311. MRT351. RS765. HRC808. HCA882. SCA918. CRO944. CRA950. SRFC1120. R1252. HRFC1252. SRFC1678. CRO1687. CRA1693. R1717. HRFC1717. CRO1871. CRA1877.

401 - (Ways and Means) Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission Law; revise certain provisions relating to a manufacturer's ownership of motor vehicle dealership. Lamar. I38. CR39. CU45. V45. MR45. MRT116. RS672. SS727. AP804.

402 - (Judiciary B) Fleeing law enforcement; increase penalties for the crime of. Bain. I40. CR138. CU354. V355.

403 - (Ways and Means) Package retail permit holders; require to have a third-party age verification service available on property. Bain. I40.

404 - (Judiciary B) State assessments; deposit certain into designated special funds instead of General Fund. Bain. I41.

405 - (Judiciary B) Bribery of a candidate; revise statute of limitations. Bain. I41. CR138. CU355. V355. MR359. MRWD390. RS765. HRC808. HCA882. SCA918. CRO1500. CRA1501. SCRA1678. SS1992. AP2045.

406 - (Judiciary B) Public records; exempt the booking information of certain mentally ill patients from. Bain. I41.

407 - (Judiciary B) Sworn law enforcement officers; provide supplemental pay for certain. Bain. I41.

408 - (Judiciary B) Reckless endangerment; create the crime of. Bain. I41. CR197. CU428. V429.

409 - (Appropriations) Mississippi Highway Patrol retirees; require state to appropriate money to offset the health insurance costs of. Bain. I41.

410 - (Municipalities) Alderman and councilmen; increase the maximum amount of surety bond that may be given by. Bain. I41.

411 - (Transportation) CDL; exempt church-owned vehicles equipped to transport 30 or less passengers from requirement of. Bain. I41.

412 - (Judiciary B) DNA samples; destroy upon request for expungement. Bain. I41. CR138. CU336. V337.

- 413 - (Ways and Means) Counties and municipalities; delete requirement for permitting as a condition to construction. Bain. I41.
- 414 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; DPS for constructing and staffing a new forensic laboratory in Corinth. Bain. I41.
- 415 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Alcorn County for funding an incentive program for remote workers to relocate to the county. Bain. I41.
- 416 - (Public Health and Human Services) Rural Nurses Recruitment and Retention Incentive Grant Program; establish. Bain. I41.
- 417 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Department of Health for funding the Rural Nurses Recruitment and Retention Incentive Grant Program. Bain. I41.
- 418 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt retail sales of certain food. Owen. I41.
- 419 - (Tourism) Tourism; provide assistance to destination marketing organization. Currie. I41. CR200. CU287. V287. RS790. HRC815. HCA882. SCA932. CRO1502. CRA1504. R1613. HRFC1613. CRO1800. CRA1803. SCRA1837. SS2039. AP2051.
- 420 - (Public Health and Human Services) Physical therapists; require referral for services to remain valid for one year. Currie. I41.
- 421 - (Public Health and Human Services) Physical therapists; delete requirement for physicians referral before performing services. Currie. I41.
- 422 - (Public Property) Public land in Rankin County; authorize DFA to assign property to various state agencies and institutions and establish new Veterans Nursing Home. Weathersby. I42. CR116. CU126. V127.
- 423 - (Public Property) Former First Christian Church property within the Capitol Complex; authorize DFA to purchase. Weathersby. I42. CR116. CU127. V127.
- 424 - (Judiciary B) Sex offenders and child custody; revise guidelines regarding the best interest of the child in cases of. Darnell. I42.
- 425 - (Judiciary B) Penalties for electronic crimes by minors; clarify. Darnell. I42.
- 426 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; extend coverage for eligible women for 12 months postpartum. McGee. I42.
- 427 - (Judiciary B) Hate crimes; revise delineation of victim. McGee. I42.
- 428 - (Appropriations) Law Enforcement Supplemental Pay Program; create. Owen. I42.
- 429 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with overlaying certain streets. Turner. I42.
- 430 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Prentiss County with road and bridge improvements. Turner. I42.
- 431 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Baldwin for the county Road 6105 water line replacement project. Turner. I42.
- 432 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Baldwin for the Carrollville Avenue Improvement Project. Turner. I42.

433 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Baldwin for drainage improvement project. Turner. I42.

434 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Baldwin for County Road 170 gas line extension project. Turner. I42.

435 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Prentiss County for improvements to roads and bridges in Supervisors District 3. Turner. I42.

436 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Baldwin for county Road 167 gas line extension project. Turner. I42.

437 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with County Road 170 gas line extension project. Turner. I42.

438 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with certain drainage improvements. Turner. I42.

439 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with improvements to Carrollville Avenue. Turner. I42.

440 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with County Road 167 gas line extension project. Turner. I42.

441 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with County Road 6105 water line replacement project. Turner. I43.

442 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Baldwin for overlay of streets. Turner. I43.

443 - (Universities and Colleges) MS Commission on College Accreditation; authorize IHL Board to provide staff, facilities and other means of support to. Scoggin. I43. CR150. CU316. V316.

444 - (Judiciary B) Offense of failing to execute parental responsibility of a child; establish. Yates. I43. CR162.

445 - (Judiciary B) Right to vote; restore automatically once a person has completed all sentencing requirements. Blackmon. I43.

446 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to the Freedom House in Canton. Blackmon. I43.

447 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. Blackmon. I43.

448 - (Judiciary B) Recordings of law enforcement activity; prohibit under certain conditions. Ford (73rd). I43.

449 - (Judiciary B) National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS); require all law enforcement agencies to be compliant with or lose state funding. Ford (73rd). I43. CR161.

450 - (Education) "Seizure Safe Schools Act"; establish. Ford (73rd). I43.

451 - (Judiciary B) Bail; revise how the amount is determined and authorize certain options for the defendant. Roberson. I43. CR161. CU380. V380.

452 - (Judiciary B) Theft of street, road or highway signs; provide penalties for. Morgan. I43.

453 - (Judiciary B) Nonpayment of fees and fines; repeal sections that prohibit incarceration for. Newman. I43.

454 - (Judiciary B) Radar; authorize use by municipal law enforcement officers in certain municipalities. Rushing. I43. CR176. CU428. V428. RS764. SS824. AP891.

455 - (Judiciary B) Stop Social Media Censorship Act; create. Hopkins. I43.

456 - (Judiciary B) Child abuse; revise definition to include gender reassignment. Massengill. I43.

457 - (Public Health and Human Services) MS Hospital Emergency Grant Program; create to provide grants to hospitals having financial difficulties. Johnson. I43.

458 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. Johnson. I43.

459 - (Education) Teacher contracts; prohibit superintendents from entering into with current licensed employees for continuation of employment before. Miles. I44.

460 - (Education) School districts; authorize to offer supplemental compensation to Medicare eligible retired bus drivers if they secure Medicare. Miles. I44.

461 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of perishable food items to certain charitable organizations. Miles. I44.

462 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; create diversion to counties. Miles. I44.

463 - (Public Health and Human Services) Child care; DHS shall transfer to CCDF the first \$40 Million of unspent TANF funds from prior FY to be used for child care vouchers. Porter. I44.

464 - (Judiciary B) Reverse-location court order; regulate and prohibit under certain circumstances. Porter. I44.

465 - (Public Utilities) Emergency communications districts; require to implement text-to-911 services by a certain date. Porter. I44.

466 - (Public Health and Human Services) Child care services; provide eligibility for certain persons under the Child Care Payment Program (CCPP). Porter. I44.

467 - (Judiciary A) Biometric Identifiers Privacy Act; establish. Porter. I44.

468 - (Ways and Means) Pregnancy Resource Act; increase amount of tax credits that may be allocated under during a calendar year. Gunn. I48.

469 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Health Department for MS Baptist Medical Center in Jackson to establish a burn center or unit. Gunn. I48.

470 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Office of Workforce Development for supporting and expanding the career coaching program for schools. Gunn. I48.

471 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Office of Workforce Development for supporting and expanding the career coaching program for schools. Gunn. I48.

472 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL for Jackson State University for student housing and dormitories. Cockerham. I48.

473 - (Education) PERS; allow retirees to be employed as teachers and work full-time and receive full salary for two years. Miles. I48.

474 - (Education) End-of-course assessments; remove mandatory requirement of passing score as a condition of graduation. Miles. I48.

475 - (Education) End-of-course subject area tests; discontinue and require ACT test for all students. Miles. I48.

476 - (Rules) Holy Bible; designate as the official state book of Mississippi. Miles. I48.

477 - (Appropriations) Trooper training class; require Legislature to appropriate funds in 2023 and 2024 sessions to defray expenses of. Miles. I48.

478 - (Public Health and Human Services) Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact; create. Mims. I49. CR124. CR125. CU222. V222.

479 - (Judiciary A) Civil proceedings; authorize judge to assess cost against those that are dismissed. Brown (20th). I49.

480 - (Judiciary B) Wrongful death; clarify cause of action for an unborn child. Brown (20th). I49.

481 - (Apportionment and Elections) Pre-election day voting; authorize for twenty days before an election. Blackmon. I49.

482 - (Judiciary B) Enhanced penalties; repeal for certain crimes. Blackmon. I49.

483 - (Judiciary B) Sentencing judge; authorize to set date to revisit sentencing of nonviolent offenders. Blackmon. I49. CR161. CU380. V380.

484 - (Agriculture) Petroleum Products Inspection Law; delete repealer on definitions and penalties under. Pigott. I49. CR136. CU228. V228. RS763. HC809. SS849. AP892.

485 - (Judiciary A) Sexual assault evidence kit; regulate the processing of. Cockerham. I49. CR161. CU258. V258. RS793. HRC815. SCA894. HCA899. CRO1512. CE1517. CRA1517. SCRA1678. SS1991. AP2045.

486 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Ban-the-Box Act; create to prohibit public employers from using criminal history as an initial bar to employment. Hulum. I49.

487 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist the Alfred Alleman VFW Post 2539 in Gulfport with improvements to Post building. Hulum. I49.

488 - (Education) School prayer; require school boards to designate a period of reflection for students at the beginning of each school day. Hulum. I49.

489 - (Judiciary B) Drag racing; provide vehicle in violation shall be subject to forfeiture. Banks. I49.

490 - (Rules) Civil Rights Memorial Day; designate the last Monday of April as. Banks. I49.

491 - (Rules) Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote; create. Banks. I49.

492 - (Rules) Indigenous Native American Day; declare the second Monday in October as. Banks. I49.

493 - (Judiciary A) Religious Freedom Act and Protecting Freedom of Conscience from Government Discrimination Act; repeal. Banks. I49.

494 - (Rules) Juneteenth; designate as a legal holiday in the State of Mississippi. Banks. I50.

495 - (Judiciary B) The Crown Act; create to prohibit discrimination based on hairstyles in workplace and schools. Banks. I50.

496 - (Judiciary B) Motor Vehicle Theft Recovery Fund; create. Foster. I50.

497 - (Judiciary A) Fifteenth Circuit Court District; revise residency requirement. Evans (91st). I50.

498 - (Municipalities) Municipalities allowed to establish overdue water/sewer payment programs, certain; extend program repeal date. Bell (65th). I50. CR198. CU389. RTT389.

499 - (Judiciary A) Grandparent visitation; revise to include great-grandparents. Evans (91st). I50.

500 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Natchez with Concord Avenue drainage improvement project. Johnson. I50.

501 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL for construction of athletic stadium for Jackson State University. Johnson. I50.

502 - (Public Health and Human Services) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; increase monthly benefit for. Johnson. I50.

503 - (Medicaid) Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act; repeal. Johnson. I50.

504 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; revise definition of "installation charges" to exclude labor services in connection with residential roofing. Steverson. I50.

505 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; provide a credit for taxpayers that provide paid maternity and paternity leave for employees. Steverson. I50.

506 - (Public Health and Human Services) County health departments; require nurse practitioner to be present weekly to provide contraceptive supplies. Currie. I50.

507 - (Rules) Legislature; provide that members have individual standing to challenge certain actions of the Governor in state court. Newman. I50.

508 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of coins, currency and bullion. Ford (73rd). I50.

509 - (Judiciary A) "Families' Rights and Responsibilities Act of 2023"; enact. Ford (73rd). I50.

510 - (Judiciary A) Foster Parents' Bill of Rights; and Responsibilities; create and require to be provided to foster parents. Ford (73rd). I51. CR196. CU308. V308. RS765. HRC815. HCA882. SCA895. CRO1498. HRFC1499. CRO1823. CRA1830. SCRA1837. SS2040. AP2050.

511 - (Education) "The Educational Standards Legislative Review Act"; enact. Hopkins. I51.

512 - (Rules) State agencies; authorize Governor to terminate certain appointed agency officials. Hopkins. I51.

513 - (Public Health and Human Services) Board of Barber Examiners and Board of Cosmetology; transfer functions of to Department of Health. Turner. I51.

514 - (Education) Charter School Authorizer Board; reconstitute. Turner. I51.

515 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Training facilities; include in categories eligible for license fee increase proceeds. Kinkade. I51. CR121. CU129. V129.

516 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Conservation officer; decrease minimum years of law enforcement experience required to be appointed a. Kinkade. I51. CR121. CU129. V129. RS672. SS726. AP792.

517 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Guide and outfitter services licenses; revise annual fee for both residents and nonresidents. Kinkade. I51. CR121. CU130. V130. RS729. HRC770. HCA830. SCA855.

518 - (Public Health and Human Services) Local Provider Innovation Grant Program; revise certain provisions of. Mims. I51. CR124. CR125. CU220. V220. RS730. SS822. AP892.

519 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Landscape architects; authorize to participate with multi-disciplinary architecture firms. Creekmore IV. I51. CR157. CU345. RTT345. CU409. V411. MR453. R456. V458.

520 - (Insurance) Automobile liability insurance; provide motorists noncompliant with may not recover loss in accident with compliant. Darnell. I51.

521 - (Insurance) Length of Service Award Program; authorize for the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters. Scoggin. I51. CR196. CU344. RTT344. CU420. V420. RS764. HRC814. HCA957. SCA1118. SCRA1837. CRO1855. CRA1857. SS2042. AP2049.

522 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Individual On-site Wastewater Disposal System Law; extend repealer on. Roberson. I51. CR125. CR125. CU223. V223. RS764. SS822. AP892.

523 - (Education) Statewide testing program; require tests to be translated and printed into primary spoken language of ELL students. Hines. I51.

524 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; DFA for making grants under the Mississippi Hospital Recovery Trust Program. Hines. I51.

525 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Hospital Recovery Trust Program; create to provide grants to public hospitals at high financial risk. Hines. I52.

526 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Office of Independent State Hearing Officers; create to hear and decide matters for persons as alternative to agency hearing officers. Hines. I52.

527 - (Public Health and Human Services) Licensed professional counselors; revise qualifications for licensure for applicants who meet certain requirements. Hines. I52.

528 - (Insurance) State employees life and health insurance plan; revise to include coverage for county and municipal election commissioners under. Wallace. I52.

529 - (Judiciary B) Department of Public Safety; revise various provisions. Bain. I52. CR176. CU390. RTT390. CU426. V426. RS765. HRC808. HCA882. SCA918. CRO1575. CRA1585. SCRA1678. SS2039. AP2048.

530 - (Judiciary B) Dangerous dogs; create process for complaint to be filed when someone is injured. Bain. I52.

531 - (Judiciary B) Youth court; revise the age that a child may be held criminally responsible or criminally prosecuted for a misdemeanor or felony. Bain. I52. CR161.

532 - (Judiciary B) Mississippi School Safety Guardian Act; create. Bain. I52. CR197. CU390. RTT390.

533 - (Judiciary B) Adoption procedures; revise home study and residency requirements. Bain. I52. CR176. CU376. V376.

534 - (Judiciary B) Drug Intervention Courts; standardize references. Bain. I52. CR162. CU425. V425.

535 - (Ways and Means) Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Weathersby. I52. CR151. CU208. V208. RS646. HRC845. SCA876. HCA882. CRO1526. CE1541. CRA1541. SCRA1678. CE1719. SS2043. AP2048.

536 - (Universities and Colleges) MSU; amend authority to enter into a long-term lease for housing and retail purpose to extend the original lease term to 65 years. Weathersby. I52. CR150. CU316. V316.

537 - (Municipalities) Municipalities; authorize waiver of liens, under certain circumstances, for costs associated with cleaning menaced property. McGee. I52. CR198. CU390. RTT390. CU452. V452.

538 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Pat Harrison Waterway District; provide county withdrawal from district not effective until close of FY in which county obligations met. Turner. I52. CR157. CU345. RTT345. CU413. V413. RS765. HC816. AP892.

539 - (Education) Educational Scholarship Accounts (ESAs); direct to maximize the number funded as possible. Turner. I53.

540 - (Appropriations) Personal and professional services; require the Department of Finance and Administration to conduct solicitations of for certain agencies. Turner. I53. CR191. CU250. V250. RS765. HC812. SS849. AP892.

541 - (Corrections) MDOC; require to attain consulting services from Department of Information Technology Services to implement new offender management information system. Turner. I53.

542 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Hunting and fishing license; waive requirement for residents who are honorably discharged veterans. Sanford. I53.

543 - (Judiciary B) Criminal investigator; authorize additional for 13th Circuit Court District. Sanford. I53.

544 - (Insurance) Valued policy law; exempt builder's risk insurance policies from. Ford (54th). I53. CR160. CU343. RTT343. CU417. V417. RS764. SS823. AP892.

545 - (Ways and Means) Use tax; require PEER to provide certain reporting concerning expenditures of tax by municipalities and counties. Ford (54th). I53.

546 - (Judiciary A) Divorce; authorize where marriage is irretrievably broken. Yancey. I53.

547 - (Corrections) Corrections auditor; revise duties of. Currie. I53.

548 - (Judiciary B) Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training; require K-9 teams to be certified. Darnell. I53.

549 - (Ways and Means) Sales Tax; exempt certain sales of property transported from this state and first used in another state. Oliver. I53. CR539. CU545. V545. RS827. SS849. AP892.

550 - (Constitution) Second Amendment Preservation Act; authorize with exclusion for universities and colleges. Oliver. I53.

551 - (Judiciary A) Surveyors license; provide that licensed engineers may qualify for if certain conditions are met. Wallace. I53.

552 - (Apportionment and Elections) Poll managers; increase the compensation of. Wallace. I53. CR191. CU344. RTT344. CU375. V375.

553 - (Transportation) CDL; exempt county and municipal employees who operate vehicles and equipment in the performance of their job. Tullos. I53.

554 - (Judiciary A) Bentley's Law; create to authorize court order child maintenance payments when parent's death is caused by case of aggravated DUI. Ladner. I53.

555 - (Education) Charter schools; reconstitute authorizer board and require formula to ensure equitable distribution of local funds. Ladner. I53. CR195.

556 - (Municipalities) "Property Clean up Revolving Fund"; establish. Rushing. I54. CR139. CU239. V239. MRT308.

557 - (Public Health and Human Services) MS Rural Dentists Scholarship Program; increase number of students who may be admitted into annually. Steverson. I54. CR125. CR125. CU224. V224. RS765. HRC811. HCA830. SCA855.

558 - (Appropriations) PERS; allow retirees to work as law enforcement officer for another employer and draw retirement allowance and work full time. Haney. I54.

559 - (Rules) The Phillip Cameron Hendry Mississippi Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness Week; designate the second week in April annually as. Tullos. I54. CR164. CU177. V177. IR179. RS472. SS483. AP524.

560 - (Education) School boards; elect members at presidential election for 4-year term. Eubanks. I55.

561 - (Ways and Means) Alcoholic beverages; authorize the sale of wine at grocery stores. Powell. I55.

562 - (Ways and Means) Alcoholic beverages; revise policy of state regarding prohibition of. Powell. I55.

563 - (Ways and Means) Alcoholic beverages; allow direct sales and shipments of wine to be made to residents in this state. Busby. I55.

564 - (Workforce Development) MS Workforce Training and Education Act; extend repealer and codify repealers on conforming statutes. Roberson. I55.

565 - (Tourism) Blue; designate as the state color of Mississippi. Holloway. I55.

566 - (Transportation) Headlights; require to be used whenever windshield wipers necessitated. Holloway. I56. CR149. CU267. V267.

567 - (Transportation) Railroad crossings; require MDOT to review all passive crossings to determine if any are particularly dangerous. Holloway. I56.

568 - (Judiciary A) Chancery clerk; require to remove social security numbers from land transfer deeds. Banks. I56.

569 - (Education) Teachers; allow to participate in strikes in any year during which no legislative raise is given. Banks. I56.

570 - (Education) Teacher strikes; repeal prohibition of. Banks. I56.

571 - (Banking and Financial Services) Credit reports; prohibit release of information unless authorized by the consumer. Banks. I56.

572 - (Insurance) State Health Insurance Plan; provide coverage for proton therapy to treat cancer and certain noncancerous tumors. Banks. I56.

573 - (Education) Public schools; clarify authority of local law enforcement agencies to prevent and investigate crimes on property of. Banks. I56.

574 - (Public Health and Human Services) Drug and alcohol treatment; require 30-day minimum in-patient treatment. Calvert. I56.

575 - (Education) Alternative nicotine; clarify prohibition on school property. Calvert. I56.

576 - (Public Health and Human Services) Gender reassignment surgery or services; prohibit performing or paying for. Hobgood-Wilkes. I56.

577 - (Ways and Means) Local governments capital improvements revolving loan program; include municipal natural gas facilities. Faulkner. I56.

578 - (Universities and Colleges) IHL board; delete repealer on authority to oversee certain construction projects funded by state general obligation bonds. Harness. I56.

579 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL for research project on indoor production of medical marijuana at Alcorn State University. Harness. I56.

580 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Town of Meadville for improvements to water and sewer infrastructure. Harness. I56.

581 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Pattison Community Water Association for water system improvements. Harness. I56.

582 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Hermanville Community Water Association for certain water system improvements. Harness. I56.

583 - (Workforce Development) Minimum wage; establish at \$8.50 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. Brown (70th). I57.

584 - (Public Health and Human Services) Qualified Health Center Grant Program; clarify that amount specified for grants under is minimum amount to be issued. Mims. I57. CR124. CR125. CU221. V221. RS763. HC811. AP892.

585 - (Corrections) Regional correctional facilities; require Department of Corrections to utilize for housing of state offenders before utilizing private facilities. Taylor. I57.

586 - (Education) Financial credit counseling; require curriculum to be taught as an elective class that is required for graduation. Taylor. I57.

587 - (Appropriations) PERS; all members of will vest after 4 years of membership regardless of the date they became members. Shanks. I57.

588 - (Workforce Development) MS Workforce Training and Education Act; extend repealer on the act and in 2004 chapter law for conforming code sections. Roberson. I57. CR140. CU230. V230. RS790. HRC816. HCA830. SCA855. CRO1122. CRA1148. SCRA1460. SS1991. AP2051.

589 - (Appropriations) Death Benefits Trust Fund; survivors of persons receiving federal death benefits shall automatically receive a payment from. Carpenter. I57.

590 - (Judiciary B) Bribery of candidate; revise statute of limitations. Carpenter. I57.

591 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; MDE to assist parents in paying school districts for cost of lost/damaged electronic devices assigned to students. Young. I57.

592 - (Transportation) U.S. Highway 49/49E/49W; designate segment from Hinds County to Coahoma County as an historic memorial blues highway. Brown (70th). I57.

593 - (Education) Physical education curriculum; require full implementation in all K-12 schools. Brown (70th). I57.

594 - (Corrections) Private prisons that house state offenders; provide moratorium on the expansion of. Brown (70th). I57.

595 - (Education) African-American Studies and Racial Diversity; require SDE to develop curriculum for implementation in public high school. Brown (70th). I57.

596 - (Education) Civics; require State Board of Education to develop curriculum for public middle and high school students. Brown (70th). I57.

597 - (Education) Vocational and home economics; require curriculum for all middle, high and alternative school students. Brown (70th). I57.

598 - (Judiciary B) Marijuana possession; revise as civil penalty. Holloway. I58.

599 - (Education) Schools in district transformation; prohibit mandatory consolidation if progressing toward termination of district transformation status. Holloway. I58.

600 - (Apportionment and Elections) Presidential electors; revise selection of to be one from each congressional district and two from the state at large. Holloway. I58.

601 - (Education) School attendance officers; provide formula for allocating funds for the employment of and increase minimum base salary of. Holloway. I58.

602 - (Appropriations) District Attorneys; increase the operating allowance of. Read. I58. CR191. CU251. V251. RS646. HRC733. HCA830. SCA860. SCRA1678. CRO1714. CRA1714. SS1992. AP2045.

603 - (Appropriations) State budget; bring forward sections relating to. Read. I58. CR158. CU168. V168. RS599. HRC733. HCA840. SCA860. CRO1465. HRFC1466. SCRA1995. CRO1995. CRA2037. SS2042. PV2054.

604 - (Appropriations) New programs funded with ARPA funds; bring forward sections for possible amendment. Read. I58. CR158. CU168. V168. RS599. HRC733. HCA830. SCA855. SCA860. CRO1465. HRFC1466.

605 - (Appropriations) PERS; contribution rates not increased unless authorized by Legislature, and make recommendation on changes to the plan. Busby. I58. CR191.

606 - (Gaming) Online betting, gaming and wagering; legalize under certain conditions. Eure. I58. CR195. CU391. RTT391. CU415. V415. RS763. HC886. SS929. AP1459.

607 - (Apportionment and Elections) Collegiate voters; require each public and private four-year postsecondary institution to have an on-campus voting precinct. Anderson (110th). I58.

608 - (Apportionment and Elections) Online voter registration; authorize for first-time registrants. Anderson (110th). I58.

609 - (Apportionment and Elections) Voting rights; restore upon satisfaction of all sentencing requirements of a conviction including parole but not probation. Anderson (110th). I58.

610 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; phase out on sales of certain food. Anderson (110th). I58.

611 - (Apportionment and Elections) Absentee voting; establish electronic application procedure for college students. Anderson (110th). I58.

612 - (Public Health and Human Services) TANF benefits; provide child care and transportation for applicants during initial orientation meetings. Johnson. I58.

613 - (Public Health and Human Services) TANF funds; prohibit providing to any person whose income is more than 200% of poverty level. Johnson. I58.

614 - (Universities and Colleges) "Collegiate Computerized Educational Device (C-CompED) Act"; authorize public postsecondary educational institutions to purchase wireless communication devices for students. Harness. I58.

615 - (Judiciary B) Officer-involved deaths; require investigation by Mississippi Bureau of Investigations. Anderson (110th). I59.

616 - (Judiciary B) Review Board for Officer-Involved Deaths; create. Anderson (110th). I59.

617 - (Tourism) Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund; use portion of monies in to advertise for state parks. Miles. I59. CR200. CU288. V288.

618 - (Transportation) Transportation funding; authorize public-private partnerships to include naming rights. Miles. I59. CR166. CU379. V379.

619 - (Public Health and Human Services) State Health Officer; require certain orders issued by to be approved by the Governor. Eubanks. I59.

620 - (Apportionment and Elections) Early voting; authorize. McCray. I59.

621 - (Judiciary B) Firearms Protection Act; create. Criswell. I59.

622 - (Judiciary B) Seizure and forfeiture; require conviction and establish in relation to certain criminal offenses. Criswell. I59.

623 - (Judiciary A) Appeal from judgment by a county or municipal authority; revise standard of construction for determining constitutionality. Criswell. I59.

624 - (Judiciary B) Stun gun; remove the term from the prohibited firearms category. Criswell. I59.

625 - (Local and Private Legislation) Local and private bills proposing to extend local tax for second time; require direct referendum. Criswell. I59.

626 - (County Affairs) Boards of Supervisors; provide exception on prohibition of expending certain funds in last months of office to meet federal ARPA spending deadline. Byrd. I59. CR124. CU152. V152. MR155. MRT204.

627 - (Ways and Means) Ad valorem tax; revise exemption for university, college, community or junior college foundation property. Byrd. I59.

628 - (Ways and Means) Children's Promise Act; revise definition of "eligible charitable organization" under. Byrd. I59.

629 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; reduce rate on retail sales of motorcycles. Byrd. I59.

630 - (Apportionment and Elections) Ballot box; prohibit the opening of and counting of votes until all of the polling places have closed. Byrd. I59.

631 - (Ways and Means) Disabled veterans motor vehicle license tags; revise certain provisions regarding disability rating. Byrd. I59. CR202. CU219. V219.

632 - (Appropriations) Back pay; authorize in certain situations where administrative error has occurred. Carpenter. I60.

633 - (Judiciary A) Open Meetings Law; authorize court to void certain actions taken in violation of. Carpenter. I60.

634 - (Judiciary A) Baby drop-off law; revise procedure to authorize a person designated by a parent to. Carpenter. I60.

635 - (Apportionment and Elections) Starkville High School AP Government Class of 2019 Motor Voter Act; create to establish the procedure for the automatic registration of. Taylor. I60.

636 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Starkville for making Northside Drive drainage improvements. Taylor. I60.

637 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Starkville with certain drainage projects. Taylor. I60.

638 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Starkville with drainage improvements. Taylor. I60.

639 - (Corrections) Nonviolent offenders, certain; require Department of Corrections to house within a 100-mile radius of offenders' release residences. Taylor. I60.

640 - (Corrections) Workforce training, certain; provide for nonviolent offenders in regional correctional facilities. Taylor. I60.

641 - (Judiciary B) Wrongful conviction; remove limit on damages when court finds. Taylor. I60.

642 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Clay, Lowndes and Oktibbeha Counties with certain road projects. Taylor. I60.

643 - (Public Health and Human Services) Practice of medicine or dentistry; allow persons convicted of certain crimes to practice after license reinstatement. Taylor. I60.

644 - (Judiciary A) Victim Assistance Coordinator; authorize an additional coordinator for the Seventh Circuit Court District. Taylor. I60.

645 - (Appropriations) Federal funds; Governor can not return to federal government as long as there is still a demonstrable need for those funds in Mississippi. Taylor. I60.

646 - (County Affairs) Contractors; authorize counties and municipalities to pay utilizing electronic deposits. Taylor. I60.

647 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Adult Health and Privacy Act; create. Eubanks. I60.

648 - (Agriculture) Milk products; exempt owners of certain milk producing animals from regulation when used for personal milk consumption. Eubanks. I61.

649 - (Agriculture) Mississippi On-Farm Sales and Food Freedom Act; create. Eubanks. I61.

650 - (Ways and Means) Motor vehicle license plates; allow reuse from one vehicle to another vehicle under certain conditions. Eubanks. I61.

651 - (Insurance) Auto insurance; policy held by lienholder or secured party not invalidated by intentional act of vehicle owner. Hood. I61.

652 - (Education) Excused absence; permit for students participating in roping or barrel horse racing events. Hood. I61.

653 - (Public Health and Human Services) Autopsies; create "Jenna's Law" to require autopsies to include inquiry about whether death was a result of seizure or epilepsy. Hood. I61.

654 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Antique boats; exempt from three year registration renewal requirement. Hood. I61.

655 - (Ways and Means) Children's Promise Act; revise definition of "eligible charitable organization" under. Hood. I61.

656 - (Judiciary B) Firearm suppressors; authorize manufacture and possession in Mississippi and prohibit enforcement of federal laws governing. Hood. I61.

657 - (Judiciary B) Youth courts; require to file all legal documents using MEC. Hood. I61. CR176.

658 - (County Affairs) Commercial driver's license; exempt county-owned garbage trucks operators from requirement. Hood. I61.

659 - (Forestry) Foresters; liable for cost of timber on failure to provide scale tickets to landowners if logger fails to pay forester. Hood. I61.

660 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; State Aid Road Fund from State General Fund. Busby. I61.

661 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; State Aid Road Fund to reimburse for monies expended to counties due to provisions of House Bill 779, 2019 Regular Session. Busby. I61.

662 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund to be utilized by MDOT. Busby. I61.

663 - (Ways and Means) Ad valorem taxation; provide partial exemption for certain business personal property. Horne. I61.

664 - (Ways and Means) Homestead exemption; increase for persons 65 years of age or older or totally disabled. Horne. I61.

665 - (Ways and Means) Ad valorem tax; exempt certain business personal property from. Horne. I61.

666 - (Transportation) Driver's license; prescribe information to be included on and authorize discretionary inclusion of blood type. Thompson. I62.

667 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Lee County with repair/replacement of a bridge. Thompson. I62.

668 - (Education) Teacher licensure; authorize SDE to issue Nontraditional Teaching Route - Standard License to certain individuals with advanced degrees. Busby. I62.

669 - (Judiciary A) Mississippi Architects and Engineers Good Samaritan Act; create. Busby. I62.

670 - (Insurance) Nonadmitted policy fee; divert forty percent of for rural fire truck and supplemental fund. Busby. I62.

671 - (Education) Lottery proceeds; revise distribution of. Busby. I62.

672 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; revise certain provisions relating to electing pass-through entities. Busby. I62.

673 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; MDOT for replacement of bridges incapable of supporting harvest permit allowable weight. Busby. I62.

674 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; MDOT for matching funds for the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Busby. I62.

675 - (Military Affairs) State Veterans Affairs Board; revise provisions regarding processing appeals of claims. Carpenter. I62. CR138. CU228. V228.

676 - (County Affairs) Counties; authorize to choose not to be subject to requirement for permitting as a condition to construction. Carpenter. I62.

677 - (Military Affairs) County veteran service officers; revise certain qualifications for. Carpenter. I62. CR138. CU229. V229. RS765. HRC816. HCA899. SCA918. CRO1237. CRA1239. SCRA1460. SS1731. AP2045.

678 - (Apportionment and Elections) Mississippi Voter Protection Act; create. Osborne. I62.

679 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. Osborne. I62.

680 - (Judiciary A) Disabled veterans; establish right to appeal in forma pauperis in certain cases. Osborne. I62.

681 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for repair and renovation projects at Mississippi Valley State University. Osborne. I62.

682 - (Rules) State holidays; remove Confederate Memorial Day as. Osborne. I62.

683 - (Judiciary B) Indecent assault; create the crime of and provide penalties. Reynolds. I62.

684 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; exempt income of certain mental health professionals providing services in critical mental health services shortage areas. Reynolds. I63.

685 - (Judiciary A) Deeds to married couples; create a rebuttable presumption of joint tenancy with rights of survivorship. Reynolds. I63. CR147. CR148. CU295. V295. RS729. HRC815. HCA882. SCA895.

686 - (Judiciary B) Simple assault; revise to include indecent touching. Reynolds. I63.

687 - (Municipalities) Municipalities; establish alternative procedure to require property owners to make corrective repairs to property. Reynolds. I63.

688 - (Judiciary B) Civil Legal Assistance Fund; specify funding to from certain sources. Watson. I63.

689 - (Judiciary B) Mississippi Center for Legal Services Corporation Fund; create and provide for a new fee to be deposited into. Watson. I63.

690 - (Energy) Chickasawhay Natural Gas District; increase compensation of board of directors and chairperson of. Barnett. I63. CR195. CU309. V309.

691 - (Transportation) Memorial highway; designate a portion of U.S. Highway 45 in Wayne County, MS, as the "Army Sergeant Eric C. Newman Memorial Highway." Barnett. I63. CR199. CU270. V270. RS674. HRC734. HCA769. SCA793. CRO1239. CRA1240. SCRA1678. SS1992. AP2045.

692 - (Judiciary B) Firearms in possession of a felon; revise regulations for. Barnett. I63.

693 - (Municipalities) Aldermen and councilmen; increase the maximum amount of surety bond that may be given by. Carpenter. I63. CR139. CU240. V240.

694 - (Military Affairs) Civil Air Patrol members; authorize granting of leave of absence to for certain emergency services. Carpenter. I63.

695 - (Appropriations) PERS; new public safety employees may receive retirement allowance with 25 years of service. Carpenter. I63.

696 - (Judiciary B) Capitol Complex Improvement District; revise boundary lines of. Yates. I63. CR162. CU171. RC171. RC171. CR176. CU376. V376.

697 - (Public Utilities) Homeowner associations that provide water to its residents, certain; prohibit PSC from providing certain regulation of. Yates. I63. CR163. CU345. RTT345.

698 - (Public Utilities) Municipal water, wastewater and sewer services; require equity based billing based on use of. Yates. I63. CR163. CU320. V321. RS790. HRC815. SCA876. HCA882. CRO1518. CRA1521. R1572. HRFC1572. CRO1697. CRA1700. SCRA1735. SS1991. AP2044.

699 - (Public Health and Human Services) MS State Asylum Records; provide procedures for access and exempt from confidentiality and privilege requirements. Yates. I63.

700 - (Municipalities) Flood and drainage control districts; revise the number of directors for certain municipalities. Yates. I63. CR199. CU390. RTT390.

701 - (Appropriations) Mississippi Work and Save Program; create. Steverson. I64.

702 - (Ways and Means) Reverse auction; revise method of receiving bids through for agencies and governing authorities. Bell (21st). I64. CR151. CU208. V208.

703 - (Transportation) "Medal of Honor Trail"; designate portion of Interstate 22 and U.S. Highway 78 within the State of Mississippi as. Creekmore IV. I64. CR199. CU270. V270.

704 - (Tourism) Television series production; provide incentives for certain. Creekmore IV. I64. CR201. CU390. RTT390. CU424. V424. RS765. HRC815. HCA882. SCA931. CRO1505. CRA1508. SCRA1679. SS1991. AP2045.

705 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; create pilot program for grants to certain municipalities for security cameras and equipment and authorize bonds to provide funds. Rosebud. I64.

706 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; create small municipalities security cameras and equipment grant program and authorize bonds to provide funds. Rosebud. I64.

707 - (Gaming) Lottery; clarify liquor stores able to serve as lottery retailers. Burnett. I64.

708 - (Gaming) Mobile sports wagering; authorize. Burnett. I64.

709 - (Judiciary A) Retired judges; authorize to solemnize marriages. Burnett. I64.

710 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; mandate election on issue of county or municipal bonds. Horne. I64.

711 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; mandate election on issue of county or municipal bonds. Horne. I64.

712 - (Apportionment and Elections) State advertising; prohibit elected and appointed officers from publicly participating in. Evans (91st). I64.

713 - (Judiciary B) Interrogations; require all to be conducted by law enforcement to be recorded. Evans (91st). I64.

714 - (Judiciary B) Tobacco; prohibit sale of candy or food product that mimics. Evans (91st). I64.

715 - (Judiciary B) DUI; revise license suspension for test refusal if licensee pleads guilty. Evans (91st). I64.

716 - (Banking and Financial Services) Pawnbrokers, title pledge lenders and check cashers; reduce maximum rate of interest that they may charge for their services. Evans (91st). I64.

717 - (Apportionment and Elections) Elected official; prohibit from changing political party affiliation during term of office. Evans (91st). I64.

718 - (Ways and Means) Mobile homes and manufactured homes; give owner of one year to redeem the property after sold for taxes. Walker. I65.

719 - (Apportionment and Elections) Automatic voter registration; authorize for those who apply for the issuance, renewal or change of address of driver's license. Walker. I65.

720 - (Gaming) Mississippi Horse Racing Act; create. Walker. I65.

721 - (Workforce Development) Jobs for Mississippi Graduates, Inc.; establish funding for. Walker. I65.

722 - (Drug Policy) Controlled substances; exclude fentanyl testing materials from definition of "paraphernalia" under. Bell (65th). I65. CR120. CU128. V128. RS673. SS727. AP792.

723 - (Transportation) Mississippi Transit Corporation; establish and create study committee. Bell (65th). I65. CR166. CU377. V378.

724 - (Public Health and Human Services) DPS; require to establish training component relating to autism spectrum disorder. Bell (65th). I65.

725 - (Judiciary B) Social media deplatforming; regulate and prohibit. Bain. I65.

726 - (Judiciary A) Supreme court, court of appeals, chancery courts and circuit courts; bring forward code sections related to. Cockerham. I65. CR147. CR148. CU389. RTT389. CU405. V405.

727 - (Public Health and Human Services) Advanced practice registered nurses; revise licensing provisions relating to. Scoggin. I65.

728 - (Education) State school and school district accountability system; eliminate certain criteria for measuring performance under. McLean. I65.

729 - (Education) "Mississippi Successful Techniques Resulting in Delivering Excellence in Education and Employability (STRIDE) Scholarship Program"; establish. McCarty. I65. CR146. CU291. V291.

730 - (Education) "William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program"; revise to expand eligibility. McCarty. I65. CR146. CU291. V291.

731 - (Education) National Board certified teachers; provide \$4,000 annual salary supplement for those employed in areas designated as geographically critical teacher shortage areas. McCarty. I65.

732 - (Education) Early Learning Collaboratives; expand to provide in every school district by the start of the 2027-2028 school year. McCarty. I65.

733 - (Judiciary A) 911 calls; require a public body to transcribe and release to the public if certain information redacted. Roberson. I65.

734 - (Public Health and Human Services) DHS; extend date of repealers on and update certain language. Roberson. I65.

735 - (Ways and Means) Retailer Tax Fairness Act; create. Roberson. I66. CR202. CU256. V256.

736 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Holly Springs for widening a road for the Springs Industrial Park. Faulkner. I66.

737 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Holly Springs with improvements to Mississippi Highway 178. Faulkner. I66.

738 - (Workforce Development) Income tax; authorize credit for employers of convicted felons, prohibit certain criminal record/history checks. Faulkner. I66.

739 - (Apportionment and Elections) Elections; establish procedure for automatic registration of voters. Faulkner. I66.

740 - (Universities and Colleges) Spouse and children of first responders killed in the line of duty; provide scholarship for attendance at postsecondary institutions. Faulkner. I66.

741 - (Insurance) Nursing homes; require to purchase and maintain a minimum amount of liability insurance. Evans (91st). I66.

742 - (Judiciary A) Mineral rights; revert to surface owner after certain period of time. Evans (91st). I66.

743 - (Workforce Development) Employment-at-will doctrine; abolish and create "Good Faith in Employment Act." Evans (91st). I66.

744 - (Judiciary B) Implied consent; revise suspension period during appeals for refusal to submit to chemical test. Evans (91st). I66.

745 - (Appropriations) Legislature; allow retired PERS members to receive a retirement allowance while serving as a member of. Evans (91st). I66.

746 - (Ways and Means) Cigarettes; increase excise tax on. Evans (91st). I66.

747 - (Education) Mississippi Scholarship Act; create to provide scholarships to K-12 public school students. Brown (20th). I66.

748 - (Education) Tim Tebow Act; create to authorize homeschool students to participate in public school extracurricular activities. Brown (20th). I66.

749 - (Education) Extracurricular activities; require certain organizations to allow equal participation by all students in. Brown (20th). I66.

750 - (Ways and Means) Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Brown (20th). I66.

751 - (Ways and Means) Income tax refund; provide check off on individual form to allow contribution to State General Fund. Brown (20th). I66.

752 - (Education) MS Dyslexia Therapy Scholarship for Students with Dyslexia; revise eligibility beginning with kindergarten. Byrd. I66. CR194. CU451. V451.

753 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Rural Fire Truck Fund for additional round of trucks under Acquisition Assistance Program. Byrd. I67.

754 - (Ways and Means) Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the local option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Paden. I67.

755 - (Ways and Means) Tobacco; increase excise tax on all products except cigarettes. Evans (91st). I67.

756 - (Judiciary B) The Missing Persons Reporting and Identification Act; create to require local law enforcement agencies to input missing person in the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NAMUS). Shanks. I67.

757 - (Judiciary B) Assessment on certain offenses; revise. Shanks. I67.

758 - (Judiciary B) Simple assault; add athletic umpires to list that elevates to aggravated. Shanks. I67.

759 - (Judiciary B) Certificate of Foreign Birth; authorize without judicial proceeding under certain circumstances. Shanks. I67.

760 - (Judiciary A) Recreational landowners; add cycling to the list of activities exempt from liability. Shanks. I67.

761 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Children's Advocacy Centers of Mississippi for distribution to children's advocacy centers throughout state. Lamar. I67.

762 - (Judiciary B) Judicial operating allowance; increase. Lamar. I67.

763 - (Appropriations) MDA FY23 appropriations from Gulf Coast Restoration Fund; revise those made to the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission. Lamar. I67. CR158. CU169. V169.

764 - (Ways and Means) Capitol Complex Improvement District; authorize demolition of slum and blighted properties located within. Crudup. I67.

765 - (Judiciary A) Motor vehicles; require certain new to be equipped with alert to operator to check rear designated seat when engine stops. Crudup. I67.

766 - (Education) MCOPS programs; authorize training for to provide at any approved training academy in the state. McKnight. I67.

767 - (Education) Homeschooled students; authorize participation in therapy services available through local school district. Eubanks. I67.

768 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) State Personnel Board; require agencies seeking an exemption from the oversight of to submit written plan of justification to Legislature and SPB. Turner. I67. CR157. CU345. RTT345. CU409. V409. RS764. SS823. AP892.

769 - (Public Property) Harvey Moss Wildlife Management Area at Tuscumbia; designate Tuscumbia Wildlife Management Area as. Bain. I68. CR139. CU235. V235. RS764. HRC815. HCA831. SCA855. CRO1573. CRA1573. SCRA1679. SS1992. AP2051.

770 - (Universities and Colleges) Mississippi Office of Space and Technology; create to be administered by MDA, which shall staff. Ladner. I68. CR201. CU317. V317. RS763. HRC790. HCA831. SCA855. CRO1243. CRA1244. SCRA1460. SS1990. AP2045.

771 - (Universities and Colleges) HELP Grant and MTAG Programs; revise level of funding provided to eligible students. Scoggin. I68. CR201. CU319. V319. MR345. MRT350. RS763. HRC790. HCA840. SCA918. CRO1498. HRFC1498. CRO1700. HRFC1700. CE1704.

772 - (Tourism) Mississippi Opal; designate as official state gemstone. Currie. I68. CR149. CU286. V286.

773 - (Judiciary A) Real estate brokers and agents; revise liability regarding disclosure statements. Deweese. I68. CR196. CU357. V357.

774 - (Public Health and Human Services) TANF block grant; DHS shall transfer 30% of each year to CCDF for child care vouchers. Johnson. I68.

775 - (Tourism) Mississippi Gospel Music Trail; authorize MDA Division of Tourism to establish program and historical markers for. Hood. I68.

776 - (Ways and Means) Trailers and semitrailers; revise alternative highway privilege tax for. Busby. I68.

777 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with demolition and removal of blighted properties. Crudup. I68.

778 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to senior centers, community centers and gymnasiums. Bell (65th). I68.

779 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Verona with site development related to the Old Town Crossing Project. Thompson. I68.

780 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; State Department of Health to provide epi-pens and AEDs in community colleges, universities and schools. Paden. I68.

781 - (Education) Dyslexia screenings; reimburse parents and school districts for comprehensive psycho-educational evaluations of students failing initial screener. Byrd. I68.

782 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; provide a credit for taxpayers who claim a federal earned income tax credit. Summers. I68.

783 - (Public Health and Human Services) Health Care Facility Right to Visit Act; create. Hale. I68.

784 - (Insurance) First Responders Health and Safety Act; revise to provide that the cancer benefits will be paid by the state and not insurance policies. Hale. I68.

785 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Rare Disease Advisory Council; create at UMMC. McKnight. I69.

786 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Nonresident native hunting and fishing license; authorize issuance for nonresident natives of Mississippi. Hood. I69.

787 - (Forestry) Mississippi Board of Registration for Foresters; bring forward all code sections and authorize to suspend license of licensee for failure to satisfy judgement. Hood. I69. CR137. CU153. V153. MR155. MRWD172. RS646. HC733. HC733. SS822. AP892.

788 - (Education) School districts; prohibit from denying students who maintain all A's from being exempt from certain exams. Hood. I69.

789 - (Banking and Financial Services) Prohibiting Financial Surveillance Act; create. Arnold. I69.

790 - (Appropriations) PERS; county and municipal election commissioners shall be members of. Arnold. I69.

791 - (Drug Policy) Tianeptine; add to Schedule II list of controlled substances. Arnold. I69.

792 - (Ways and Means) Hotel construction projects; authorize sales tax incentive for. Arnold. I69.

793 - (Public Health and Human Services) EMS Memorial; Health Dept. shall design and construct to honor EMS personnel who died in line of duty. Hobgood-Wilkes. I69. CR163. CU225. V225.

794 - (Public Health and Human Services) Certified Nurse Aides (CNAs); transfer administration of certification from Health Department to Board of Nursing. Hobgood-Wilkes. I69.

795 - (Judiciary B) Shoplifting; require to calculate total price of all shoplifting items for fine. Hobgood-Wilkes. I69. CR176. CU390. RTT390. CU427. V427. RS765. HRC808. HCA882. SCA918. CRO1585. CRA1587. SCRA1679. SS1991. AP2051.

796 - (Public Health and Human Services) Advanced practice registered nurses; revise licensing provisions relating to. Hobgood-Wilkes. I69.

797 - (Judiciary A) Judicial operating allowance and district attorney; revise to increase. Horan. I69.

798 - (Judiciary A) Court administrators; revise compensation of. Horan. I69.

799 - (Corrections) Inmate Welfare Fund; increase portion of the fund that is utilized to fund Inmate Incentive to Work Program. Horan. I69. CR145. CU315. V315. RS674. HRC770. SCA876. HCA882. SRFC932. CRO1052. HRFC1052. SCRA1679. CRO1705. CRA1707. SS1991. AP2045.

800 - (Public Health and Human Services) Department of Mental Health and community health centers; expand outpatient services for certain formerly incarcerated state inmates. Brown (70th). I69.

801 - (Workforce Development) Community and junior colleges; expand workforce development partnerships. Brown (70th). I69.

802 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL MSU - Cooperative Extension Service for administration of the MS Youth Preparedness Initiative. Mangold. I70.

803 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Administrative Office of Courts for additional funding for intervention courts. Creekmore IV. I70.

804 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Hunting and fishing license; nonresident not required to have if on land that he or she owns. Sanford. I70.

805 - (Education) Compulsory school age; revise definition to include children who attain the age of five years before September 1. Hulum. I70.

806 - (Judiciary B) Courtroom proceeding; authorize video conferences for certain proceedings. Ford (54th). I70.

807 - (Workforce Development) Mississippi State Workforce Investment Board; bring forward code sections related to. Bell (21st). I70.

808 - (Youth and Family Affairs) Youth court services fees and fines; exclude parents and children from payment of. Burnett. I70.

809 - (Public Utilities) Executive Director of Public Utilities Staff; remove Public Service Commission from the process of appointing. Bounds. I70. CR164. CU345. RTT345. CU358. V358. RS730. SS822. AP892.

810 - (Workforce Development) Fair Minimum Wage Act; create. Osborne. I70.

811 - (Military Affairs) Municipal Veterans Treatment Court; authorize in municipalities that have a municipal drug court. Osborne. I70.

812 - (Judiciary B) Racial Profiling Prevention Act; create. Osborne. I70.

813 - (Workforce Development) Employment; prohibit denial of solely because a person has been convicted of a felony. Osborne. I70.

814 - (Judiciary B) Custodial interrogations; authorize electronic recording of. Osborne. I70.

815 - (Ways and Means) Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Lancaster. I70. CR151. CU446. T446.

816 - (Judiciary B) Fentanyl; increase penalties for possession of. Bain. I70. CR161.

817 - (Education) Early Learning Collaborative; increase minimum funding levels for full-day and half-day programs. McCarty. I70. CR146. CU292. V292. RS765. HRC816. HCA899. SCA916. CRO1110. CRA1110. SCRA1735. SS1992. AP2045.

818 - (Appropriations) PERS Board; require to make investment decisions with sole purpose of maximizing returns. Yancey. I70.

819 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Child Poverty Task Force; create. Summers. I70.

820 - (Appropriations) Appropriations; Hinds County for purchase of video cameras. Summers. I71.

821 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Notaries; revise residency requirements of. Aguirre. I71. CR175. CU345. RTT345. CU413. V413.

822 - (Banking and Financial Services) Small Business Bridge Loan Program; create. Hines. I71.

823 - (Education) Commission on Education and Economic Competitiveness; establish to develop vision for the state's future economic and educational success. Holloway. I71. CR193. CU345. RTT345. CU360. V360.

824 - (Transportation) MDOT; authorize to assist publicly owned gas and water districts with certain removal and relocation projects. Creekmore IV. I71. CR149. CU268. V268.

825 - (Rules) State holiday; exclusively recognize Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday on the third Monday of January. Karriem. I71.

826 - (Judiciary B) Fresh Start Act; revise certain provisions of. Karriem. I71.

827 - (Judiciary B) Statutory rape; create an exception when both teenagers are dating each other. Karriem. I71.

828 - (Transportation) Driver's license; revise certain requirements and create certificate for driving. Karriem. I71.

829 - (Constitution) Expungement; revise list of eligible crimes. Karriem. I71.

830 - (Education) High school curriculum; require SBE to develop for instruction in civics and home economics. Karriem. I71.

831 - (Education) African-American Studies and Racial Diversity; require SDE to develop curriculum for implementation in public high school. Karriem. I71.

832 - (Constitution) Disenfranchising crimes; clarify those that qualify as. Karriem. I71.

833 - (Apportionment and Elections) Absentee ballots; revise those who are authorized to vote by. Karriem. I71.

834 - (Appropriations) Assistant District Attorneys and criminal investigators; increase authorized number of. Read. I71. CR191. CU251. V251. RS763. HRC811. HCA840. SCA860. CRO1465. HRFC1466. CRO1783. CRA1786. SCRA1837. SS2040. AP2048.

835 - (Public Utilities) Utility shutoffs; revise Governor's authority regarding. Mangold. I71.

836 - (Ways and Means) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; reauthorize issuance members of the clergy. Miles. I71.

837 - (Judiciary B) Case plans for inmates; require ordered alcohol/drug treatment to commence within 90 days of admission. Bain. I71.

838 - (Judiciary B) Mississippi Tianeptine and Kratom Consumer Protection Act; create. Bain. I72. CR162. CU381. V381.

839 - (Judiciary B) The "Uncrewed Aircraft Systems Rights and Authorities Act"; create. Bain. I72. CR162.

840 - (Judiciary B) State Public Defender; revise certain powers and duties of. Bain. I72. CR176. CU267. V267.

841 - (Judiciary B) Wiretapping; authorize county sheriff to apply to court for. Bell (21st). I72.

842 - (Workforce Development) Office of Workforce Development; authorize to work with MS Alliance of Nonprofits and Philanthropy to create an accountability system for certain nonprofits. Bell (21st). I72. CR140. CU231. V231.

843 - (Workforce Development) Mississippi Department of Employment Security; authorize to conduct background investigations on certain employees. Bell (21st). I72. CR140. CU231. V231.

844 - (Workforce Development) Office of Workforce Development; revise funding mechanism for and create Mississippi K-12 Workforce Development Grant Program. Bell (21st). I72. CR167. CU388. V388.

845 - (Workforce Development) Mississippi New Economic Development Training Assistance Grant Program; create. Bell (21st). I72. CR140. CU232. V232.

846 - (Public Property) Sixteenth Section land; revise zoning authority of local governing entities to prohibit restrictions on school districts' ability to build on said lands. Bell (21st). I72. CR139. CU236. V236.

847 - (Ways and Means) Residential builders and remodelers laws; revise certain licensing provisions. Gunn. I72.

848 - (Ways and Means) Mississippi Digital Asset Mining Act; create. Steverson. I72. CR151. CU446. T446.

849 - (Ways and Means) Securities laws; provide certain exemptions regarding blockchain tokens. Steverson. I72.

850 - (Ways and Means) School ad valorem tax levy; authorize levying authority for certain districts to approve/disapprove request for certain increases. Burnett. I72. CR150. CU212. LTSC217. CU255. V255.

851 - (Judiciary B) Firearms and weapons; authorize nonviolent felons to possess and use in defense of residence or motor vehicle. Burnett. I72.

852 - (Ways and Means) Tax credits; authorize for business contributions to certain organizations supporting food pantries or soup kitchens. McGee. I72.

853 - (Insurance) Health insurance policies; require certain to provide infertility coverage and establish pilot program in State Health Plan. McGee. I72.

854 - (Public Health and Human Services) Marriage and family therapists; revise certain requirements for licensure. McGee. I72. CR124. CR125. CU222. V222. RS764. SS822. AP892.

855 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; authorize a credit for costs incurred by certain taxpayers for storm shelter/safe room construction. Powell. I73.

856 - (County Affairs) County boards of supervisors; authorize to make contributions to community participants of the MS Main Street program. Byrd. I73. CR159.

857 - (County Affairs) Local Government Debt Collection Setoff Act; clarify term of "claimant local government" under. Byrd. I73. CR137. CU244. V244.

858 - (County Affairs) Mississippi Regional Pre-Need Disaster Clean Up Act; create. Byrd. I73. CR124. CU153. V153.

859 - (Education) Public special purpose schools; exempt from certain audit requirements. Currie. I73. CR193. CU346. RTT346. CU360. V360.

860 - (Judiciary A) "MS Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act" and "Uniform Athlete Agents Act"; bring forward. Bounds. I73. CR147. CR148. CU294. V294.

861 - (Judiciary B) Motor vehicle police pursuit policies; require police and sheriffs' departments to develop and implement. Bell (65th). I73.

862 - (Universities and Colleges) Contract lobbyists; prohibit agencies, universities and colleges from hiring with public funds. Horne. I73.

863 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Ban-the-Box Act; enact. Hulum. I73.

864 - (Gaming) Mobile sports wagering; authorize. McKnight. I73.

865 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mental health screenings and assessments; require in all public schools. Rosebud. I73.

866 - (Corrections) State Correctional Facilities Monitoring Unit; establish. Rosebud. I73.

867 - (Corrections) DOC discharge plans; require explanation of disenfranchising crimes and opportunity for certain offenders to register to vote. Rosebud. I73.

868 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mobile barbershops; authorize licensed barbers to operate. Rosebud. I73.

869 - (Apportionment and Elections) Early voting; require Secretary of State to authorize for overseas military. Banks. I73.

870 - (Judiciary B) Justice Court appeals; revise number of days to circuit court. Reynolds. I73. CR162. CU381. V381.

871 - (Ways and Means) Ad valorem tax; extend time for partial exemption and fee-in-lieu of ad valorem tax agreement for certain renewable energy projects. Reynolds. I73. CR540. CU553. V553.

872 - (Judiciary B) Expungement; authorize automatically for first-time offenders. Evans (91st). I74.

873 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Natchez for Concord Avenue Drainage Improvement Project. Johnson. I74.

874 - (Public Property) MS Dept. of Archives and History property; authorize DFA to clarify donation of certain lands in Claiborne County to U.S. Dept. of Interior - National Park Service. Weathersby. I74. CR139. CU236. V236.

875 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Public purchases; revise bidding requirements for certain projects and other related to Mississippi Landmarks. Weathersby. I74. CR157. CU345. RTT345. CU411. V412.

876 - (Public Property) Columbia Training School Property; clarify purposes for which the Marion County Economic Development District may be reimbursed. Weathersby. I74. CR139. CU237. V237.

877 - (Public Property) USM; clarify authority to enter into insurance agreement for protection of property at the state port at Gulfport. Weathersby. I74. CR140. CU237. V237. RS673. SS727. AP792.

878 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Construction certificate of responsibility; increase to \$75,000.00 and align bond requirement. Weathersby. I74.

879 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Public purchasing law; amend to allow competitive bids over \$75,000.00 to be advertised on the procurement portal. Weathersby. I74.

880 - (Banking and Financial Services) Mississippi Consumer Privacy Act for State Agencies; create. Turner. I74. CR192. CU345. RTT345. CU368. V368.

881 - (Banking and Financial Services) Consumer credit record; provide maximum amount that may be charged for improving. Turner. I74.

882 - (Banking and Financial Services) Renaissance Assistance Program to Initiate Development; create to assist small businesses. Turner. I74. CR192. CU390. RTT390. CU450. V450.

883 - (Drug Policy) Mississippi Kratom Consumer Protection Act; create. Roberson. I74.

884 - (Judiciary B) Statutory construction; define "First Responder" as used in any statute for which a definition of the term is not provided. Roberson. I74.

885 - (Public Utilities) Mississippi Emergency Communications Act; create. Roberson. I74.

886 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; DFA to assist God's Living Word Ministry in Walls with construction of a community family life center. McCray. I74.

887 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; DFA for costs of constructing a training facility for the Walls Volunteer Fire Department in DeSoto County. McCray. I74.

888 - (Judiciary A) Child support; authorize for disabled child past the age of majority. Cockerham. I75. CR197. CU389. RTT389. CU449. LTSC449.

889 - (Appropriations) Supplemental Legislative Retirement Plan; new legislators not members and current members do not earn additional credit. Evans (91st). I75.

890 - (Judiciary B) Sheriffs and police officers; require availability of less-lethal force option while on duty. Crudup. I75.

891 - (Education) PERS; conduct study on feasibility of allowing retired teachers to continue to work full-time and receive full retirement allowance. Brown (70th). I75.

892 - (Workforce Development) MS Workforce Training and Education Act; extend repealer on act and delete repealer on sections amended to conform in 2004. Bell (21st). I75.

893 - (Workforce Development) SkillPath 2030 Program; authorize Office of Workforce Development to create pilot program for. Haney. I75. CR140.

894 - (Municipalities) Violations of local zoning ordinances; authorize governing authorities to pursue administrative or civil penalties for. Haney. I75. CR139. CU258. V258. RS673. SS726. AP792.

895 - (Insurance) Uninsured motorist coverage; provide that coverage is mandatory in every automobile liability insurance policy. Watson. I75. CU345. RTT345.

896 - (Insurance) Uninsured motorist coverage; provide that limits will be equal to liability coverage unless insured selects otherwise. Watson. I75.

897 - (Constitution) Firearms; revise limits placed on counties and municipalities to regulate. Banks. I75.

898 - (Insurance) Workers' compensation commission; require emergency hearing upon request of either party. Watson. I75.

899 - (Judiciary B) Mississippi Center for Legal Services; require \$15.00 collected from criminal and civil actions to be remitted to. Watson. I75.

900 - (Judiciary B) Civil Legal Assistance Fund; provide for an assessment to be used for. Watson. I75.

901 - (Judiciary B) Radar; authorize use of by municipal law enforcement officers in certain municipalities with a population in excess of 7,000 on federal highways therein. Weathersby. I75.

902 - (Ways and Means) Alcoholic beverages; allow direct sales and shipments of wine to be made to residents in this state. Busby. I75.

903 - (Judiciary B) Counties and municipalities; revise fine amount that may be paid by those convicted of violating anti-littering ordinance. Evans (45th). I75. CR176. CU266. V266.

904 - (Public Property) Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District; authorize to transfer Kemper Lake to Kemper County Board of Supervisors. Evans (45th). I76. CR140. CU238. V238. RS673. SS727. AP792.

905 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Okolona School District for construction of new elementary school. Thompson. I76.

906 - (Judiciary A) First Circuit Court District; increase number of judges. Thompson. I76.

907 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Verona for site development work for Old Town Crossing Project. Thompson. I76.

908 - (Conservation and Water Resources) Water well contractors; exempt from continuing education if 65 or older or with at least 20 years experience. Horne. I76.

909 - (Judiciary A) Fireworks; require to be located within a permanent structure. Horne. I76.

910 - (Judiciary A) Fireworks; authorize sale of year-round. Horne. I76.

911 - (Judiciary B) Search warrant; authorize electronic application for and issuance of. Anderson (122nd). I76.

912 - (Judiciary B) Firearm suppressors; authorizing manufacture and possession in Mississippi and prohibit enforcement of federal laws governing. Anderson (122nd). I76. CR161. CU381. PO381. POWD390. CU404. V404. RS765. HRC808. HCA882. SCA918. CRO1587. CRA1590. SCRA1679. SS1992. AP2044.

913 - (Insurance) Motor vehicle liability insurance policy; require to include medical payment coverage. Watson. I76.

914 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; provide a credit for taxpayers allowed to claim federal earned income tax credit. Watson. I76.

915 - (Judiciary B) Overseas police service station; prohibit location of in this state. Arnold. I76.

916 - (Workforce Development) General experience rate; provide that noncharges caused by COVID-19 pandemic shall not impact. Bell (21st). I76. CR141. CU232. V232.

917 - (Public Property) Mississippi Worker's Comp commission office building; place under the supervision and care of DFA. Weathersby. I76. CR140. CU257. V257. RS674. HRC733. HCA769. SCA855. HCA882. CRO1110. CRA1111. SCRA1464. SS1992. AP2045.

918 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt certain sales of tangible personal property and services to churches. Eubanks. I76.

919 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt retail sales of severe weather preparedness items. Bell (65th). I76.

920 - (Municipalities) Radar; clarify how population is calculated. Rushing. I76. CR139. CU240. V240.

921 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Public Procurement Review Board; revise the qualifications of members on. Turner. I77.

922 - (Universities and Colleges) Alcorn State University; update references to in code to reflect current name designation. Harness. I77. CR150. CU317. V317. RS730. SS823. AP892.

923 - (Public Property) Bob Tyler Fish Hatchery; designate the fish hatchery located in North Mississippi as. Reynolds. I77. CR140. CU238. V238. RS764. HRC815. HCA840. SCA894. CRO1574. CRA1574. SCRA1679. SS1992. AP2045.

924 - (Judiciary B) Driver's license; authorize issuance of hardship license to persons who have their licenses suspended as a result of being out of compliance with order for support. Karriem. I77.

925 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; suspend eligibility of incarcerated persons instead of terminating it. Karriem. 177.

926 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. Karriem. 177.

927 - (Municipalities) Body-worn cameras; require cities and counties to provide to police officers and deputy sheriffs. Karriem. 177.

928 - (Workforce Development) Youth Employment Grant Program; create. Karriem. 177.

929 - (Judiciary B) Expungement; authorize for all nonviolent crimes after five years. Karriem. 177.

930 - (Judiciary B) Expungement; remove certain types of embezzlement from list of excluded crimes. Karriem. 177.

931 - (Insurance) School board members; allow school districts to provide health insurance for. McLeod. 177.

932 - (Judiciary B) Taking of another person's animal; clarify crime and penalties for. Banks. 177.

933 - (Apportionment and Elections) Voter rolls; prohibit purging names from Statewide Elections Management System 120 days or less before the date of any election. Banks. 177.

934 - (Ways and Means) Alcoholic beverages; require holder of on-premises retailer's permit to have blood alcohol content testing device available. Banks. 177.

935 - (Insurance) Counties and municipalities; prohibit ordinances authorizing automated recording equipment to enforce automobile insurance requirements. Banks. 177.

936 - (Corrections) Mandatory minimum sentences for crimes committed by offenders; revise which offenders are eligible for. Banks. 178.

937 - (Public Health and Human Services) Abortion; repeal statutes prohibiting after 15 weeks' gestation and after detection of fetal heartbeat. Banks. 178.

938 - (Public Health and Human Services) Abortion; repeal prohibition of. Banks. 178.

939 - (Public Health and Human Services) Breastfeeding; authorize distribution of statewide info to support breastfeeding in public places. Banks. 178.

940 - (Public Health and Human Services) Hospice care; authorize to be provided to persons who are not terminally ill under certain circumstances. Banks. 178.

941 - (Appropriations) State podiatric forgivable loan program; create. Banks. 178.

942 - (Public Health and Human Services) Hospitals; require to examine persons at ER with sickle cell disease symptoms within four hours after admission. Banks. 178.

943 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Jackson for constructing detention center for misdemeanor offenders. Banks. 178.

944 - (Municipalities) Water bills; prohibit municipalities from estimating water bills after 120 days. Banks. 178.

945 - (Municipalities) Water bills; prohibit certain municipalities from estimating water bills after 120 days. Banks. 178.

946 - (Public Utilities) Power lines; prohibit a person from placing objects on. Banks. 178.

947 - (County Affairs) County public defenders; require salary of all to be the same as district attorneys. Banks. 178.

948 - (Corrections) Department of Corrections; require implementation of an Extended Family Visitation Program for eligible offenders. Banks. 178.

949 - (Corrections) Case plans for nonviolent inmates; require certain programs be placed within. Banks. 178.

950 - (Corrections) Conjugal visits; require Department of Corrections to provide for married inmates. Banks. 178.

951 - (Judiciary B) Case plans for inmates who committed violent offenses; require certain programs be placed within. Banks. 178.

952 - (Judiciary B) Violent offenders, certain; may be paroled by Parole Board if sentencing judge authorizes parole consideration. Banks. 178.

953 - (Corrections) Department of Corrections; authorize to administer the "Halfway House Grant Program." Banks. 179.

954 - (Judiciary B) Case plans for inmates who committed capital offenses; require certain programs be placed within. Banks. 179.

955 - (Corrections) DOC's evaluation of requests for proposals for canteen services; require interested third parties to have reasonable prices for services. Banks. 179.

956 - (Judiciary B) Voting rights; restore to all felons upon satisfying all of the sentencing requirements of the conviction. Banks. 179.

957 - (Ports, Harbors and Airports) Jackson Metropolitan Area Airport Authority; repeal. Banks. 179.

958 - (County Affairs) Land banks; authorize counties and municipalities to create to convert certain property to productive use. Banks. 179.

959 - (Ways and Means) State of Mississippi; require to pay fee-in-lieu of taxes to City of Jackson for fire protection services provided to state facilities. Banks. 179.

960 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Jackson for demolishing certain structure in Farish Street Historic District. Banks. 179.

961 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Hinds County for construction of new county jail. Banks. 179.

962 - (Ways and Means) License plates for disabled individuals; revise various provisions related to. Banks. 179.

963 - (Apportionment and Elections) Tax Returns Uniformly Made Public Act; create. Banks. 179.

964 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of groceries. Banks. 179.

965 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of a Department of Mental Health group housing facility in Madison. Banks. 179.

966 - (Ways and Means) Retail food establishments; prohibit from imposing cost-plus pricing formulas. Banks. 179.

967 - (Corrections) Mississippi Prison Industries; require to pay inmates federal minimum wage for inmate labor. Banks. 179.

968 - (Ways and Means) Sales Tax and use tax; exempt sales of certain computer software and computer software services. Lamar. 179. CU429. V445. RS729.

969 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; delete prohibition on participation in for psychiatric residential treatment facility in Desoto County. Kinkade. 179.

970 - (Public Health and Human Services) TANF funds; prohibit use of for college scholarships for persons not receiving TANF benefits. Johnson. 179.

971 - (Public Health and Human Services) TANF benefits; remove certain restrictions and penalties for applicants and recipients. Johnson. 180.

972 - (Ways and Means) Motor vehicle license tag; provide option of black background for certain. Miles. 180.

973 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; divert certain sales tax revenue to special fund for state park improvements. Miles. 180.

974 - (Gaming) Lottery proceeds; authorize transfer of Ten Million Dollars to State Park Fund. Miles. 180.

975 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Byhalia for relocation of certain utilities and making street paving improvements. Kinkade. 180.

976 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Boats; require validation decal certifying the awarded number to be displayed on each side of vessel. Kinkade. 180. CR152. CU290. V290.

977 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Byhalia with relocation of utilities and street paving. Kinkade. 180.

978 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize to assist Marshall County with construction of emergency response center to serve Chickasaw Trail Industrial Park. Kinkade. 180.

979 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Hunting; provide exception for recovering mortally wounded animals at night with use of light. Kinkade. 180. CR202. CU404. V404. RS674. HC734. HC734. SS822. AP892.

980 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. Rosebud. 180.

981 - (Insurance) Workers' compensation subrogation lien; revise reimbursement of when injured employee recovers from a third party. Tullos. 180.

982 - (Judiciary A) Tort Noneconomic Damages Assessment Task Force; create. Tullos. 180.

983 - (Public Health and Human Services) Pregnancy Resources Grant Program; create. Newman. 180.

984 - (Agriculture) "Liberty for Our Agricultural Land Act"; enact to prohibit the companies owned by the People's Republic of China owning more than 100 acres of real estate. Rushing. I80.

985 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) EMS Advisory Council; revise membership of. Hobgood-Wilkes. I80. CR157. CU412. V412.

986 - (Transportation) Transportation; allow public and private partnerships to establish electric vehicle charging stations. Busby. I80. CR167. CU269. V269.

987 - (Public Health and Human Services) Pharmacy Benefit Prompt Pay Act; revise various provisions of. Arnold. I81.

988 - (Workforce Development) Mississippi Youth Career and Workforce Preparation Grant Program; create. Felsher. I81. CR141.

989 - (Public Health and Human Services) Child Protection Services; remove from DHS and make it a separate agency. Felsher. I81. CR163. CU224. V224.

990 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; bring forward sections of law for possible amendment. Hood. I81.

991 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; bring forward sections of law for possible amendment. Hood. I81.

992 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; bring forward services and managed care provisions. Hood. I81.

993 - (Ways and Means) One Lake flood control project; prohibit the Rankin-Hinds Pearl River Flood and Drainage Control District from implementing. Currie. I81.

994 - (Education) Retired teachers; allow to return to teaching for a maximum of five years while receiving retirement benefits. Darnell. I81.

995 - (Judiciary A) Rape; revise elements for the crime of and remove spousal exception. McLean. I81. CR161. CU389. RTT389. CU446. V446. RS766. HRC815. HCA882. SCA918. CRO1643. CRA1645. SCRA1679. SS1992. AP2045.

996 - (Judiciary A) Intestate succession; child conceived by assisted reproduction after decedent's death is deemed to be living at time of death. McLean. I81. CR161. CU389. RTT389. CU447. V447.

997 - (Judiciary A) Licensure; revise reciprocity requirements for out-of-state attorneys. McLean. I81.

998 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Wildlife; provide that the state has a duty to protect and sustain for the public's benefit. Kinkade. I81. CR152.

999 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; deposit portion of revenue into the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund. Kinkade. I81. CR151. CU209. V209.

1000 - (Education) Education Scholarship Account; expand to include children in foster care. Kinkade. I81. CR193. CU346. RTT346. CU361. V361.

1001 - (Transportation) Appeals Board of the Mississippi Transportation Commission; bring forward provision related to for purpose of possible amendment. Busby. I81.

1002 - (Transportation) Petroleum Products Inspection Law; extend repealer on. Busby. I81. CR149. CU268. V269.

1003 - (Transportation) Mississippi Fully Autonomous Vehicle Enabling (MS FAVE) Act of 2023; establish to regulate operation of autonomous vehicle on public roads. Busby. I81. CR166. CU379. V379. RS763. HC887. SS929. AP1460.

1004 - (Education) Free online tutoring services; require State Department of Education to post announcement on website about. Rosebud. I82.

1005 - (Judiciary B) Voting rights; restore upon satisfaction of all of the sentencing requirements of a conviction. Rosebud. I82.

1006 - (Rules) Confederate Memorial Day; remove as a state holiday. Rosebud. I82.

1007 - (Judiciary B) The Crown Act; prohibit discrimination based on natural hairstyles. Rosebud. I82.

1008 - (Rules) Juneteenth; designate as a state holiday. Rosebud. I82.

1009 - (Judiciary B) Department of Public Safety; require to provide report on hiring practices of employees within the Office of Capitol Police. Rosebud. I82.

1010 - (Education) Charter schools; require automatic approval of new school when applicant is currently operating charter school in MS and authorize expansion. Criswell. I82.

1011 - (Public Health and Human Services) Podiatrist; authorize to perform ankle surgery when meet certain requirements. Barton. I82.

1012 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Department of Wildlife; authorize reimbursement for discounts relating to hunting and fishing licenses and other fees. Bounds. I82.

1013 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; revise method of collecting from public officers or employees in arrears. Shanks. I82.

1014 - (Ways and Means) Motor vehicle license tags; revise provisions regarding county disposition of surrendered or outdated tags. Byrd. I82.

1015 - (Ways and Means) Tax Credits; authorize for business contributions to certain organization supporting food pantries or soup kitchens. Lamar. I82.

1016 - (Transportation) Memorial highway; designate segment of MS Hwy 8 in Chickasaw County as the "Deputy Jeremy Allen Voyles Memorial Highway". Lancaster. I82. CR200. CU271. V271. RS673. SS726. AP792.

1017 - (Transportation) Memorial intersection; designate intersection of U.S. 45 and CR 110 in Clarke County as the "Army Spc. Terry Kishaun Dantez Gordon Memorial Intersection". Smith. I82. CR200. CU271. V271. RS673. SS726. AP792.

1018 - (Judiciary A) Adoptees; authorize those twenty-four years of age or older. Calvert. I82.

1019 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Coach Safely Act; create to require certain youth coaches to take injury mitigation and information course. Powell. I82.

1020 - (Ways and Means) Capitol Complex Improvement District courts; authorize. Lamar. I82. CR152. CU257. RTT257. CU337. R337. PO339. SR339. PO341. SR342. V343. EV343. MR343. MRT358. RS764. HRC846. SCA876. HCA882. CRO1498. HRFC1498. SCRA1837. CRO1942. PO1953. PO1953. PO1954. PO1954. SR1956. PO1954. SR1957. HB1956. HCRA1958. SS2039. AP2051.

1021 - (Ways and Means) Capitol Complex Improvement District; revise to include Boling Street. Banks. I83.

1022 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) State boards and commissions; Department of Finance and Administration travel regulations shall be applicable to all. Banks. I83.

1023 - (Judiciary A) Land partitions; revise provision that regulate. Sanford. I83.

1024 - (Education) "Mississippi School Resource Officers School Safety (MS ROSS) Act"; create to provide funding to local law enforcement agencies for the employment of SROs. Lamar. I83.

1025 - (Ports, Harbors and Airports) Airport authority; authorize to dispose of property with a fair market value of zero if certain conditions are met. Calvert. I83. CR163. CU359. RTT359. CU416. V416. RS765. SS824. AP892.

1026 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Sale of game animals; prohibit unless permitted by an act of the Legislature. Kinkade. I83. CR167.

1027 - (Tourism) State Fruit; designate the blueberry as. Ford (73rd). I83. CR149. CU287. V287. RS673. SS727. AP804.

1028 - (Public Health and Human Services) Medical radiation technologists; extend repealers on regulation of and revise definition of nuclear medicine tech. Roberson. I83.

1029 - (Military Affairs) United States Space Force; provide that reference to "Armed Forces" and "Uniformed Services" in Mississippi law shall include members of. Roberson. I83. CR138. CU143. V143. RS766. HRC816. HCA883. SCA895. CRO950. CRA951. SCRA1460. SS2039. AP2045.

1030 - (Banking and Financial Services) Motor Vehicle Sales Finance Law; clarify employees of state licensee may work remotely. Aguirre. I83. CR158. CU344. RTT344. CU367. V367. RS765. SS823. AP892.

1031 - (Judiciary A) Health care providers; authorize lien against claims by patients and damages recovered by patients in a lawsuit or settlement. Aguirre. I83.

1032 - (Transportation) "Mississippi Security Drone Act of 2023"; enact to prohibit the purchase of unmanned aircraft systems from non-U.S. manufacturers. Massengill. I83. CR149.

1033 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) MS Management and Reporting System Revolving Fund; require administration to submit report of purchasing needs to legislative committees. Carpenter. I83. CR190. CU414. V414.

1034 - (Military Affairs) State Veterans Affairs Board; revise composition of. Carpenter. I83. CR198. CU389. RTT389. CU415. V415. RS597. HRC617. HCA769. SCA856. HCA883.

1035 - (Appropriations) MHP and MBN officers; provide a salary increase of \$4,000. Carpenter. I83.

1036 - (Judiciary B) Implied consent laws and investigation of traffic accidents; authorize the Commercial Transportation Enforcement Division within DPS to enforce. Carpenter. I83.

1037 - (Judiciary B) Radar; authorize DPS to authorize CTED law enforcement officers to use on public roadways for commercial vehicles. Carpenter. I84.

1038 - (Ways and Means) Homestead exemption; bring forward certain sections of law relating to. Carpenter. I84.

1039 - (Military Affairs) Occupational licensing; revise certain provisions relating to members of the military to include veterans. Carpenter. I84. CR138. CU229. V229. RS766. HRC816. SCA876. HCA883.

1040 - (Judiciary B) Law enforcement officers; require training in Alzheimer's and other dementias. Hale. I84.

1041 - (Banking and Financial Services) State depositories; revise certain definitions relating to align with federal regulatory standards. Zuber. I84. CR159. CU344. RTT344. CU367. V367.

1042 - (Education) Public school years; revise basis for establish length from days to equivalent number of hours of actual teaching. Darnell. I84.

1043 - (Public Property) DFA; require to provide bicycle parking at all government buildings in the Capitol Complex in Jackson, MS. Crudup. I84.

1044 - (Public Utilities) Excavators; require to mark proposed excavation area with white paint, flags or stakes before notifying Mississippi 811. Bounds. I84.

1045 - (Judiciary B) Libraries; regulate the material that is curated for children and younger teens. Ford (73rd). I84. CR176. CU390. RTT390.

1046 - (Judiciary A) Child support; authorize Gaming Commission and DHS to collect child support from winnings. Boyd (19th). I84.

1047 - (Rules) Mississippi Native Plant Month; declare April as. Ford (73rd). I84.

1048 - (Public Property) Public buildings; require availability of adult changing stations for persons with disabilities. Crawford. I84. CR199. CU359. RTT359. CU416. V417. RS766. HRC815. HCA840. SCA860.

1049 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Agencies, departments and institutions; require each to post organizational structure on official websites of. Crawford. I84.

1050 - (Education) Student absenteeism; excuse those related to a student's disability. Crawford. I84.

1051 - (Public Health and Human Services) COVID-19; require notice to family when death may have been caused by vaccine and authorize autopsy. Crawford. I84.

1052 - (Ways and Means) Ad valorem tax levy for school districts; provide levying authority with discretion to approve request by school board. Wallace. I84.

1053 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) County board of supervisors; authorize to be employed by community college districts while serving as. Johnson. I85.

1054 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) TANF funds; require PEER Committee to review and evaluate performance outcomes of subcontracts and subgrants of. Johnson. I85.

1055 - (Public Property) Public property; authorize certain state property conveyed to Jackson to be used for park and recreational purposes. Crudup. I85.

1056 - (Appropriations) School employees; revise rate for payment for unused leave to unlicensed employees upon retirement. Hood. I85. CR191. CU252. V252.

1057 - (Apportionment and Elections) Online voter registration; authorize and establish the process for. Summers. I85.

1058 - (Education) School district records; revise time period to be maintained from five to seven years. Newman. I85.

1059 - (Public Utilities) Broadband equipment speed; increase to FCC requirement regarding ad valorem tax exemption. Tullos. I85.

1060 - (Public Utilities) Electric vehicles; authorize charging by nonutilities. Anderson (122nd). I85. CR164. CU322. V322. RS673. SS726. AP792.

1061 - (Public Utilities) Electric transmission infrastructure; prescribe requirements for issuance of certificate of public convenience and necessity. Anderson (122nd). I85. CR164. CU323. V323.

1062 - (Judiciary B) DPS; include certified peer support members in class of individual to whom coverage of privileged communication applies. Anderson (122nd). I85.

1063 - (Ways and Means) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of Mississippi Towing and Recovery Professionals, Inc. Anderson (122nd). I85.

1064 - (Ways and Means) Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Wallace. I85.

1065 - (Education) County superintendent of education; change selection method from appointive to elective in certain county. Wallace. I85.

1066 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; remove requirement that projects that acquire property shall not be considered until July 1, 2024. Bounds. I85.

1067 - (Public Utilities) Mississippi Broadband Accessibility Act; create. Bounds. I85. CR164. CU324. V324.

1068 - (Conservation and Water Resources) Water Quality Accountability Act; create. Yancey. I85. CR192. CU407. V407.

1069 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Secretary of State; authorize transfer of fragile land records to Department of Archives and History for preservation. Yancey. I86.

1070 - (Education) Patriotic Education Grant Program; establish. Yancey. I86. CR193. CU346. RTT346. CU361. V362.

1071 - (Drug Policy) Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules. Yancey. I86. CR146. CU314. V314. RS763. HC817. SS849. AP892.

1072 - (Municipalities) Hazardous trees on tax forfeited land; authorize counties/municipalities to remove and Secretary of State to reimburse for the removal of. Yancey. I86. CR198. CU390. RTT390. CU414. V414.

1073 - (Judiciary A) Design Professionals; declare certain provisions in contracts for services void and establish standard of care. Yancey. I86.

1074 - (Judiciary A) The Title IX Preservation Act; enact. Ford (73rd). I86.

1075 - (Municipalities) Municipal public improvement district board of directors; authorize municipal governing body to perform duties of under certain circumstances. Ford (73rd). I86.

1076 - (Judiciary B) Police chiefs; authorize approval of use of uniforms, weapons, vehicles by off-duty officers on private security jobs. Ford (73rd). I86.

1077 - (Ways and Means) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of Magnolia Speech School. Ford (73rd). I86.

1078 - (Judiciary B) Monies from seized weapons; authorize law enforcement agency to use to purchase equipment for the agency. Ford (73rd). I86.

1079 - (Judiciary B) Death penalty sentencing alternatives for those under 18; provide. Ford (73rd). I86.

1080 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; provide coverage for neonatal circumcision procedures. McLean. I86.

1081 - (Public Health and Human Services) Midwifery; provide for licensure and regulation of. McLean. I86.

1082 - (Judiciary A) Child support; require insurers to provide MDHS certain information for noncustodial, delinquent parents. McLean. I86.

1083 - (Judiciary A) Child support; authorize DHS and Gaming Commission to collect from gaming winnings. McLean. I86.

1084 - (Insurance) Insurance agents; revise the continuing education requirements of those who are 65 and have been licensed for 20 years. McLean. I86. CR160. CU344. RTT344. CU417. V418. RS599. HRC628. HCA769. SCA856. CRO1244. CRA1246. SCRA1460. SS1731. AP2045.

1085 - (Public Health and Human Services) County health departments; require nurse practitioner to be present weekly to provide free contraceptive supplies. McLean. I87.

1086 - (Drug Policy) Tianeptine; add to list of Schedule I controlled substances. McLean. I87.

1087 - (Education) MS School for Math and Science; increase licensed employees' salaries by amount corresponding to increases to amount and years in teacher salary scale. McLean. I87. CR193. CU346. RTT346. CU362. V362.

1088 - (Appropriations) State budget; provide for various transfers and create new special funds. Read. I87. CR158. CU169. V169.

1089 - (Appropriations) State budget; revise provisions of several FY 23 bills and create special funds. Read. I87. CR191. CU252. V252. RS668. HRC733. HCA840. SCA860. CRO1466. CRA1494. SCRA1679. SS2040. PV2052.

1090 - (Ways and Means) Sales Tax; exempt retail sales of baby/toddler clothing, diapers, diaper bags and rash cream and baby wipes. Eubanks. I87.

1091 - (Judiciary B) Minors; hold entities that publish harmful material on the internet civilly liable if age verification is not performed. Eubanks. I87.

1092 - (Public Health and Human Services) State Health Officers; bring forward section providing for appointment of and qualifications for the office. Crawford. I87.

1093 - (Public Health and Human Services) State Health Officer; require certain orders issued by to be approved by the Governor. Crawford. I87.

1094 - (Conservation and Water Resources) Wastewater and sewage; authorize MDEQ to fine the City of Jackson for improper disposal of into the Pearl River. Currie. I87. CR192. CU408. V408. MR453. AP458.

1095 - (Judiciary A) Involuntary civil commitment; limit county's liability for cost of treatment of indigents. Felsher. I87.

1096 - (Public Health and Human Services) Pharmacy Benefits Prompt Pay Act; revise various provisions of. Mims. I87.

1097 - (Judiciary A) Justice court jurisdiction; revise amount for property. Thompson. I87.

1098 - (Judiciary A) Divorce beneficiary revocation; clarify the effective date. Mangold. I87.

1099 - (Appropriations) Public retirement systems; require all investment actions to be made exclusively for purpose of providing financial benefits for members of. Criswell. I87.

1100 - (Education) Reciprocity in travel; prohibit ability of publicly funded entities from traveling to or hosting entities from certain states. Bennett. I87.

1101 - (Judiciary A) Corporations and LLCs; authorize determination notices and certificates of administrative dissolution to be served by email to registered agent. Deweese. I88. CR147. CR148. CU295. V295. RS766. HC844. AP916.

1102 - (Marine Resources) Drivers licenses; authorize designation of satisfactory completion of the boating safety course. Deweese. I88.

1103 - (Insurance) Property and casualty insurance; require blighted real property to be cleaned up before insurer pay insured certain amount. Crudup. I88.

1104 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Emergency executive order; limit state of emergency orders to 30 days. Williamson. I88.

1105 - (Judiciary B) Secretary of State employees; authorize certain employees to carry a firearm. Barnett. I88. CR198. CU390. RTT390. CU427. V427. MR453. MRT470.

1106 - (Corrections) Violent offenders; prohibit from receiving parole. Williamson. I88.

1107 - (Education) School attendance officers; bring forward provisions related to for possible amendment. Owen. I88.

1108 - (Conservation and Water Resources) Rural water associations; authorize those providing sewer services to participate in the ARPA Rural Water Association Infrastructure Grant Program. Boyd (37th). I88. CR159. CU371. V371.

1109 - (Appropriations) ARPA funds; counties may spend revenue loss category of those funds projects of rural water associations and water/sewer authorities. Boyd (37th). I88.

1110 - (Judiciary B) Second Amendment Financial Privacy Act; create. Owen. I88. CR162. CU424. V425. RS763. HRC808. HCA883. SCA917. CRO1247. CRA1247. SCRA1460. SS1731. AP2044.

1111 - (Judiciary A) County court jurisdiction for termination of parental rights; authorize for both involuntary and voluntary termination. Owen. I88. CR196. CU259. V259. RS674. HRC815. HCA883. SCA895. SCRA1679. CRO1710. CRA1711. SS1991. AP2045.

1112 - (Judiciary A) Child support; authorize criminal charge of desertion of a child for failure to pay. Owen. I88.

1113 - (Ways and Means) Home Business Prosperity Act; create. Owen. I88.

1114 - (Judiciary A) Child support guidelines; add percentage for 6 or more children. Owen. I88.

1115 - (Judiciary A) Durable legal custody; clarify jurisdiction for. Owen. I88. CR196. CU447. V447. RS766. HC843. AP1117.

1116 - (Agriculture) Regulatory Sandbox Agricultural Innovation Pilot Program; establish. Owen. I88.

1117 - (Judiciary A) Father's child support; authorize retroactive payments for mother's prenatal and post-natal expenses. Owen. I89.

1118 - (Judiciary A) Permanency plan; require the court to notify the Attorney General when the plan changes to adoption or termination of parental rights. Owen. I89.

1119 - (Appropriations) State indebtedness; certain amount of surplus general funds revenue shall be used each year to reduce. Owen. I89.

1120 - (Education) "Mississippi School Safety Guardian Act"; create to allow governing bodies of schools to designate employees to carry concealed firearms. Bennett. I89.

1121 - (Judiciary B) Administrative office of courts; require to create misdemeanor intervention courts. Clarke. I89.

1122 - (Transportation) Utility-type vehicles and side-by-sides; authorize operation of on public county and municipal roads and streets. Massengill. I89.

1123 - (Banking and Financial Services) Delivery of payment services; regulate. Aguirre. I89. CR159. CU368. V368.

1124 - (Public Health and Human Services) Gender reassignment surgery or services; prohibit performing or paying for. Ford (73rd). I89.

1125 - (Public Health and Human Services) Regulate Experimental Adolescent Procedures (REAP) Act; create to regulate transgender procedures and surgeries. Newman. I89. CR125. CR126. CU130. T130. PO131. SR131. V131. RS557. SS594. AP604.

1126 - (Public Health and Human Services) Transgender procedures; restrict for persons under age 21. Lamar. I89.

1127 - (Public Health and Human Services) MS Safe Adolescents from Experimentation (SAFE); create to prohibit providing gender transition procedures to minors. Currie. I89.

1128 - (Municipalities) Violations of local zoning ordinances; authorize governing authorities to pursue administrative or civil penalties for. Rushing. I89.

1129 - (Corrections) Corrections omnibus bill; enact. Horan. I89.

1130 - (Corrections) State Parole Board; bring forward sections pertaining to. Horan. I89.

1131 - (Corrections) MS Prison Industries Act; bring forward certain sections pertaining to. Horan. I89. CR192. CU391. RTT391. CU422. V423.

1132 - (Appropriations) Child Care For Working Families Study Committee; create. Hines. I90.

1133 - (Judiciary B) Firearms; prohibit enforcement of certain restrictive laws. Robinson. I90.

1134 - (Insurance) State and School Employees Life and Health Insurance Plan; bring forward code section on. Zuber. I90.

1135 - (Insurance) Prior authorization; bring forward code sections related to. Zuber. I90.

1136 - (Ways and Means) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of the Mississippi Road Builders Association. Zuber. I90. CR151. CU218. V218. RS674. HRC845. SCA876. HCA883. CRO1541. CE1570. CE1570. CRA1570. SCRA1679. CE1719. SS2043. AP2048.

1137 - (Ways and Means) Alcoholic beverage; allow direct sales and shipment of certain wines to residents in this state. Zuber. I90.

1138 - (Insurance) Health insurance; prohibit cost-sharing requirements for certain breast examinations if insurer provided these benefits under. Zuber. I90.

1139 - (Judiciary B) Simple assault; authorize judicial discretion when assessing fines. Zuber. I90. CR138. CU262. V262.

1140 - (Ways and Means) Beer, light wine and light spirit products; revise manufacturers prohibited from having interest in wholesalers or distributors. Zuber. I90. CR151. CU218. V218. RS763. HRC846. SCA876. HCA883. CRO1570. CRA1571. SCRA1735. SS1992. AP2051.

1141 - (Insurance) State employees life and health insurance plan; revise to include coverage for contract personnel. Zuber. I90. CR160. CU344. RTT344.

1142 - (Judiciary B) DUI; authorize judicial discretion to increase fines for violations of. Zuber. I90.

1143 - (County Affairs) Counties and municipalities; delete requirement for permitting as a condition to construction. Hobgood-Wilkes. I90. CU344. RTT344.

1144 - (Judiciary A) Title IX Preservation Act; create. Hobgood-Wilkes. I90.

1145 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property and services to 5th squad. Currie. I90.

1146 - (Public Health and Human Services) The Mississippi Fatherhood Initiative Fund; create. Currie. I90.

1147 - (Transportation) Highways, roads and bridges; designate segment of I-55 South in Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi in honor of Representative Alyce Griffin Clarke. Clarke. I90.

1148 - (Appropriations) Retirement; allow PERS retirees to serve in Legislature and receive only the expense allowance and mileage as compensation. Darnell. I90.

1149 - (Judiciary A) Path to permanency; provide for children in Child Protection Services. Cockerham. I90. CR197. CU260. V260. RS766. HRC815. HCA883. SCA895. CRO1498. HRFC1499. SCRA1837. CRO1878. CRA1941. SS2043. AP2050.

1150 - (Education) Charter schools; authorize state universities and community colleges to charter and revise various other provisions. Boyd (19th). I91. CR193. CU346. RTT346. CU363. V363.

1151 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt certain sales of tangible personal property and services to churches. Boyd (19th). I91.

1152 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Occupational Licensing Review Commission; revise membership and certain other provisions of. Boyd (19th). I91.

1153 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) State auditor; authorize investigative and audit costs incurred by contracted firms to be paid as percentage of recovery. Boyd (19th). I91.

1154 - (Education) Nonpublic school student participation in public school extracurricular activities; prohibit school districts from restricting or denying participation. Boyd (19th). I91.

1155 - (Judiciary A) Residential subdivisions; authorize property owners to establish and/or amend covenants, conditions and restrictions. Lamar. I91. CR196. CU265. V266.

1156 - (Ways and Means) Mississippi Workforce Training and Education Act; extend repealer in 2004 chapter law conforming code sections. Lamar. I91.

1157 - (Judiciary A) Vehicle rental; require those engaged in to disclose total charges, including all additional mandatory charges. Yancey. I91. CR197. CU389. RTT389. CU448. V448. RS674. HC844. AP1117.

1158 - (Drug Policy) Medical Cannabis Act; revise certain provisions of. Yancey. I91. CR137. CU234. V235. RS793. HC817. AP1117.

1159 - (Municipalities) Pat Harrison Waterway District; authorize municipalities to join. Calvert. I91. CR199. CU266. V266.

1160 - (Public Property) State-forfeited tax lands; limit state agency, municipality, county, or other political subdivision of the state from intervening to quitclaim land after certain period of publication. Weathersby. I91. CR140.

1161 - (Education) Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact; enact. Felsher. I91. CR146. CU292. V292.

1162 - (Insurance) Reciprocal insurance; revise sworn declaration requirements of and board of directors for. Ford (54th). I91. CR160. CU344. RTT344. CU418. V418. RS599. SS603. AP668.

1163 - (Education) Academic test scores; require testing companies selected as vendors to be civilly and criminally liable for manipulation of. Harness. I91.

1164 - (Judiciary B) Firearms; require training by state or local governing authority. Young. I91.

1165 - (County Affairs) Counties and municipalities; authorize to choose not to be subject to requirement for permitting as a condition to construction. Smith. I91.

1166 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; bring forward certain sections of law authorizing various exemptions. Watson. I92.

1167 - (Ways and Means) Residential builders and remodelers; revise license examination for certain license applicants. Lamar. I92. CR151. CU209. V209.

1168 - (Ways and Means) Municipal special sales tax; revise use of revenue for certain. Lamar. I92. CR151. CU253. MTL253. V254. MR254. MRT308. RS763. HC846. AP1117.

1169 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; revise method of collecting delinquent tax from public officers and employees. Lamar. I92. CR151. CU210. V210. RS674. HC845. AP1117.

1170 - (Ways and Means) Motor vehicles and manufactured homes; authorize Department of Revenue to issue electronic liens and titles. Lamar. I92. CR151. CU210. LTSC210. CU255. V255. RS673. SS726. AP792.

1171 - (Public Health and Human Services) Regional mental health commissions; increase number of commissioners appointed by board of supervisors of certain counties. Zuber. I92.

1172 - (Insurance) Federal home loan banks; define term and provide process for handling delinquent insurer's secured claim. Zuber. I92. CR160. CU344. RTT344. CU421. V421.

1173 - (Education) EEF procurement cards; authorize issuance to eligible charter school teachers. Bennett. I92. CR193. CU265. V265. RS765. SS823. AP892.

1174 - (Education) Public schools; authorize to have a supply of naloxone on premises to counter opioid overdose. Bennett. I92. CR193. CU346. RTT346. CU363. V365.

1175 - (Education) MAEP; increase funding percentage for preschool exceptional children in approved programs to 100%. Bennett. I92. CR194.

1176 - (Education) National board certified education professionals; clarify provisions related to certification component reimbursements. Bennett. I92. CR193. CU366. V366. MR366. R399. V400.

1177 - (Education) Educator misconduct; clarify provisions relating to disciplinary action taken against personnel of public special purpose schools and other educators. Bennett. I92. CR146. CU293. V293.

1178 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to the Mississippi Aquarium. Bennett. I92.

1179 - (Education) School attendance officers; transfer responsibility for employment and establishment of duties from MDE to the local school districts. Bennett. I92.

1180 - (Insurance) State and School Employees Life and Health Insurance Plan; revise to require state to provide 50% of the cost of the plan for eligible dependents. McCarty. I92.

1181 - (Apportionment and Elections) Legislative vacancy; revise procedure to fill. McCarty. I92.

1182 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to Lamar County Education Foundation, Inc. McCarty. I92.

1183 - (Judiciary A) Department of Human Services; require to post names and photographs of parents in arrearage. McCarty. I93.

1184 - (Education) Teachers; provide \$2,000 annual salary supplement to those employed in designated geographically critical teacher shortage area. McCarty. I93.

1185 - (Appropriations) ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program; clarify that certain entities are eligible to participate in. Wallace. I93.

1186 - (Education) School Boards; authorize to enter into long-term contract for sale of timber on 16th section lands. Wallace. I93. CR194.

1187 - (Appropriations) Mississippi Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board; separate from Mississippi Real Estate Commission and from Mississippi Real Estate Appraisal Board. Barnett. I93. CR158. CU170. V170.

1188 - (Ways and Means) Innovate Mississippi; authorize issuance of bonds to provide funds for certain programs and revise provisions regarding certain programs. Guice. I93.

1189 - (Ways and Means) Innovate Mississippi; revise provisions of certain programs administered by. Guice. I93.

1190 - (Insurance) Health benefit plan; authorize plan sponsor of to consent, on behalf of covered pensions, to delivery of all communications by electronic means. Zuber. I93. CR160. CU344. RTT344. CU419. V419. RS673. SS726. AP792.

1191 - (Insurance) Pet insurance; create legal framework by which it may be sold in the state. Zuber. I93. CR160. CU344. RTT344. CU421. V421.

1192 - (Ways and Means) Tourism project sales tax incentive program; extend authority of MDA to approve participants for projects. Lamar. I93.

1193 - (Judiciary A) Litigation funding by third parties; require all parties liable for costs. Lamar. I93.

1194 - (County Affairs) County boards of supervisors; authorize to make contributions to Main Street programs. Lamar. I93. CR136. CU241. V242. MR244. MRT250.

1195 - (Ways and Means) Retirement; allow certain members of PERS to purchase up to three years of creditable service. Lamar. I93. CR151. CU210. V210.

1196 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of McComb; extend date of repeal on hotel/motel tourism tax. Porter. I93. CR478. CU516. V516. RS838. SS849. AP893.

1197 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Baldwin; extend date of repeal on tax for hotels, motels, restaurants and convenience stores. Turner. I93. CR478. CU516. V516. RS827. AP893.

1198 - (Energy) Microgrid and Grid Resiliency Act; create. Steverson. I93.

1199 - (Energy) Efficiency standards; extend repealer on statute requiring certain buildings to meet. Busby. I94.

1200 - (Education) Dyslexia Therapy Scholarship for Students with Dyslexia Program; expand to allow certified academic language therapists (CALT); to provide dyslexia therapy services. Hobgood-Wilkes. I94. CR146. CU293. V293.

1201 - (Judiciary B) Secretary of State; authorize receipt of reports of financial abuse of vulnerable persons. Scoggin. I94.

1202 - (Ways and Means) Disabled veterans motor vehicle license tags; revise certain provisions regarding disability rating, provide partial ad valorem tax exemption. Boyd (19th). I94.

1203 - (Public Health and Human Services) Organ procurement organizations; include review and quality assurance committees formed by in current laws governing such committees. Boyd (19th). I94.

1204 - (Judiciary B) Breach of security; require reporting to the Attorney General. Boyd (19th). I94.

1205 - (Ways and Means) Mississippi Main Street Revitalization Grant Act; create. Creekmore IV. I94.

1206 - (Public Health and Human Services) Drug abuse; Health Department implement a statewide fentanyl and drug abuse education, prevention and cessation program. Creekmore IV. I94.

1207 - (Universities and Colleges) Paramedics Recruitment and Retention Scholarship Grant Program; create. Carpenter. I94. CR201. CU318. V318.

1208 - (Judiciary A) Judicial operating allowance; increase. Hood. I94.

1209 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Waynesboro; extend repealer on authority to impose tax on bars, restaurants, hotels/motels, B & Bs. Barnett. I94. CR479. CU517. V517. RS827. SS836. AP893.

1210 - (Judiciary A) Commercial Driver's License; require notice to employer when possibility of suspension for unpaid child support. Massengill. I94.

1211 - (County Affairs) Counties and municipalities; authorize to enter into certain agreement when utilizing certain federal funds. Byrd. I94. CR136. CU243. V243.

1212 - (Public Health and Human Services) Department of Human Services; create a board of directors to assist and oversee the executive director in governing the department. Rosebud. I94.

1213 - (Conservation and Water Resources) Water Infrastructure Grant Program; DEQ shall give priority to applicants not receiving sufficient funding in first round grants. Rosebud. I94. CR159. CU371. V371.

1214 - (Local and Private Legislation) Local and private laws that implement a tourism tax; authorize proceeds to be used for certain retirement fund and water/sewer systems. Williamson. I95.

1215 - (Judiciary A) Child Support; suspend for incarcerated persons under certain conditions. Cockerham. I95. CR148. CR148. CU389. RTT389. CU405. V406.

1216 - (Judiciary A) Circuit judges and chancellors; increase office operating and expense allowances and support staff funding. Cockerham. I95. CR197. CU389. RTT389. CU423. V423. RS794. HRC815. HCA883. SCA895. CRO1526. HRFC1526. CRO1830. CRA1832. SCRA1837. SS2039. AP2046.

1217 - (Judiciary A) Court interpreters; revise program under the Administration of the Administrative Office of Courts. Cockerham. I95. CR147. CR148. CU296. V296. RS673. SS726. AP792.

1218 - (Judiciary A) Rivers McGraw Mental Health Treatment Court Act; revise. Cockerham. I95. CR147. CR148. CU296. V296. RS673. SS726. AP792.

1219 - (Public Health and Human Services) Medical Practice Act; revise and update provisions of. Cockerham. I95.

1220 - (Judiciary B) Aggravated DUI; provide alternative penalty for persons under a certain age. Evans (91st). I95.

1221 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Wildlife management areas; authorize use of mobility-related devices on trails for certain individuals. Evans (91st). I95.

1222 - (Judiciary B) The Mississippi Collaborative Response to Mental Health Act; create. Creekmore IV. I95. CR163. CU355. V356. RS766. HC808. SS849. AP893.

1223 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. Watson. I95.

1224 - (Judiciary B) Crown Act; authorize to prohibit discrimination in work places and living spaces based on hairstyles. Porter. I95.

1225 - (Public Utilities) Telephone solicitation; bring forward provisions of law relating to. Bounds. I95. CR164. CU325. V336. RS674. HC769. SS825. AP893.

1226 - (Public Utilities) Excavations; provide for impending emergencies and extend notification period for. Bounds. I95. CR164.

1227 - (Education) Mental Awareness Program for School Act; enact to provide for mental health service providers and certain trauma-informed training. Cockerham. I95. CR194. CU451. V451.

1228 - (Education) Community schools; authorize implementation under the administration of a district innovation. Cockerham. I95. CR194. CU346. RTT346. CU406. V406.

1229 - (Appropriations) Department of Public Safety; authorize charges for services with other state agencies. Cockerham. I95. CR158. CU170. V170.

1230 - (Apportionment and Elections) Early voting; authorize for 21 days before the election. Summers. I95.

1231 - (Judiciary B) Window tint regulation; revise medical exemption. Arnold. I96.

1232 - (Judiciary B) Law enforcement officers; regulate payment for non exempt employees under the Fair Labor Standards Act. Arnold. I96.

1233 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; increase diversion to municipalities and create diversion to counties. Arnold. I96.

1234 - (Education) Mississippi Law Enforcement Interaction Course Act; enact for implementation in public school curriculum. Arnold. I96.

1235 - (Military Affairs) Civil Air Patrol members; authorize granting of administrative leave and leave of absence to for certain emergency services. Arnold. I96. CR138. CU230. V230.

1236 - (Judiciary A) Aliens and foreign government; prohibit from owning real property in the State of Mississippi. Arnold. I96.

1237 - (Judiciary A) Public servants; revise the time period in which one may contract with the state or local government. Arnold. I96.

1238 - (Judiciary B) Law enforcement officers; entitled to certain follow-up drug testing before loss of certification. Arnold. I96.

1239 - (Judiciary B) Court-ordered restitution; require payment to victim first before court costs/fines are disbursed. Arnold. I96.

1240 - (Transportation) Utility-type vehicles; regulate operation of on public roads and highways. Arnold. I96.

1241 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Booneville for repair of and upgrades to the VFW Post 4877 building. Arnold. I96.

1242 - (Insurance) Life insurance policy; require policy loans to have a fixed rate. Arnold. I96.

1243 - (Apportionment and Elections) Judicial candidates; bring forward code section that provides the qualifying fees for. Arnold. I96.

1244 - (Transportation) Memorial highway; designate a segment of MS Highway 365 in Prentiss County as the "Howard Tillman Bobo Memorial Highway". Arnold. I96. CR200. CU272. V272. RS673. SS726. AP792.

1245 - (Transportation) Memorial highway; designate a segment of MS Highway 364 in Prentiss County as the "James Millard Jourdan Memorial Highway". Arnold. I96. CR200. CU272. V272. RS673. SS726. AP792.

1246 - (Transportation) Memorial highway; designate a segment of MS Highway 365 in Prentiss County as the "Leland L. Holland Memorial Highway". Arnold. I96. CR200. CU273. V273. RS673. SS727. AP793.

1247 - (Judiciary B) Voting rights; restore to all felons after satisfying all of the sentencing requirements of the conviction. Arnold. I96.

1248 - (Judiciary B) Mental Health Court eligibility; remove the exemption for the crime of breaking and entering. Arnold. I97.

1249 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; DFA for certain projects. Banks. I97.

1250 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of building for School of Public Health at Jackson State University. Banks. I97.

1251 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with removal and demolition of certain dilapidated and blighted properties. Banks. I97.

1252 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to provide funds to assist JSU with Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Program. Banks. I97.

1253 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with construction of a park. Banks. I97.

1254 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with making repairs and improvements to water and sewer systems. Banks. I97.

1255 - (Public Health and Human Services) Community hospitals; authorize owners of to remove a trustee upon majority vote of owner's governing board. Bennett. I97.

1256 - (Municipalities) Violations of local zoning ordinances, authorize governing authorities to pursue administrative or civil penalties for. Bennett. I97.

1257 - (Judiciary A) Parental alienation; reduce by requiring court hearings within a certain amount of time to modify or terminate custody. Yancey. I97.

1258 - (Public Health and Human Services) Gender Transition Procedures; prohibit for persons under age twenty-one. Eubanks. I97.

1259 - (Public Health and Human Services) Rural hospitals; shall be authorized to transfer patients to larger hospitals when determined to be medically necessary. Blackmon. I97.

1260 - (Public Health and Human Services) Specialty health care providers; create incentive grant program to make available at rural hospitals when larger hospitals are on diversion. Blackmon. I97.

1261 - (Public Health and Human Services) State Medical Forgivable Loan Program for Minority Physicians; create. Blackmon. I97.

1262 - (Public Health and Human Services) Telemedicine services; create grant program for rural hospitals to develop or enhance use of in emergency rooms. Blackmon. I97.

1263 - (Public Health and Human Services) Menstrual hygiene products; county health department and public schools shall provide free of charge. Jackson. I98.

1264 - (Education) School districts; authorize to provide feminine hygiene products for female students in Grades 6-12. Jackson. I98. CR194. CU452. V452. RS766. HC912. SS953. AP1460.

1265 - (Drug Policy) Screening and approval program for retail sale of products containing certain substances; establish. Yancey. I98.

1266 - (Tourism) Mississippi USA Semiquincentennial Commission and Mississippi Semiquincentennial Celebration Fund; create. Currie. I98. CR149. CU288. V288.

1267 - (Appropriations) PERS; allow retirees to work as law enforcement officer for another employer and draw retirement allowance and work full-time. Currie. I98.

1268 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; increase tax credit allowed for child adoption expenses. Cockerham. I98.

1269 - (Judiciary A) Patent confirmation process; fees and costs associated with shall not be more than amount for which the land was purchased. Scott. I98.

1270 - (Public Health and Human Services) Helping Heroes Act; create to provide support to first responders and public EMS personnel diagnosed with PTSD. Ford (54th). I98.

1271 - (Banking and Financial Services) Commercial Financing Disclosure Law; create. Ford (54th). I98.

1272 - (Judiciary A) Building codes; prohibit state, counties, municipalities from limiting use of federally approved refrigerant in. Brown (20th). I98.

1273 - (Judiciary A) Building codes; prohibit from limiting use of federally approved refrigerant in. Brown (20th). I98.

1274 - (Judiciary B) Criminal offense; prescribe mental culpability for. Brown (20th). I98.

1275 - (Ways and Means) Sales of land for nonpayment of ad valorem taxes; restrict who may purchase at. Miles. I98.

1276 - (Apportionment and Elections) State officers; provide for a runoff election for. Powell. I98. CR158. CU344. RTT344. CU372. LTSC372. CU403. V403. RS730. SS823. AP893.

1277 - (Education) Mississippi Dual Credit Scholarship Program; create. Barton. I98. CR147. CU294. V294.

1278 - (Public Health and Human Services) Community hospitals; authorize owners of to remove a trustee upon majority vote of owner's governing board. Hulum. I98.

1279 - (Education) Mississippi Occupational Diploma; authorize issuance of for students with disabilities. Darnell. I98.

1280 - (Education) Teachers; require school districts to pay salary supplement for perfect attendance during semester. Darnell. I98.

1281 - (Marine Resources) Bottomland leasing for oyster production; clarify authority of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources. Ladner. I99.

1282 - (Public Health and Human Services) Hospital police department; authorize for certain privately owned hospitals. Ladner. I99.

1283 - (Insurance) Property insurance; authorize appraisal panel to determine value of property and amount of loss, including issues of causation. Ladner. I99.

1284 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; expand to nine members. Ladner. I99.

1285 - (Judiciary B) Unnatural intercourse law; revise to remove "mankind" from. Anderson (110th). I99.

1286 - (Public Property) Alcorn University Extension Annex; rename the "Dr. Jesse Harness, Sr., Extension and Research Center". Holloway. I99. CR140. CU239. V239. RS763. HRC815. HCA840. SCA870.

1287 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) State employees; remove requirement to use one day of personal leave before using major medical leave. Hines. I99.

1288 - (Judiciary A) Rivers McGraw Mental Health Diversion Program; revise to create mental health treatment courts. Reynolds. I99.

1289 - (Education) School janitorial and cafeteria workers; provide minimum compensation at \$15.00 per hour. Bell (65th). I99.

1290 - (Energy) Orphaned Well Cryptocurrency Mining Partnership Program; create. Powell. I99.

1291 - (Ways and Means) Urban Flood and Drainage Control Law; authority for assessment on property benefitted by certain projects. Currie. I99.

1292 - (Public Utilities) ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program; clarify that certain entities are eligible to participate in. Carpenter. I99.

1293 - (Ways and Means) Public purchasing; require state agencies to give a preference to Mississippi-made drones and prohibit purchase of drones made in China. Lamar. I99. CR151. CU211. V211.

1294 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of a new elementary school for the Okolona Municipal Separate School District. Thompson. I99.

1295 - (Judiciary A) Transfer-on-death deed; exempt from claims of creditor's of deceased transferor. Yancey. I99.

1296 - (Public Health and Human Services) Community hospitals and UMMC; expand powers and authority and provide for immunity from antitrust laws. Bain. I99.

1297 - (Public Health and Human Services) Department of Mental Health; establish grant program to assist with crisis stabilization unit expenses. McCarty. I100.

1298 - (Insurance) Pharmacy benefit managers; require to use national average drug acquisition cost. Hobgood-Wilkes. I100.

1299 - (Insurance) Pharmacy benefit managers; require to make available to the public, without redaction, contracts relating to pharmacy benefit management services. Yancey. I100. CR160. CU344. RTT344. CU419. V420. MR453. AP458.

1300 - (Public Health and Human Services) Ivermectin; authorize pharmacists to provide to adults pursuant to collaborative pharmacy practice agreement. Crawford. I100.

1301 - (Workforce Development) Career coaching program; modify directive of Office of Workforce Development from piloting to implementing long term. Gunn. I100. CR141. CU233. V233.

1302 - (Education) Immunization requirements; authorize religious exemption from requirements of schools and child care facilities. Hopkins. I100.

1303 - (Apportionment and Elections) Early voting; authorize. Rosebud. I100.

1304 - (Apportionment and Elections) Elections; prohibit use of word "re-elect" unless for person who is current incumbent of the office sought. Rosebud. I100.

1305 - (Apportionment and Elections) Elections; revise provisions related to the integrity of. Eubanks. I100.

1306 - (Apportionment and Elections) Elections; revise certain provisions about names of candidates appearing on the ballot, judicial candidate's annual report and fraudulent absentee voter applications. Eubanks. I100. CR175. CU344. RTT344. CU375. V375. RS764. HC834. ML834. HC834. R835. MRT887. SS929. AP1460.

1307 - (Apportionment and Elections) Elections; provide for post-election audit report. Eubanks. I100.

1308 - (Apportionment and Elections) Elections; revise provisions for the distribution of absentee ballots. Eubanks. I100.

1309 - (Apportionment and Elections) Election Integrity Act; create. Criswell. I100.

1310 - (Apportionment and Elections) Elections; revise provisions related to the integrity of. Powell. I100. CR175. CU344. RTT344. CU373. V374. MR376. MRT400. RS766. HRC816. HCA840. SCA856. SRFC1120. CRO1248. HRFC1248. CRO1602. MRCL1612. CRA1613. MR1674. SCRA1679. MRT1714. SS1993. AP2050.

1311 - (Apportionment and Elections) Elections; provide guidelines for receiving federal funds, guidance and communications regarding. Hobgood-Wilkes. I100.

1312 - (Apportionment and Elections) Term limits; all elected officials limited to serving only two consecutive terms in office. Hopkins. I100.

1313 - (Apportionment and Elections) Early voting; authorize at the office of the registrar and additional early voting polling places. Osborne. I100.

1314 - (Education) School Immunization; authorize exemption from requirements for religious beliefs. Eubanks. I101.

1315 - (Judiciary B) Pornographic media materials; regulate access to minors and require age verification. Yancey. I101. CR198. CU260. V260. RS764. HRC808. HCA883. SCA918. SRFC1120. CRO1248. MRCL1251. CRA1251. R1428. HRFC1428. CRO1693. CRA1697. SCRA1735. SS1993. AP2050.

1316 - (Drug Policy) Health benefit plans; prohibit from providing coverage or related services for clinician-administered drugs. Yancey. I101. CR175.

1317 - (Drug Policy) Pharmacists; authorize to test for and administer treatment for minor, nonchronic health conditions. Yancey. I101. CR176. CU359. RTT359. CU450. T450.

1318 - (Judiciary A) Baby drop-off and safe haven; revise provisions that regulate. Ford (73rd). I101. CR197. CU259. V259. MR280. R306. V306. RS793. HRC815. HCA883. SCA895. CRO1498. HRFC1499. CRO1858. CRA1862. SCRA1995. SS2043. AP2050.

1319 - (Education) Motivating Parents and Children (M.P.A.C.) Pilot Program; establish within State Department of Education. Scott. I101.

1320 - (Apportionment and Elections) Early Voting Act; create. Scott. I101.

1321 - (Education) Eleventh Grade students; require to take GED or High School Equivalency Test for senior early release privilege eligibility. Scott. I101.

1322 - (Education) School curriculum; require students to receive additional instruction in healthy living. Scott. I101.

1323 - (Education) Homework; require teachers to incorporate daily and weekly assignments into their curriculum. Scott. I101.

1324 - (Workforce Development) The Crown Act; create to include property sales. Scott. I101.

1325 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Brandon; extend repealer on hotels/motel to fund amphitheater and other ancillary improvements. Yancey. I101. CR879. CU900. V900. IR910. RS955. SS958. AP2038.

1326 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act and under CHIP. Scott. I101.

1327 - (Public Health and Human Services) Children's Advocacy Commission; create to coordinate and streamline the state's efforts to provide services to children. Scott. I101.

1328 - (Ways and Means) Mississippi Development Authority; require to conduct review of infrastructures in counties with high rates of poverty. Scott. I101.

1329 - (Education) Volunteer and Parents Incentive Program; create under State Department of Education. Scott. I101.

1330 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Town of Jonestown for the Jonestown multipurpose building expansion project. Paden. I101.

1331 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Town of Alligator for cost of the 2022 water and sewer improvement project. Paden. I102.

1332 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Coahoma Community College for construction of a new dormitory on the campus. Paden. I102.

1333 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of feminine hygiene products. Summers. I102.

1334 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Jackson Resource Center for making infrastructure improvements. Summers. I102.

1335 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Alliance School for Workforce Development for repair and improvements to its facilities. Summers. I102.

1336 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist the Jackson Resource Center for homeless individuals with infrastructure improvements. Summers. I102.

1337 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Alliance School for Workforce Development with repair of building. Summers. I102.

1338 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Alligator with water and sewer project. Paden. I102.

1339 - (Public Health and Human Services) Anesthesiologist assistants; provide for licensure and regulations by Board of Medical Licensure. Powell. I102.

1340 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of a dormitory at Coahoma Community College. Paden. I102.

1341 - (Judiciary B) Digital or online resources or databases; require vendors to verify technology protection measures for persons under 18. Gunn. I102. CR198. CU261. V261.

1342 - (Judiciary A) Adoption procedures; regulate by creating a licensure authority. Gunn. I102. CR196. CU284. V285. RS766. HRC815. HCA883. SCA895. CRO1498. HRFC1499.

1343 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Pratt Community Center for repair and renovation of the Pratts Old School House building and facilities. Turner. I102.

1344 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for repair and renovation of the Pratts Old School House building in Lee County. Turner. I102.

1345 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; community college board for funding repair, renovation or improvement of existing infrastructure of community colleges. Lamar. I102.

1346 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL Board for funding repair, renovation or improvement of existing infrastructure of universities. Lamar. I102.

1347 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL for support of certain agriculture research and extension programs at Alcorn State University. Harness. I102.

1348 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL for enhancing STEM-related facilities and programs at Alcorn State University. Harness. I103.

1349 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for various Alcorn State University Agriculture Research and Extension projects. Harness. I103.

1350 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for various Alcorn State University projects. Harness. I103.

1351 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist with repair and renovation of the Rosenwald School in Marshall County. Faulkner. I103.

1352 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvement of student housing at Jackson State University. Cockerham. I103.

1353 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance of construction of a separate water system for Jackson State University. Cockerham. I103.

1354 - (Appropriations) Appropriations; Jefferson County and town of Fayette for construction of a rodeo arena. Harness. I103.

1355 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Jefferson County with construction of a rodeo arena. Harness. I103.

1356 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Lexington; extend repealer on restaurant tourism tax. Clark. I103. CR479. CU517. V517. RS827. SS849. AP893.

1357 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of a stadium on or near the campus of Jackson State University. Bell (65th). I103.

1358 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with construction of a parking lot for the Jackson Convention Center. Bell (65th). I103.

1359 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to the Dr. Timothy Burrow Multipurpose Building in Jonestown. Paden. I103.

1360 - (Education) Mississippi High School Dropout Prevention Act of 2023; create. Scott. I103.

1361 - (Judiciary A) Mississippi Pregnant Workers Fairness Act; create. Bell (65th). I103.

1362 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; provide for presumptive eligibility for pregnant women. McGee. I103.

1363 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; extend coverage for eligible women for 12 months postpartum. Johnson. I103.

1364 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; extend coverage for eligible women for 12 months postpartum. Roberson. I103.

1365 - (Education) Assistant teacher salaries; prohibit school districts from using any state-funded increase to substitute the local contribution. Bennett. I103. CR194. CU262. V263. RS766. HRC926. SCA932. HCA934.

1366 - (Public Health and Human Services) Licensing boards; prohibit from disciplinary or threatening discipline of health care providers for exercising free speech rights. Crawford. I104.

1367 - (Education) The Academic Transparency Act of 2023; enact. Hopkins. I104.

1368 - (Education) School districts; authorize certain districts to employ retired teachers while they continue to draw retirement allowance. Steverson. I104.

1369 - (Education) MAEP; determine cost of using Average Daily Membership (ADM) in lieu of ADA with 90% threshold attendance trigger. McCarty. I104. CR194. CU263. V263. RS763. HRC926. SCA932. HCA934.

1370 - (Public Health and Human Services) COVID-19 vaccines; require Attorney General to investigate pharmaceutical companies' promotion and distribution. Crawford. I104.

1371 - (Judiciary B) Therapists; create a felony for those who have sexual contact with patients. Gunn. I104. CR198. CU261. V261. MR273. MRT308.

1372 - (Appropriations) Child advocacy centers; require to be funded by line item in Health Department appropriation bill. Lamar. I104.

1373 - (Education) "Released-Time Moral Instruction Act of 2023"; enact to permit students to receive religious instruction during the school day. Gunn. I104. CR194. CU263. V264.

1374 - (Ways and Means) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of the Clinton Public School District. Gunn. I104.

1375 - (Ways and Means) Municipal annexation; require additional services to annexed area to be completed within three years of annexation decree. Bounds. I104. CR202. CU220. F220. MR220. R307. V308.

1376 - (Ways and Means) Municipal annexation; restrict collection of ad valorem taxes until certain services are provided by municipality. Horne. I104.

1377 - (Ways and Means) Municipal annexation/deannexation; require election be held on the question of in the subject territory to be annexed/deannexed. Horne. I104.

1378 - (Ways and Means) Municipal annexation; provide temporary moratorium on. Hale. I104.

1379 - (Ways and Means) Municipal annexation; require an election be held in the proposed annexed territory. Hopkins. I104.

1380 - (Appropriations) Legislature; allow retired PERS members to receive a retirement allowance while serving as a member of. Banks. I104.

1381 - (Medicaid) Medicaid expansion; provide for statewide referendum on question of. Banks. I105.

1382 - (Judiciary A) Social media company community standards; require court to issue injunction when plaintiff demonstrates violation of by a defendant's communications on social media platform. Banks. I105.

1383 - (Ways and Means) Fuel tax; authorize certain municipalities to impose after an election to be used for road and bridge repair and maintenance. Banks. I105.

1384 - (Ways and Means) Capitol Complex Improvement District; require 10% of funds be used to compensate City of Jackson for police and fire protection. Banks. I105.

1385 - (Public Health and Human Services) Abortion; provide for statewide referendum on question of prohibiting abortions in Mississippi. Banks. I105.

1386 - (Judiciary B) Body-worn cameras; prohibit law enforcement from recreating past activities with. Banks. I105.

1387 - (Appropriations) Salaries; increase for members of the Mississippi Senate and Mississippi House of Representatives. Banks. I105.

1388 - (Appropriations) MDA FY22 appropriations from Gulf Coast Restoration Fund; revise those made to the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission. Anderson (122nd). I105.

1389 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL for constructing a separate water system for Jackson State University. Cockerham. I105.

1390 - (Education) Abstinence education; delete repealer on school board requirement to adopt a policy on abstinence-only or abstinence-plus. Yancey. I105. CR194. CU264. V264. RS763. HRC926. SCA932. HCA934. SCRA1735. CRO1869. CRA1871. SS2040. AP2048.

1391 - (Municipalities) Minority set-aside contracts; prohibit municipalities from utilizing. Shanks. I105.

1392 - (Public Health and Human Services) MS Vulnerable Persons Abuse Registry; require Department of Human Services to establish. Sanford. I105. CR163. CU225. V226. MR244. CU248. V249.

1393 - (Workforce Development) Career coaching program; modify directive of Office of Workforce Development from piloting to implementing long term. Ford (73rd). I105.

1394 - (Judiciary B) Off-duty highway patrol officers; authorize Colonel of Highway Patrol to allow use of uniforms, weapons, vehicles by officers on private duty. Ford (73rd). I105.

1395 - (Judiciary A) Noneconomic damages; revise. Robinson. I105.

1396 - (Appropriations) Contract lobbyists; prohibit agencies, universities and colleges from hiring with public funds. Hopkins. I105.

1397 - (Insurance) State Health Plan; provide coverage for prosthetic teeth and dental implants for children with oligodontia. Currie. I106.

1398 - (Education) Elementary professional school counselors; allocate funds under Mississippi Adequate Education Program for. Scott. I106.

1399 - (Education) School districts; require certain policies and alternative curriculum if accountability rating at three lowest levels. Scott. I106.

1400 - (Judiciary B) Voting rights; restore upon satisfaction of all the sentencing requirements of a conviction. Scott. I106.

1401 - (Education) Compulsory school attendance; require youth court petition after third unlawful absence and authorize community service for violations. Scott. I106.

1402 - (Education) Eleventh Grade students; require to take GED or High School Equivalency Test for senior early-release privilege eligibility. Scott. I106.

1403 - (Education) First grade enrollment; allow child who turns six on or before December 31 to start at beginning of that school year. Scott. I106.

1404 - (Corrections) Earned-discharge credits; authorize offenders on probation/parole to earn for participation in faith-based activities. Scott. I106.

1405 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Health Department to provide funding to federally qualified health centers. Scott. I106.

- 1406 - (Public Health and Human Services) Children's services and programs; require all state agencies to provide information relating to such in a list to the Legislature. Scott. I106.
- 1407 - (Public Health and Human Services) Children's Resource Commission; create to coordinate and streamline the state's efforts to provide services to children. Scott. I106.
- 1408 - (Education) College and Career Readiness Planning Program; create. Scott. I106.
- 1409 - (Education) Pre-kindergarten; require Department of Education to create the "ABC Program" to provide instruction via Internet. Scott. I106.
- 1410 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt certain retail sales of electronic devices/educational software and sales of feminine hygiene products. Scott. I106.
- 1411 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; provide coverage for substance abuse and mental health services for pregnant and postpartum women. Scott. I106.
- 1412 - (Education) School curriculum; require teaching of certain high school subjects in "C", "D" and "F" rated districts. Scott. I106.
- 1413 - (Education) Hope Program; establish and develop system to re-enroll high school dropouts in programs leading to a high school diploma. Scott. I107.
- 1414 - (Education) "Mississippi Save Our Children Act"; create. Scott. I107.
- 1415 - (Education) Mathematic and science instruction; enhance through new middle school programs. Scott. I107.
- 1416 - (Universities and Colleges) Engineering Studies Scholarship Program; establish. Scott. I107.
- 1417 - (Education) "Health Careers Academy"; create for students in Grades 9 through 12. Scott. I107.
- 1418 - (Education) Vision 2030: An Education Blueprint for Two Thousand Thirty; create. Scott. I107.
- 1419 - (Education) Dropout Prevention and Student Re-engagement Act; create. Scott. I107.
- 1420 - (Education) First Grade; allow any child who turns six during the calendar year to start at the beginning of school year. Scott. I107.
- 1421 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt on retail sales of certain electronic devices. Scott. I107.
- 1422 - (Judiciary B) Delinquency of a minor; include causing a child to violate the Uniform Controlled Substances Law as. Scott. I107.
- 1423 - (Judiciary B) Subsequent offense; revise how a first offense is calculated. Scott. I107.
- 1424 - (Education) College and Career Readiness Planning Program; create for administration of pre-ACT assessments in public schools. Scott. I107.
- 1425 - (Education) Social workers; provide in schools having high incidences of crime and via video conferencing means. Scott. I107.

- 1426 - (Education) Professional School Counselors Pilot Program; establish in certain school districts with high incidences of teen pregnancy or school violence. Scott. I107.
- 1427 - (Education) Mathematics and science; require public middle schools to provide program to enhance instruction in. Scott. I107.
- 1428 - (Education) Early Commitment to College Program; establish in schools and districts assigned an "F" accountability rating. Scott. I107.
- 1429 - (Corrections) Parolees who participate in faith-based or faith-based sponsored activities; authorize reduction of time spent on probation. Scott. I107.
- 1430 - (Public Health and Human Services) DHS; direct to reinstate program of providing meals to older individuals in community setting. Scott. I107.
- 1431 - (Public Health and Human Services) Nursing education; unspent TANF funds shall be spent to pay expenses of persons enrolled as part of workforce training. Scott. I108.
- 1432 - (Judiciary B) Voting rights; restore upon satisfaction of all of the sentencing requirements of a conviction. Scott. I108.
- 1433 - (Education) "Mississippi Senior Cadets Program"; require State Department of Education to establish. Scott. I108.
- 1434 - (Insurance) Life insurance; authorize funeral services provider to obtain certain information within two business days. Banks. I108.
- 1435 - (Public Health and Human Services) Funeral director assistants; authorize to perform all activities of funeral directors with certain exceptions. Banks. I108.
- 1436 - (Public Health and Human Services) Healthcare Coordinating Council; reconstitute and require to make report on specific health goals for the state. Scott. I108.
- 1437 - (Judiciary B) Felony expunction; revise age to obtain to conform to revisions. Scott. I108.
- 1438 - (Apportionment and Elections) Online voter registration; authorize for first-time registrants. Scott. I108.
- 1439 - (Banking and Financial Services) Mississippi Fair Housing Act; create. Scott. I108.
- 1440 - (Judiciary B) Marijuana possession; provide civil penalty for. Scott. I108.
- 1441 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) "Ban-the-Box Act"; create to prohibit public employers from using criminal history as a bar to employment. Scott. I108.
- 1442 - (Education) Pre-kindergarten program; require Department of Education to create "ABC Program" to provide instruction via Internet. Scott. I108.
- 1443 - (Education) Comprehensive sex education; require teaching of in Grades K-12. Scott. I108.
- 1444 - (Corrections) Department of Corrections; increase per diem rate paid to regionals for housing of state offenders. Scott. I108.
- 1445 - (Education) Assistant teachers; provide annual salary supplement in "C," "D" and "F" school districts. Scott. I108.

1446 - (Education) Teacher salaries; authorize supplement for teachers in critical shortage subject areas in "D" and "F" districts. Scott. I108.

1447 - (Education) MS Teachers' Salaries Task Force; create to recommend how state can pay teachers at southeastern average. Scott. I108.

1448 - (Universities and Colleges) Community and junior colleges; waive all tuition and costs for graduates of Mississippi high schools. Scott. I109.

1449 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mental health; require DMH to convert unused IDD beds to be used for alcohol and drug use services. Scott. I109.

1450 - (Rules) Juneteenth National Independence Day; designate as a legal holiday in the State of Mississippi. Scott. I109.

1451 - (Apportionment and Elections) Municipal election commissioners; revise appointments of. Scott. I109.

1452 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Department of Health for upgrades and improvements to infrastructure at county health departments. Scott. I109.

1453 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; DFA for distribution to counties and municipalities for water/sewer infrastructure projects authorized under ARPA. Scott. I109.

1454 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Department of Mental Health for increasing alcohol and drug rehabilitation beds and crisis intervention teams. Scott. I109.

1455 - (Education) State Board of Education; require to develop curriculum and implement programs of conflict resolution. Scott. I109.

1456 - (Public Health and Human Services) SNAP and TANF recipients; require those unemployed to take Test of Adult Basic Education. Scott. I109.

1457 - (Education) School attendance; require for children unable to score a 21 or higher on the ACT until the child reaches 18 years of age. Scott. I109.

1458 - (Education) Assistant Teacher Salary Waiver Grant Program; create to help assistant teachers to become licensed. Scott. I109.

1459 - (Apportionment and Elections) Same-day voter registration; authorize. Scott. I109.

1460 - (Education) Summer Youth Training Employment Program; authorize school districts to establish. Scott. I109.

1461 - (Universities and Colleges) Former collegiate athlete scholarship program; create to attract former athletes back to school for teaching degree. Scott. I109.

1462 - (Universities and Colleges) "2023 Mississippi Youthbuild Pilot Program Act"; create with programs at Coahoma and Jones County Community Colleges. Scott. I109.

1463 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; employment security for funding summer youth employment programs. Scott. I109.

1464 - (County Affairs) Counties and municipalities; authorize establishment of summer youth work programs. Scott. I110.

1465 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; extend coverage for eligible women for 12 months postpartum. Scott. I110.

1466 - (Education) "Dream Makers Program"; create as an after-school program for students in Grades 7 and 8. Scott. I110.

1467 - (Education) Homework; require teachers to incorporate daily and weekly assignments into their curriculum. Scott. I110.

1468 - (Public Health and Human Services) Health and human services agencies; require to prepare video with nutrition and healthy eating information for benefit recipients. Scott. I110.

1469 - (Universities and Colleges) IHL; continue annual deposits into Ayers Settlement Fund for 10 years and end reductions to Ayers Endowment Trust. Scott. I110.

1470 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) State employees; provide for pay raise based on the amount of their annual salaries. Scott. I110.

1471 - (Public Health and Human Services) DHS; develop process to ensure that subgrantees reflect the demographic makeup of the eligible population for the grants. Scott. I110.

1472 - (Transportation) Operating motor vehicles with certain gross weight limitation without a permit; bring forward registration and fine provisions. Busby. I110.

1473 - (Transportation) Motor vehicle combined weight total; bring forward provisions related to. Busby. I110.

1474 - (Transportation) Vehicles transporting certain agricultural products or timber; clarify maximum length cannot exceed requirements for day time operation. Busby. I110.

1475 - (Transportation) Harvest permit; increase fee for issuance and extend repealer. Busby. I110.

1476 - (Judiciary B) "Families' Rights and Responsibilities Act of 2023"; enact. Hobgood-Wilkes. I110.

1477 - (Transportation) Harvest permits; extend repealer on authority of MDOT to issue. Roberson. I110. CR199. CU377. V377. RS674. HRC734. HCA769. SCA793.

1478 - (Judiciary B) Parental rights; establish fundamental right of parents to direct the upbringing, education and care of their children. Brown (20th). I110.

1479 - (Judiciary B) Parental rights; establish fundamental right of parents to direct the upbringing, education and care of their children. Crawford. I110.

1480 - (Judiciary B) "Parents' Bill of Rights Act of 2023"; enact. Shanks. I110.

1481 - (Appropriations) Retirement; county board attorneys and city attorneys shall be members of PERS regardless of hours/week worked. Banks. I111.

1482 - (Appropriations) Legislature; allow certain retired PERS members to receive a retirement allowance while serving as a member of. Banks. I111.

1483 - (Public Health and Human Services) Funeral services; require payment for before body may be transferred from one funeral home to another. Banks. I111.

1484 - (Judiciary A) Perpetual care cemeteries; require certain acreage and trust fund deposit to establish new. Banks. I111.

1485 - (Judiciary B) Copper materials; prohibit transactions between certain sellers and scrap metal dealers and other purchases. Banks. I111.

1486 - (Education) Immunization and vaccination of preventable disease requirements for school children; exempt based on religious tenets. Crawford. I111.

1487 - (Education) Vaccine exemption; authorize for religious, philosophical or conscientious reasons. Crawford. I111.

1488 - (Education) Immunization and vaccination of preventable disease requirements for school children; exempt based on religious tenets. Owen. I111.

1489 - (Judiciary B) "Families' Rights and Responsibilities Act of 2023"; enact. Gunn. I111.

1490 - (Judiciary A) Licenses issued by Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; require suspension for failure to pay child support. Gunn. I111. CR197. CU356. MTL357. V357. MR359. MRT400.

1491 - (Public Health and Human Services) CON; authorize for nursing home in Jones County. Scott. I111.

1492 - (Education) Assistant teachers; increase minimum salary to \$19,000.00. Bennett. I111.

1493 - (Drug Policy) CON law; remove certain health care facilities from. Yancey. I111.

1494 - (Drug Policy) Health Care Certificate of Need Law; repeal. Brown (20th). I111.

1495 - (Drug Policy) Health Care Certificate of Need; repeal provisions that govern. Bain. I111.

1496 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; MDA for Mississippi Main Street Association to increase training opportunities and statewide marketing. Lamar. I276.

1497 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; MEMA to update its current drone fleet by replacing them with US-made drones. Lamar. I276.

1498 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Jefferson County with replacement of a bridge on Block Foster Road. Harness. I276.

1499 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Jefferson County with replacement of a bridge on January Road. Harness. I276.

1500 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Jefferson County with reconstruction of a segment of McBride Road/State Route 552. Harness. I276.

1501 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Claiborne County with road improvements. Harness. I276.

1502 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Claiborne County with improvement to recreational facilities. Harness. I276.

1503 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Claiborne County with security improvements to county law enforcement and detention facilities. Harness. I277.

1504 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Claiborne County with improvements to county library building. Harness. I277.

1505 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Claiborne County with implementation of a county stormwater management program. Harness. I277.

1506 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Jefferson County with drainage improvements. Harness. I277.

1507 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Jefferson County Hospital with operation and maintenance expenses. Harness. I277.

1508 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; exclude forgiven, cancelled or discharged federal student loan debt from definition of "gross income". Evans (91st). I277.

1509 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Grenada; extend repealer on tourism tax. Horan. I277.

1510 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; MDA for funding WISPR Systems in Batesville for R&D to expand its drone manufacturing capabilities. Lamar. I277.

1511 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Tupelo to develop a Class II rubbish site. Thompson. I277.

1512 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Tupelo to make upgrades to Mitchell Road to bring it up to city standards. Thompson. I277.

1513 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Lee County with rail spur cross drain replacement at Turner Industrial Park. Turner. I277.

1514 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Guntown with widening of and other improvements to Sides Street and Long Street. Turner. I277.

1515 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Tupelo with repair and renovation of a building for the city's police department. Turner. I277.

1516 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Tupelo with construction of a new fire station. Turner. I277.

1517 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Administrative Office of Courts for increasing compensation of staff attorneys employed by. Tullos. I277.

1518 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Holly Springs with construction of a wellness and aquatics center. Faulkner. I277.

1519 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Hinds County for repair of the Jackson Detention Center. Bell (65th). I277.

1520 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Jackson to construct a parking lot for the Jackson Convention Center. Bell (65th). I278.

1521 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Brandon; extend repealer on tax on sales of prepared food and drink at restaurants and bars. Yancey. I278. CR610. CU660. V661. RS827. SS836. AP893.

1522 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Coahoma County with restriping and overlay of a portion of Friars Point Road. Paden. I278.

1523 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Pontotoc for relocating fire station. Huddleston. I278.

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1524 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; provide a credit for taxpayers who claim a federal child income tax credit. Summers. I278.

1525 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Refill Jackson Initiative with updating facilities and offering additional training opportunities. Summers. I278.

1526 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Amiable Arts Foundation with increasing access to performing arts instruction for students. Summers. I278.

1527 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Pontotoc with relocating fire station. Huddleston. I278.

1528 - (Local and Private Legislation) Benton County; authorize to contract with and/or contribute to the Institute of Community Services, Inc. Massengill. I278. CR479. CU518. V518. RS917. SS953. AP1460.

1529 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Lafayette County with certain road and bridge projects. Deweese. I278.

1530 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Oxford with repair and renovation of building for city's police department. Deweese. I278.

1531 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for various projects in Bolivar County. Sanders. I278.

1532 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Towns of Pace and Benoit with park improvements. Sanders. I278.

1533 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Rosedale with downtown improvements. Sanders. I278.

1534 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to the Union County Courthouse. Creekmore IV. I278.

1535 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of New Albany with signage project. Creekmore IV. I278.

1536 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of New Albany with central business district improvements. Creekmore IV. I278.

1537 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of a new Career Technology Education building at Forrest County Agricultural High School. Byrd. I279.

1538 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to Petal School District Central Office building. Byrd. I279.

1539 - (Local and Private Legislation) Lowndes County; authorize to lease certain county property to Palmer Home for Children. Boyd (37th). I279.

1540 - (Local and Private Legislation) Town of Coffeeville; authorize a tax on restaurants to provide funds for tourism, parks and recreation. Reynolds. I279. CR610. CU661. V661.

1541 - (Local and Private Legislation) Tallahatchie County; authorize conveyance of public library to the Town of Webb. Reynolds. I279. CR610. CU662. V662. RS827. SS836. AP893.

1542 - (Local and Private Legislation) Tallahatchie County; authorize conveyance of public library to the Town of Tutwiler. Reynolds. I279. CR610. CU662. V662. RS827. SS836. AP893.

- 1543 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Health Department for design and construction of Emergency Medical Services Memorial. Hobgood-Wilkes. I279.
- 1544 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund. Kinkade. I279.
- 1545 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Commission on Education and Economic Competitiveness. Holloway. I279.
- 1546 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; CPS to fund the Pregnancy Resources Grant Program. Newman. I279.
- 1547 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Pascagoula; extend repealer on hotel, motel and bed-and-breakfast tax. Busby. I279. CR479. CU518. V518. RS838. SS849. AP893.
- 1548 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Jefferson County with replacement of a bridge on Brown Road. Harness. I279.
- 1549 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Jackson Redevelopment Authority for the Farish Street Forward Redevelopment Initiative. Banks. I279.
- 1550 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Jackson Redevelopment Authority for the Union Station Renewed Gateway Redevelopment Initiative. Banks. I279.
- 1551 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Jefferson County Hospital for operation and maintenance. Harness. I304.
- 1552 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Jefferson County for replacement of a bridge on January Road. Harness. I304.
- 1553 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Jefferson County for replacement of a bridge on Brown Road. Harness. I304.
- 1554 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Jefferson County for replacement of a bridge on Block Foster Road. Harness. I304.
- 1555 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Jefferson County for reconstruction of a segment of McBride Road/State Route 552. Harness. I304.
- 1556 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Jefferson County for replacing culverts and making other drainage improvements. Harness. I304.
- 1557 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Petal Excel by 5 with construction of a playground. Byrd. I304.
- 1558 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property and services to local chapters of Lions Club International and churches. Arnold. I305.
- 1559 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of certain equipment and items to volunteer fire departments. Owen. I305.
- 1560 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; MEMA for reimbursing persons for cost of purchasing and installing storm shelter. Hood. I305.
- 1561 - (Ways and Means) Ad valorem taxation; revise types of new enterprises eligible for tax exemption. Hood. I305. CR539. CU545. V545. RS826. HC846. AP1117.

1562 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; reduce rate on retail sales of certain food. Hulm. I395.

1563 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Port Gibson for constructing and equipping a new water treatment plant. Harness. I395.

1564 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Port Gibson for construction of a new water well. Harness. I395.

1565 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Port Gibson for replacement of water lines and sewer lines and making other upgrades and improvements. Harness. I395.

1566 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Port Gibson for repairs, renovations and improvements to water department main office. Harness. I396.

1567 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Town of Bude for relocation and restoration of the Bude Depot and the depot caboose. Harness. I396.

1568 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Petal School District for making improvements to Central Office building. Byrd. I396.

1569 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Petal to assist Petal Excel By 5 with the construction of a playground. Byrd. I396.

1570 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Bude with relocation and restoration of the Bude Depot. Harness. I396.

1571 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Claiborne County for security upgrades and improvements to county law enforcement and detention facilities. Harness. I396.

1572 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Claiborne County for making recreational facilities improvements. Harness. I396.

1573 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Claiborne County for implementing a watershed-based stormwater management program. Harness. I396.

1574 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Claiborne County for repairs, upgrades and improvements to roads. Harness. I396.

1575 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Claiborne County for repair and renovation of and upgrades to the Claiborne Library building. Harness. I396.

1576 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Port Gibson with construction of a new water well. Harness. I396.

1577 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Port Gibson with water and sewer improvements. Harness. I396.

1578 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Port Gibson with improvement to water department main office. Harness. I396.

1579 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Port Gibson with construction of a new water treatment plant. Harness. I396.

1580 - (Ways and Means) Medical cannabis; authorize municipalities to impose an excise tax on cannabis cultivation facilities. Porter. I396.

1581 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Columbus; extend repealer on alcoholic beverage and restaurant tax. Karriem. I396. CR479. CU519. V519. RS838. SS849. AP893.

1582 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Durant; authorize tourism tax on restaurants and alcoholic beverages. Clark. I396.

1583 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Durant; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Clark. I396. CR610. CU663. V663.

1584 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Refill Jackson Initiative for updating facilities and offering additional training opportunities. Summers. I397.

1585 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Lee County for drainage replacement under a rail spur at Turner and Industrial Park. Turner. I397.

1586 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; UMMC in to support a medical residency program at North Mississippi Health Services in Tupelo. Aguirre. I397.

1587 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Guntown for improvements to Sides Street and Long Street. Turner. I397.

1588 - (Ways and Means) Ad valorem tax; exempt motor vehicle owned by unremarried surviving spouse of law enforcement officer/employee who died while in performance of official duties. Arnold. I397.

1589 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Town of Marietta for repairs and renovations at Ross B. Pharr Park. Arnold. I397.

1590 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Prentiss County for replacement of Bridge Number SA59-114. Arnold. I397.

1591 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Saltillo for construction of a new fire station. Turner. I397.

1592 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Prentiss County for constructing a new voting precinct and community center in New Site. Arnold. I397.

1593 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Athletic Commission. Read. I465. CR475. CU489. RS794. HRC812. HCA840. SCA860. CRO969. CRA971. SCRA1461. SS1732. AP2046.

1594 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Auctioneers Commission. Read. I465. CR475. CU489. RS794. HRC812. HCA840. SCA861. CRO971. CRA972. SCRA1461. SS1732. AP2046.

1595 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Barber Examiners, Board of. Read. I465. CR475. CU489. RS794. HRC812. HCA841. SCA861. CRO973. CRA975. SCRA1461. SS1733. AP2046.

1596 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Cosmetology, Board of. Read. I465. CR475. CU489. RS794. HRC812. HCA841. SCA861. CRO975. CRA978. SCRA1461. SS1733. AP2046.

1597 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, Board of Examiners for. Read. I465. CR475. CU489. RS794. HRC812. HCA841. SCA861. CRO978. CRA980. SCRA1462. SS1733. AP2046.

1598 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of. Read. I465. CR475. CU489. RS794. HRC812. HCA841. SCA861. CRO980. CRA983. SCRA1462. SS1730. AP2046.

1599 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Nursing, Board of. Read. I465. CR475. CU490. V491. RS794. HRC812. HCA841. SCA861. CRO983. CRA985. SCRA1462. SS1730. AP2046.

1600 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of. Read. I465. CR475. CU491. V491. RS794. HRC812. HCA841. SCA861. CRO986. CRA987. SCRA1462. SS1730. AP2046.

1601 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Optometry, Board of. Read. I465. CR475. CU491. V492. RS794. HRC813. HCA831. SCA861. CRO988. CRA990. SCRA1462. SS1733. AP2046.

1602 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board. Read. I466. CR475. CU489. RS794. HRC813. HCA831. SCA861. CRO990. CRA992. SCRA1462. SS1733. AP2046.

1603 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Psychology, Board of. Read. I466. CR476. CU489. RS794. HRC813. HCA831. SCA861. CRO992. CRA994. SCRA1462. SS1730. AP2046.

1604 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional. Read. I466. CR476. CU492. V492. RS794. HRC813. HCA831. SCA861. CRO994. CRA996. SCRA1462. SS1733. AP2046.

1605 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Insurance, Department of. Read. I466. CR476. CU492. V493. RS794. HRC813. HCA831. SCA861. SRFC960. CRO967. HRFC969. CRO1329. CRA1332. SCRA1460. SS1991. AP2048.

1606 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Fire Academy. Read. I466. CR476. CU489. RS794. HRC813. HCA831. SCA861. CRO996. CRA999. SCRA1462. SS1733. AP2048.

1607 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System. Read. I466. CR476. CU489. RS794. HRC813. HCA831. SCA861. CRO999. CRA1001. SCRA1462. SS1733. AP2046.

1608 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board. Read. I466. CR476. CU489. RS794. HRC813. HCA831. SCA861. CRO1002. CRA1003. SCRA1461. SS1991. AP2046.

1609 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Real Estate Commission. Read. I466. CR476. CU493. V493. RS794. HRC813. HCA831. SCA861. CRO1004. CRA1005. SCRA1461. SS1993. AP2046.

1610 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Legislative expenses. Read. I466. CR476. CU489. RS794. HRC813. HCA831. SCA861. CRO1006. CRA1009. SCRA1462. SS1730. AP2048.

1611 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Arts Commission. Read. I466. CR476. CU493. V493. RS794. HRC813. HCA831. SCA861. SRFC960. CRO967. HRFC969. CRO1333. CRA1335. SCRA1461. SS1731. AP2046.

1612 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of. Read. I466. CR476. CU489. RS794. HRC813. HCA831. SCA862. SRFC960. CRO967. HRFC969. SRFC1118. CRO1455. HRFC1456. CRO1839. CRA1843. CE1980. SCRA1995. SS2042. AP2048.

1613 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Education, Department of. Read. I466. CR476. CU494. V494. RS763. HRC812. HCA831. SCA862. SRFC960. CRO967. HRFC969. SRFC1837. CRO1959. HRFC1959. CRO1962. CRA1972. SCRA1995. SS2042. AP2051.

1614 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for. Read. I466. CR476. CU494. V494. RS794. HRC813. HCA831. SCA862. CRO1252. CRA1256. SCRA1462. SS1731. AP2048.

1615 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Library Commission. Read. I466. CR476. CU489. RS795. HRC813. HCA831. SCA862. SRFC960. CRO967. HRFC969. CRO1452. CRA1455. SCRA1461. SS1991. AP2046.

1616 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of. Read. I467. CR476. CU495. V495. RS795. HRC813. HCA831. SCA862. SRFC960. CRO967. HRFC969. CRO1340. CRA1344. SCRA1461. SS1991. AP2048.

1617 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of. Read. I467. CR476. CU490. RS795. HRC813. HCA832. SCA862. SRFC960. CRO967. HRFC969. CRO1344. CRA1350. SCRA1461. CE1673. SS1992. AP2046.

1618 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission. Read. I467. CR476. CU490. RS795. HRC813. HCA832. SCA862. SRFC960. CRO967. HRFC969. CRO1350. CRA1353. SCRA1461. SS1992. AP2046.

1619 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board. Read. I467. CR477. CU495. V495. RS795. HRC813. HCA832. SCA862. CRO1010. CRA1012. SCRA1462. SS1730. AP2047.

1620 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Public Service Commission. Read. I467. CR477. CU496. V496. RS795. HRC813. HCA832. SCA862. SRFC960. CRO967. HRFC969. CRO1353. CRA1356. SCRA1461. SS1731. AP2048.

1621 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff. Read. I467. CR477. CU496. V496. RS795. HRC813. HCA832. SCA862. CRO1012. CRA1014. SCRA1462. SS1733. AP2048.

1622 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Human Services, Department of. Read. I467. CR477. CU497. V498. RS795. HRC813. HCA832. SCA862. SRFC960. CRO967. HRFC969. CRO1356. CRA1361. SCRA1461. SS1731. AP2048.

1623 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of. Read. I467. CR477. CU490. RS795. HRC813. HCA832. SCA862. SRFC960. CRO967. HRFC969. SRFC1118. CRO1362. CRA1365. R1414. HRFC1414. CRO1722. CRA1726. CE1839. SS2040. AP2049.

1624 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of. Read. I467. CR477. CU498. PO499. SR499. V499. RS795. HRC813. HCA832. SCA862. SRFC960. CRO967. HRFC969. CRO1323. CRA1328. SCRA1461. CE1839. SS1991. AP2049.

1625 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Child Protection Services, Department of. Read. I467. CR477. CU500. V500. RS795. HRC813. HCA832. SCA862. SRFC960. CRO967. HRFC969. CRO1365. CRA1368. SCRA1461. SS1731. AP2050.

1626 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Health, Department of. Read. I467. CR477. CU490. R501. V501. RS795. HRC813. HCA832. SCA862. SRFC960. CRO967. HRFC969. SRFC1734. CRO1736. HRFC1736. CRO1807. CRA1816. SCRA1837. CE1839. SS2039. AP2049.

1627 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for. Read. I467. CR477. CU490. RS795. HRC813. HCA832. SCA862. CRO1014. CRA1015. SCRA1462. SS1730. AP2047.

1628 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Forestry Commission. Read. I467. CR477. CU490. RS795. HRC813. HCA832. SCA862. SRFC960. CRO967. HRFC969. CRO1368. CRA1371. SCRA1461. SS1993. AP2047.

1629 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Read. I467. CR477. CU490. RS795. HRC813. HCA832. SCA862. CRO1015. CRA1018. SCRA1462. SS1733. AP2047.

1630 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District. Read. I467. CR477. CU500. V500. RS795. HRC813. HCA832. SCA862. CRO1018. CRA1020. SCRA1462. SS1730. AP2047.

1631 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District. Read. I467. CR477. CU490. RS795. HRC814. HCA832. SCA862. CRO1020. CRA1023. SCRA1462. SS1730. AP2047.

1632 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Port Authority, State. Read. I468. CR477. CU502. V502. RS795. HRC814. HCA832. SCA863. CRO1256. CRA1257. SCRA1462. SS1993. AP2047.

1633 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District. Read. I468. CR477. CU490. RS795. HRC814. HCA832. SCA863. CRO1023. CRA1025. SCRA1462. SS1733. AP2047.

1634 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority. Read. I468. CR477. CU502. V502. RS795. HRC814. HCA832. SCA863. CRO1025. CRA1027. SCRA1462. SS1730. AP2047.

1635 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board. Read. I468. CR478. CU503. V503. RS795. HRC814. HCA832. SCA863. CRO1027. CRA1029. SCRA1462. SS1733. AP2047.

1636 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of. Read. I468. CR478. CU490. RS795. HRC814. HCA833. SCA863. HCA885. SRFC960. CRO967. HRFC969. CRO1736. CRA1743. SCRA1837. SS2039. AP2044.

1637 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; District attorneys and staff. Read. I468. CR478. CU490. RS795. HRC814. HCA833. SCA863. SRFC960. CRO967. HRFC969. CRO1372. CRA1373. SCRA1461. SS1731. AP2047.

1638 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of. Read. I468. CR478. CU503. V503. RS795. HRC814. HCA833. SCA863. CRO1029. CRA1031. SCRA1462. SS1733. AP2049.

1639 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of. Read. I468. CR478. CU490. RS795. HRC814. HCA833. SCA863. SRFC960. CRO967. HRFC969. SCRA1461. CRO1744. CRA1746. SS2043. AP2049.

1640 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services. Read. I468. CR478. CU490. RS796. HRC814. HCA833. SCA863. SRFC961. CRO967. HRFC969. CRO1373. CRA1378. SCRA1461. CE1673. SS1992. AP2049.

1641 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Attorney General. Read. I468. CR478. CU504. V504. RS796. HRC814. HCA833. SCA863. SRFC961. CRO968. HRFC969. CRO1378. CRA1383. SCRA1461. CE1673. SS1993. AP2049.

1642 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Transportation, Department of. Read. I468. CR478. CU490. RS796. HRC814. HCA833. SCA863. SRFC961. CRO968. HRFC969. CRO1383. CRA1388. SCRA1461. SS1731. AP2051.

1643 - (Appropriations) Appropriation, Reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building - FY2024. Read. I468. CR478. CU504. V504. RS796. HRC814. HCA833. SCA863. CRO1031. CRA1036. SCRA1462. SS1730. AP2049.

1644 - (Appropriations) Appropriations; additional for various state agencies for FY 2023 and FY 2024. Read. I468. CR478. CU505. V505. RS796. HRC814. HCA833. SCA863. CRO1258. CRA1260. SCRA1462. SS1993. AP2049.

1645 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Tupelo with improvements to Ballard Park. Aguirre. I468.

1646 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize additional to assist Chickasaw Inkana Foundation with construction of Chickasaw Heritage Center in Tupelo. Aguirre. I468.

1647 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Tupelo with a center railroad projects. Aguirre. I468.

1648 - (Ways and Means) Mississippi Small Business Investment Company Act; increase the amount of tax credits that can be allocated under. Lamar. I469. CR487. CU515. V515. RS826.

1649 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; MDA for Innovate Mississippi to provide assistance under certain programs. Guice. I469.

1650 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of McComb for building and equipping a new fire station. Porter. I469.

1651 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Clarksdale with improvements to Sasse. Paden. I469.

1652 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Clarksdale with improvements to Martin Luther King Park. Paden. I469.

1653 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Rail Authority of East Mississippi with certain costs associated with East Mississippi Intermodal Rail Corridor. Barnett. I469.

1654 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Lynn Meadows Discovery Center for improvements to buildings and grounds and for purchase of real estate. Haney. I486.

1655 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Mississippi Aviation Heritage Museum for repairs, renovation and expansion of. Haney. I486.

1656 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to the Mississippi Aviation Heritage Museum in Gulfport. Haney. I486.

1657 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to Lynn Meadows Discovery Center in Gulfport. Haney. I486.

1658 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to Lynn Meadows Discovery Center in Gulfport. Haney. I486.

1659 - (Ways and Means) Homestead exemption; increase for persons retired from military or law enforcement service. Williamson. I486.

1660 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Jackson for making improvements to Forest Hill Park. Crudup. I486.

1661 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of coins, currency and bullion. Steverson. I486. CR487. CU544. V544.

1662 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Ripley; authorize expansion of water system in Tippah County except in certificated areas other than those in the city. Steverson. I486. CR610. CU663. V663. RS838. SS850. AP893.

1663 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Port Gibson for repairs and improvements to city's sewage treatment plant. Harness. I486.

1664 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Port Gibson with sewage plant improvements. Harness. I487.

1665 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; DPS for purchasing body-worn cameras for all Capitol Police officers. Hulum. I487.

1666 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; JSU to conduct review and prepare report about health care services available to Medicaid recipients with sickle cell disease. Cockerham. I487.

1667 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Florence; authorize a tax on restaurants and hotels/motels. Weathersby. I487. CR879. CU900. V900. IR910. RS963. SS1116. AP2038.

1668 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; revise certain provisions regarding pass-through entities. Lamar. I487. CR539. CU546. V547. RS826. HC847. AP1117.

1669 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; revise definition of "gross proceeds of sales" and "installation charges" and exempt certain services. Lamar. I487.

1670 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Lynn Meadows Discovery Center for repair, renovation and improvements to its buildings and grounds. Haney. I487.

1671 - (Ways and Means) Tax credits; revise certain existing and authorize additional. Gunn. I487. CR487. CU548. V552. MR555. MRT571. RS827. HRC847. SCA876. HCA883. SRFC963. CRO1053. HRFC1053. CRO1262. CE1275. CRA1276. SCRA1461. SS1991. AP2050.

1672 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Amiable Arts Foundation for increasing access to performing arts instruction for students. Summers. I508.

1673 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for repairs, renovations and exhibit upgrades at the Jackson Zoo. Summers. I508.

1674 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Jackson for upgrades and improvements to Flowers Park. Crudup. I508.

1675 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Jackson for acquisition demolition and/or removal of blighted properties. Crudup. I508.

1676 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Jackson for certain improvements to Sykes Park. Crudup. I508.

1677 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with construction of a new Fire Station 5. Brown (70th). I508.

- 1678 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Jackson for making repairs to the designated holding facility for misdemeanor offenders. Brown (70th). I508.
- 1679 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Jackson for purchasing advanced crime reduction technology for police department. Brown (70th). I508.
- 1680 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Jackson for making repairs to the West Bank Interceptor of the city's sewer system. Brown (70th). I508.
- 1681 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with renovating the Russell C. Davis Planetarium. Brown (70th). I508.
- 1682 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Gulfport for South Gulfport Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. Haney. I508.
- 1683 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Gulfport wastewater treatment plant project. Haney. I508.
- 1684 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Gulfport for commerce corridor project. Haney. I508.
- 1685 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Gulfport with its commerce corridor project. Haney. I508.
- 1686 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Gulfport for Dedeaux Road widening project. Haney. I508.
- 1687 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Gulfport with widening Dedeaux Road. Haney. I508.
- 1688 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Jackson for making improvements at the Jackson Zoo. Summers. I508.
- 1689 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Jackson for improvements to VA Legion Sports Complex, Jayne Avenue Park and Battlefield Park. Summers. I509.
- 1690 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with park improvements. Summers. I509.
- 1691 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Jackson Municipal Airport Authority with construction of an emergency access road at Hawkins Field. Banks. I509.
- 1692 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Jackson Municipal Airport Authority for emergency access road connecting Hawkins Field with City of Jackson Fire Station 20. Banks. I509.
- 1693 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Broadband Expansion and Accessibility MS for providing incentives to broadband providers to implement broadband in under-served areas of the state. Rosebud. I509.
- 1694 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Pascagoula; authorize use of automated recording system to enforce traffic regulations within. Busby. I509.
- 1695 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; DPS for salary increase for active officers of MHP, MBN and MBI for FY 2024. Carpenter. I509.
- 1696 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Department of Employment Security for funding Paramedics Recruitment and Retention Scholarship Grant Program. Carpenter. I509.

1697 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Farmington; authorize the use of low-speed vehicles and golf carts on certain public streets with certain restrictions. Bain. I509. CR879. CU901. V901. IR910. RS956. HC1114. SS1674. AP2047.

1698 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Canton with repair and renovation of City Hall building. Blackmon. I509.

1699 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Canton for repair and renovation of the City Hall building. Blackmon. I522.

1700 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Canton for upgrades to roads, bridges and stormwater drainage system. Blackmon. I522.

1701 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Canton with road, bridge and drainage improvements. Blackmon. I522.

1702 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of books at the Mississippi Book Festival, exempt certain computer sales. Gunn. I522. CR539. CU566. V566.

1703 - (Local and Private Legislation) Coahoma County; authorize reserve and trust fund trustees to use certain amount of fund to supplement county general fund. Paden. I527. CR611. CU664. V664. RS917. SS953. AP1460.

1704 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Office of State Aid Road Construction for county bridge projects. Busby. I527.

1705 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; MDOT for capacity projects. Busby. I527.

1706 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Pascagoula for making improvements to the East Pascagoula Police Substation. Busby. I527.

1707 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Pascagoula for making improvements to the City Hall building. Busby. I527.

1708 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Office of State Aid Road Construction for projects on county roads. Busby. I527.

1709 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; MDOT for paving projects. Busby. I527.

1710 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Capital Expense Fund to Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund. Busby. I527.

1711 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Vicksburg; authorize contributions of funds and in-kind maintenance services to Beulah Cemetery. Denton. I527. CR732. CU783. V783. RS838. SS850. AP893.

1712 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Vicksburg; authorize to contribute funds and in-kind services to Tate Cemetery. Denton. I527. CR611. CU664. V664. RS838. SS850. AP893.

1713 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Vicksburg; authorize contribution to the Dr. Jane Ellen McAllister Museum. Denton. I528.

1714 - (Local and Private Legislation) Warren County; authorize contributions to various organizations. Denton. I528.

1715 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Health Department for funding the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program. Read. I528. CR529. CU541. V541.

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1716 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; DEQ for funding the MS Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program. Read. I528. CR529. CU541. V541. RS796. HC834. SS850. AP893.

1717 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; DFA - Office of Insurance for reimbursing the State Health Plan for eligible expenses incurred. Read. I528. CR529. CU542. V542. RS796. HRC814. HCA833. SCA863. SRFC961. CRO968. HRFC969. CRO1748. CRA1749. SCRA1837. SS2039. AP2049.

1718 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; DFA Bureau of Building for completing capital projects at state-owned buildings and grounds. Read. I528. CR529. CU542. V542. RS796. HRC814. HCA833. SCA863. SRFC961. CRO968. HRFC969.

1719 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; DFA to assist destination marketing organizations in paying for marketing activities. Read. I528. CR529. CU543. V543. RS796. HRC814. HCA833. SCA863. SRFC961. CRO968. HRFC969. CRO1843. CRA1845. SCRA1995. SS2040. AP2051.

1720 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; UMMC for repair and renovation of the adolescent psychiatric program facility. Read. I528. CR529. CU543. V543.

1721 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; UMMC for repair, renovation and acquiring equipment at the Burn Center. Read. I528. CR529. CU570. V570.

1722 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; UMMC for construction, repair and renovation of the School of Dentistry. Read. I528. CR529. CU544. V544. RS796. HRC814. HCA833. SCA864. SRFC961. CRO968. HRFC969. CRO1750. CRA1751. SCRA1837. SS2040. AP2051.

1723 - (Ways and Means) Tax credits; authorize for business contributions to certain organizations supporting food pantries or soup kitchens. Lamar. I536. CR540. CU552. V552. RS827. HC847. AP1117.

1724 - (Ways and Means) Sales Tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to Foundation for Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. Kinkade. I536.

1725 - (Local and Private Legislation) Lowndes County; authorize contribution to Prairie Land Water Association using ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Boyd (37th). I536. CR732. CU784. V784. RS870. SS890. AP1460.

1726 - (Local and Private Legislation) Lowndes County; authorize contributions to certain nonprofit organizations using ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Boyd (37th). I536. CR732. CU784. V784.

1727 - (Local and Private Legislation) Lowndes County; authorize contributions to any public utility/assoc. to expand, repair water/sewer infrastructure using ARPA funds. Boyd (37th). I536. CR732. CU785. V785.

1728 - (Ways and Means) Taxes; increase certain and use revenue to assist hospitals for uncompensated medical treatment services. Hines. I536.

1729 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Alfred Alleman VFW Post 2539 in Gulfport for improvements to its Post home building. Haney. I536.

1730 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; MDOT for construction, repair, upgrading and improving of airports, ports and rail lines. Busby. I536.

1731 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Copiah County for expanding broadband services to unserved areas within the county. Currie. I536.

1732 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; DFA for repair, renovation and improvements to the Bill Waller Craft Center. Ford (73rd). I536.

1733 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; revise deduction for depreciation for certain expenditures and property. Lamar. I537. CR540. CU553. V554. RS827. HC848. AP1117.

1734 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize for various purposes. Lamar. I537. CR540. CU554. V554. RS827. HRC848. SCA877. HCA883. SRFC963. CRO1053. HRFC1053. CRO1276. CE1283. CRA1283. SCRA1461. CE1572. SS1731. AP2049.

1735 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; revise credit allowed for employers providing dependent care for employees. McLean. I537.

1736 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Perry County with making upgrades and improvements to three county roadways. Goodin. I558.

1737 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Perry County with construction of infrastructure to provide access to Perry County Industrial Park. Goodin. I558.

1738 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Perry County with upgrading Delta Pine Road to MS Hwy 15. Goodin. I558.

1739 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Perry County with several projects at Sportsman Lake. Goodin. I558.

1740 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Prentiss County for resurfacing roads, replacing a bridge and matching federal funds for those purposes. Arnold. I558.

1741 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Town of Leakesville for infrastructure improvements. Goodin. I558.

1742 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Greene County for new equipment for emergency 911 call center. Goodin. I558.

1743 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Greene County for improvements to Crenshaw Road. Goodin. I559.

1744 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Greene County for construction of a new MSU Extension Office. Goodin. I559.

1745 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Greene County for repairs and improvements to the Greene County Rural Events Center. Goodin. I559.

1746 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Greene County for construction of new voting precinct and community center. Goodin. I559.

1747 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Greene County for improvements to a segment of Old Highway 63. Goodin. I559.

1748 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Greene County for improvements to a segment of Old Highway 63. Goodin. I559.

1749 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Greene County for improvements to a segment of Old Highway 63 and Winborn Chapel Road. Goodin. I559.

1750 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Perry County for several projects at Sportsman Lake. Goodin. I559.

1751 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Perry County to upgrade Delta Pine Road to Hwy 15 and relocate the main water line. Goodin. I559.

1752 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Perry County for construction of a roadway and bridge to provide access to Perry County Industrial Park. Goodin. I559.

1753 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Perry County for upgrades and improvements to three county roadways. Goodin. I559.

1754 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Meridian for making road improvements to North Hill Street. Calvert. I559.

1755 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist George County with drainage and safety improvements for Crenshaw Road. Goodin. I559.

1756 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Richton with equipment upgrades for town's police department. Goodin. I559.

1757 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Greene County with acquisition of new equipment for county emergency 911 call center. Goodin. I559.

1758 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Greene County with overlay and drainage improvements for Crenshaw Road. Goodin. I559.

1759 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of new MSU extension office in Greene County. Goodin. I559.

1760 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Greene County with improvements to the Greene County Rural Events Center. Goodin. I560.

1761 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Greene County with construction of new voting precinct and community center. Goodin. I560.

1762 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Leakesville with infrastructure improvements. Goodin. I560.

1763 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Greene County with maintenance of Tung Oil Road and segment of Neely Avera Road. Goodin. I560.

1764 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Greene County with overlay of a segment of Old Highway 63. Goodin. I560.

1765 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Greene County with overlay of a segment of Old Highway 63. Goodin. I560.

1766 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Greene County overlay of Winborn Chapel Road and Old Highway 63. Goodin. I560.

1767 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; George County for drainage improvements and upgrades on Crenshaw Road. Goodin. I560.

1768 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Town of Richton for making improvements and upgrades for the police department. Goodin. I560.

1769 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Greene County for improvements to Tung Oil Road and a segment of Neely Avera Road. Goodin. I560.

1770 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Saltillo with construction of a new fire station. Turner. I560.

1771 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Saltillo for construction of a new fire station. Turner. I560.

1772 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Duncan with extending the walking trail in the town. Paden. I560.

1773 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; exclude forgiven, cancelled or discharged federal student loan debt under the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program from the definition of "gross income". Evans (91st). I560.

1774 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Pontotoc County Historical Society to improve accessibility to Pontotoc Town Square Museum and McMackin House. Huddleston. I560.

1775 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Pontotoc County Historical Society with renovation of Pontotoc Town Square Museum and Post Office building and McMackin House. Huddleston. I560.

1776 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Columbus for supporting its Parks and Recreation Department. Karriem. I560.

1777 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Columbus Redevelopment Authority for development of the Parkview residential/commercial project. McLean. I561.

1778 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Columbus for completion of the Senator Terry Brown Amphitheater. McLean. I561.

1779 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Tupelo for matching funds for federal grants for improvements for railway lines in the city. Boyd (19th). I561.

1780 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Tupelo for upgrade of HVAC air filtration system for the city aquatic facility. Boyd (19th). I561.

1781 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Mantachie Volunteer Fire Department for maintaining an existing building and constructing a new building. Boyd (19th). I561.

1782 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Houston Palestine Water Association for making improvements to the water system. Boyd (19th). I561.

1783 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Itawamba County School District to construct and equip a new building for the agriculture program at Mantachie High School. Boyd (19th). I561.

1784 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Mooreville-Richmond Water Association for upgrades and improvements to its water systems. Boyd (19th). I561.

1785 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Richmond Volunteer Fire Department in Lee County for purchase of a fire truck. Boyd (19th). I561.

1786 - (Local and Private Legislation) Town of Bude; authorize issuance of package retailer's permits in. Harness. I605.

1787 - (Local and Private Legislation) Scenic Rivers Development Alliance; authorize to create special purpose entities. Mims. I605. CR732. CU785. V785. RS870. SS890. AP1460.

1788 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Columbia; extend repeal date on hotel/motel and restaurant tourism tax. Morgan. I627. CR732. CU786. V786. RS838. SS850. AP893.

1789 - (Local and Private Legislation) Tunica County Utility District; authorize to set its own rates for water and sewer services. Burnett. I627.

1790 - (Local and Private Legislation) Washington County; reenact and extend repeal date on hotel and motel tax supporting a sports complex. Hines. I646. CR732. CU786. V787. RS932. SS953. AP2038.

1791 - (Local and Private Legislation) Union County; authorize assessments on misdemeanor convictions and nonadjudications for capital improvements. Creekmore IV. I646. CR732. CU787. V787.

1792 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Starkville; revise the definitions of the terms "hotel" and "motel" under the city's motel-hotel tax. Roberson. I731. CR879. CU901. V901. IR911. RS963. HC1312. IR1313. AP2047.

1793 - (Local and Private Legislation) Neshoba County; authorize contribution to Philadelphia Transit. Bounds. I731. CR880. CU902. V902. IR911. RS955. SS958. AP2038.

1794 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Charleston; extend date of repeal on restaurant tourism tax. Reynolds. I767. CR880. CU902. V902. IR911. RS955. SS958. AP2038.

1795 - (Local and Private Legislation) Oktibbeha County; authorize contributions to the Education Association of East Oktibbeha County Schools. Roberson. I767. CR880. CU903. V903. IR911. RS955. SS958. AP2038.

1796 - (Local and Private Legislation) Oktibbeha County; authorize contributions to the J.L. King Center. Roberson. I767. CR880. CU903. V903. IR911. RS956. SS958. AP2038.

1797 - (Local and Private Legislation) Oktibbeha County; authorize contributions to maintain Camp Seminole Road. Roberson. I767. CR880. CU904. V904. IR911. RS956. SS958. AP2039.

1798 - (Local and Private Legislation) Oktibbeha County; authorize contribution to Brickfire Project. Roberson. I767. CR880. CU904. V904. IR911. RS956. SS958. AP2039.

1799 - (Local and Private Legislation) Oktibbeha County; authorize contributions to Sally Kate Winters Family Services. Roberson. I768. CR880. CU905. V905. IR911. RS956. SS958. AP2039.

1800 - (Local and Private Legislation) Holmes County; authorize contributions to the Holmes County Long-Term Recovery Committee. Clark. I768. CR880. CU905. V905. IR911. RS956. SS958. AP2039.

1801 - (Local and Private Legislation) George County; authorize tax on hotels/motels and restaurants to fund a sports facility and recreation capital improvement projects. Barton. I805.

1802 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Lucedale; authorize tax on hotels/motels and restaurants to fund parks and recreational capital improvement projects. Barton. I805.

1803 - (Local and Private Legislation) Kemper County; authorize board of supervisors to expand scope of gas district to become a county utility district. Evans (45th). I805.

1804 - (Local and Private Legislation) Tunica County; authorize gaming fee distributed to county special fund to be expended for certain purposes. Burnett. I828.

1805 - (Local and Private Legislation) Jackson County; authorize to enter a MOU with DFA regarding Singing River Health System and healthcare workforce academy. Barton. I839. CR880. CU906. V906. IR911. RS956. HC1114. AP2047.

1806 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Olive Branch; authorize expenditure of funds to establish industrial, technological or educational park or parks in. Kinkade. I839.

1807 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Eupora; authorize tourism tax on hotels/motels/Airbnbs and restaurants. Hood. I839. CR880. CU926. V926. IR926. RS963. SS1116. AP2039.

1808 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Jushun Paige of Hinds County. Bell (65th). I871.

1809 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Cleveland Stallworth of Jackson County. Summers. I871.

1810 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Marcus Jackson of Hinds County. Summers. I871.

1811 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Gerald Laird of Jefferson Davis County. Summers. I871. CR896. CU926. V926. IR927.

1812 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Rahmond Williams of Hinds County. Summers. I871. CR896. CU927. V927. IR927.

1813 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Cornelius Clayton of Monroe County. Summers. I871. CR896. CU928. V928. IR928.

1814 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Omar Travis of Hinds County. Bell (65th). I871.

1815 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Mary Green of Hinds County. Bell (65th). I871. CR896. CU928. V928. IR929.

1816 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Clinton; extend repeal date on additional tourism tax on hotels and motels. Gunn. I878. CR896. CU910. V910. IR911. RS956. HC1113. SS1674. AP2047.

1817 - (Local and Private Legislation) Rankin County; authorize to contribute funds to Trustmark Park for economic development and tourism purposes. Newman. I895.

1818 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Pearl; authorize to contribute funds to minor league baseball stadium for economic development and tourism purposes. Newman. I895.

1819 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Eupora; authorize conveyance of certain property located within city's industrial park. Hood. I919. CR933. CU942. V942. IR944. RS1678. SS1993. AP2047.

B. HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

H. C. No.

1 - (Rules) Joint Rules; amend to limit introduction of general bills requiring majority vote to sessions in even-numbered years. Zuber. I5.

- 2 - (Rules) National Therapy Animal Day; celebrate in Mississippi on April 30, 2023. Zuber. I5. CR479. CU487. V487. IR489. RS597. SS602.
- 3 - (Constitution) Constitution; conform initiative signature requirements from each congressional district for an initiative petition to the number of current congressional districts. Young. I19.
- 4 - (Rules) Attorney Constance Slaughter-Harvey; commend and honor historic legacy as a living legal icon. Miles. I19.
- 5 - (Rules) Carlton D. "Corky" Palmer; honor the life and legacy of upon his passing. McGee. I24. CR134. V141. CU141. IR142. RS274. SS297.
- 6 - (Rules) State of Mississippi; declare as "Second Amendment Sanctuary" State. Scoggin. I36.
- 7 - (Rules) Constitution; conform initiative signature requirements from each congressional district for an initiative petition to the number of current congressional districts. Johnson. I36.
- 8 - (Rules) Constitution; amend to provide that during legislative sessions held in even years only appropriations bills shall be considered. Hopkins. I36.
- 9 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to reduce assessment ratio for motor vehicles. Hopkins. I36.
- 10 - (Rules) Former Representative Noal Akins; honor life and legacy upon his passing. Steverson. I44. CR134. CU154. V154. IR155. RS274. SS297.
- 11 - (Rules) Joint Rules; amend 9A to require all bills with 50 or more cosponsors to be adopted automatically by the committee of House of Origin. Hopkins. I54.
- 12 - (Rules) Senator Hiram Revel and Fannie Lou Hamer; request the joint committee on the Library of Congress to approve the replacement of the statues of James Zachariah George and Jefferson Davis with statues of. Johnson. I54.
- 13 - (Rules) B.B. King or Elvis Presley; request the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress to approve the replacement of Jefferson Davis with either. Banks. I54.
- 14 - (Rules) Representative Bennie G. Thompson; commend for service as chairman of committee to investigate the attack on the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. Banks. I54.
- 15 - (Rules) Bay Springs High School Football Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 1A State Championship. Tullos. I54. CR134. V141. CU141. IR142. RS274. SS297.
- 16 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to restore voting rights to qualified electors who have committed a felony once sentencing requirements are met. Banks. I111.
- 17 - (Rules) Cardiovascular risk reduction; recognize need for thorough screening and treatment of metabolic syndrome. Summers. I111.
- 18 - (Rules) Salem Missionary Baptist Church; commend upon 157th anniversary of. Holloway. I112. CR204. CU250. V250. IR273. RS472. SS483.
- 19 - (Rules) Emmett Till murder; issue apology for state's role in killers' acquittals. Karriem. I112.

20 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to restore voting rights to certain qualified electors once sentencing requirements are met. Anderson (110th). I112.

21 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to provide that member of Legislature for the first time after January 1, 2024, not eligible to serve again in that office after serving three terms. Evans (91st). I112.

22 - (Rules) Article V Convention; provide for selection and authority of commissioners. Eubanks. I112.

23 - (Rules) Constitution; signatures from any congressional district cannot exceed certain fractional portion of total number of signatures required for initiative petition. Arnold. I112.

24 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to require early voting 10 days before every election. McCray. I112.

25 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to provide automatic restoration of suffrage for persons convicted of nonviolent crimes. Karriem. I112.

26 - (Constitution) Constitution; conform initiative signature requirements to be from each congressional district for initiative petition. Rosebud. I112.

27 - (Rules) Patriotic Education Month; designate the month of September 2023 as. Ford (73rd). I112.

28 - (Rules) Constitution; amend to restore voting rights after certain time to qualified electors who have committed a felony. Arnold. I112.

29 - (Rules) Joint Rules; amend to allow legislators to participate remotely in committee meetings and floor sessions beginning in 2024. Arnold. I112.

30 - (Rules) JSU Tigers Football Team; commend upon winning 2022 SWAC Championship. Scott. I112. CU819. RC819. RC819.

31 - (Rules) State of the State address of the Governor; call joint session to hear. White. I112. CU154. V154. IR155. CE167. RS175. SS180.

32 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to provide for the right to personal reproductive decisions. Banks. I112.

33 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to provide that people have the right to propose new statutes and to amend or repeal existing statutes. Currie. I112.

34 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to provide that people have the right to propose new statutes and to amend or repeal existing statutes. McGee. I113.

35 - (Rules) Ole Miss Baseball Team; commend for winning the 2022 NCAA Baseball National Championship. Deweese. I279. CR349. CU480. V480. IR482. RS597. SS602.

36 - (Rules) Statehood to the people of Washington, D.C.; urge Congress to enact legislation that grants. Karriem. I469.

37 - (Rules) Booneville Lions Club; commend upon the 75th anniversary of its founding. Arnold. I509. CR528. CU530. V530. IR531. RS597. SS602.

38 - (Rules) Honorable Debra Hendricks Gibbs; commend distinguished legislative career and congratulate on election as circuit. Holloway. I509. CR528. CE530. CU531. V531. IR531. RS597. SS602.

39 - (Rules) Panny Flautt Mayfield; commend upon being named a 2023 Noel Polk Lifetime Achievement Award Nominee. Paden. I675. CR687. CU735. V735. IR736. RS826. SS835.

40 - (Rules) Josephine Pradia Rhymes; commend for her outstanding community service and contributions. Paden. I731. CR768. CU819. V819. IR822. RS874. SS913.

41 - (Rules) Northwest Mississippi Community College Softball Team; commend historic season and outstanding accomplishments. Lamar. I768. CR797. CU819. V819. IR822. RS874. SS913.

42 - (Rules) Taiwan; commend friendship with the State of Mississippi and encourage further economic ties. Reynolds. I796. CR797. CU800. V800. AA801. IR801. RS874. SS913.

43 - (Rules) Northwest Mississippi Community College; commend upon winning Region 23 Championship. Lamar. I796. CR797. CU819. V819. IR822. RS874. SS913.

44 - (Rules) Stephen Franks; commend Kosciusko, MS automobile dealer upon nomination for the prestigious 2023 Time Dealer of the Year Award. White. I797. CR797. CU819. V819. IR822. RS875. SS913.

45 - (Rules) Phi Theta Kappa All-Mississippi Academic and Workforce Team; commend on occasion of "Mississippi Phi Theta Kappa Day". Scoggin. I805. CR829. CU841. V841. IR843. RS875. SS913.

46 - (Rules) Poplarville High School; commend upon winning their first UCA National High School Cheering Championship. Owen. I805. CR829. CU841. V841. IR843. RS875. SS913.

47 - (Rules) The Essie B. and William Earl Glenn Foundation; commend on occasion of its fourth symposium for Adverse Childhood Experiences Trauma Awareness Day. Blackmon. I839. CR872. CU888. V888. IR888. RS956. SS959.

48 - (Rules) Mississippi Clean Hydrogen Hub; urge the federal government to designate Mississippi as. Roberson. I839. CR872. CU888. V888. IR888. RS956. SS959.

49 - (Rules) Baldwyn Career Advancement Center; commend 2023 SkillsUSA Quiz Bowl Team upon winning first place in state competition. Turner. I839. CR872. CU888. V888. IR888. RS956. SS959.

50 - (Rules) Respiratory syncytial virus; urge CDC to include in the Vaccines for Children program. Roberson. I871. CR897. CU922. V922. IR925.

51 - (Rules) Baptist Memorial Hospital-Golden Triangle; commend upon receiving "A" rating for 10 consecutive years. McLean. I878. CR897. CU922. V922. IR925. RS1119. SS1458.

52 - (Rules) Honorable Senator Angela Turner-Ford; commend and recognize intrepid leadership as chairperson of the MLBC. Scott. I878. CR897. CU922. V922. IR925. RS1119. SS1458.

53 - (Rules) Israel; commend 75th anniversary of independence of. Reynolds. I895. CR897. CU911. V911. IR912. RS956. SS959.

54 - (Rules) Caledonia High School Volleyball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 4A State Volleyball Championship. McLean. I895. CR897. CU922. V922. IR925. RS1119. SS1458.

55 - (Rules) Chief Gary Ponthieux, Jr.; commend for many years of public service in law enforcement and congratulate upon retirement. Bennett. I895. CR920. CU922. V922. IR925. RS1119. SS1458.

56 - (Rules) Representative Edward Blackmon, Jr.; commend distinguished legislative career and public service of upon the occasion of his retirement. Scott. I919. CR966. CU1522. V1522. IR1522. RS1836. SS1988.

57 - (Rules) Dr. Daphine Hill; commend accomplishments of. Holloway. I933. CR966. CU1522. V1522. IR1522. RS1836. SS1991.

58 - (Rules) Dr. Kent Hoblet; commend for many years of dedicated service as Dean of Mississippi State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. Bounds. I957. CR966. CU1522. V1522. IR1522. RS1836. SS1991.

59 - (Rules) Representative Tommy Reynolds; commend distinguished legislative career and public service of upon the occasion of his retirement. Roberson. I964. CR1120. CU1522. V1522. IR1522. RS1836. SS1988.

60 - (Rules) Legislature; extend 2023 Regular Session, suspend deadlines for certain bills, and set date of sine die adjournment. Gunn. CR1465. CU1521. V1521. IR1522.

61 - (Rules) Legislature; extend 2023 Regular Session, suspend deadlines for certain bills, and set date of sine die adjournment. Gunn. CR1465. CU1673. V1673. IR1674. RS1678. HC1719. SS1833.

62 - (Rules) Representative Tom Weathersby; commend distinguished legislative career and public service of upon the occasion of his retirement. Roberson. I1681. CR1682. CU1715. V1715. IR1715. RS1836. SS1988.

63 - (Rules) Representative Alyce G. Clarke; commend distinguished legislative career and public service upon the special occasion of her retirement. Holloway. I1681. CR1682. CU1715. V1715. IR1715. RS1837. SS1991.

64 - (Rules) Speaker Philip Gunn; commend on the esteemed and laudable legislative career of. Roberson. I1681. CR1683. CU1718. V1718. IR1718. RS1837. SS1988.

C. HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

H. R. No.

1 - (Rules) Jackson Prep "Patriots" Baseball Team; commend and congratulate for winning the MAIS 6A State Baseball Championship for the 5th consecutive year. Powell. I5. CR6. CU6. AD6. IR6. SS20.

2 - (Rules) Chapel Hart; commend successes in their career as well as during America's Got Talent. Owen. I5. CR6. CU6. AD6. IR6. SS20.

3 - (Rules) Reverend Dr. Lisa Allen-McLaurin; commend upon her appointment as music scholar-in-residence and interim choral director at the American Church in Paris, France. Clarke. I5. CR6. CU6. AD6. IR6. SS20.

4 - (Rules) Jim Waide; commend career and community contributions of. Thompson. I19. CR37. CU39. AD39. IR39. SS47.

5 - (Rules) Floyd Shankerman; commend upon iconic years of service to Clarksdale, Mississippi; as owner of Shankerman's. Reynolds. I19. CR37. CU39. AD39. IR39. SS47.

6 - (Rules) Norman Goetzmann Stevens, Jr.; honor life and legacy upon his passing. Sanford. I24. CR37. CU39. AD39. IR39. SS47.

7 - (Rules) Dr. Vernon Rayford; commend for outstanding service during COVID-19 pandemic. Thompson. I33. CR37. CU39. AD39. IR39. SS47.

8 - (Rules) House Rules; amend to create a new House Rule 77.1 to require discussion of all bills referred to a House committee. Hopkins. I54.

9 - (Rules) House Rules; amend 104A to require all House committees to be live streamed. Hopkins. I54.

10 - (Rules) Coach Jan Sojourner; commend extraordinary coaching career. Weathersby. I54. CR120. CU126. AD126. IR126. SS132.

11 - (Rules) House Rules; amend to create a new rule that requires each committee's agenda to be published 24 hours before the meeting. Anderson (110th). I113.

12 - (Rules) Mr. Martin "Marty" Davidson; commend upon entrepreneurial legacy and community service as chair of Southern Pipe and Supply. Young. I113. CR120. CU126. AD126. MR126. R818. IR822. SS823.

13 - (Rules) Emmett Till murder; issue apology for state's role in killers' acquittals. Karriem. I113.

14 - (Rules) House Rules; amend to require a racial impact statement for all legislation to be attached to each bill. Karriem. I113.

15 - (Rules) Dr. Kim S. Benton; commend upon exceptional service as Interim State Superintendent of Education. Bennett. I113. CR120. CU126. AD126. IR126. SS132.

16 - (Rules) Louisville High School Football Team; commend upon winning the 2022 MHSAA Class 4A State Championship. Mickens. I113. CR120. CU126. AD126. IR126. SS133.

17 - (Rules) Billy Nicholson; commend the life and legacy of as former state representative. Gunn. I113. CR120. CU122. AD122. IR122. SS122.

18 - (Rules) Carlton D. "Corky" Palmer; honor the life and legacy of upon his passing. McGee. I113. CR134. CU142. AD142. IR142. SS155.

19 - (Rules) Mark McAndrews; commend upon his retirement as port director of Port of Pascagoula. Barton. I113. CR134. CU142. AD142. IR142. SS155.

20 - (Rules) Copiah County; commend upon its Bicentennial Celebration. Holloway. I113. CR134. CU142. AD142. IR142. SS155.

21 - (Rules) Christone "Kingfish" Ingram; commend on winning his first Grammy Award during the 64th Annual Grammy Awards. Paden. I113. CR134. CU142. AD142. IR142. SS155.

22 - (Rules) Jones Junior College Bobcats Cheerleading Team; commend on winning Open Coed Division - 2022 UCA College Championship. Weathersby. I113. CR134. CU142. AD142. IR142. SS155.

23 - (Rules) Norman Goetzmann Stevens, Jr.; honor life and legacy upon his passing. Sanford. I113. CR134. CU142. AD142. IR142. SS155.

24 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage bills; require factors used by House committees to be listed on the official website. Summers. I113.

25 - (Rules) House rules; amend to require a list of bills to be published on official website. Williamson. I113.

26 - (Rules) Dr. Freda McKissic Bush; honor life and legacy upon her passing. Clarke. I113. CU172. AD172. IR172. SS173.

27 - (Rules) Faye Graham Dillard; commend upon the occasion of her 90th birthday. Massengill. I114. CU171. AD171. IR172. SS173.

28 - (Rules) Reba Lee Roy; commend life and legacy upon her passing. Young. I114. CU171. AD171. IR172. SS173.

29 - (Rules) Attorney Jonathan C. Hamilton; commend for outstanding service and contributions to the practice of law. Young. I114. CU171. AD171. IR172. SS173.

30 - (Rules) Dr. John D. Isaacs, Jr.; commend for outstanding service and contributions to the practice of medicine. Young. I114. CU171. AD171. IR172. SS173.

31 - (Rules) Johnny Johns; commend upon occasion of retirement. Holloway. I114. CU171. AD171. IR172. SS173.

32 - (Rules) Cecil Rhodes; honor life and legacy upon his passing. Currie. I114. CU171. AD171. IR172. SS173.

33 - (Rules) Scott Central High School "Rebels" Football Team; commend upon winning the 2022 MHSAA Class 2A State Championship. Miles. I114. CU171. AD171. IR172. SS173.

34 - (Rules) Dr. Sam Creekmore III; commend stellar medical service and his commitment to New Albany residents. Creekmore IV. I204. CR204. CU250. AD250. IR273. SS280.

35 - (Rules) Jacqueline Ervin; commend for being crowned Miss Rodeo Mississippi 2023. Pigott. I280. CR283. CU285. AD285. IR286. SS346.

36 - (Rules) Kennadee Riggs; congratulate on being crowned Miss Rodeo America 2023. Pigott. I280. CR283. CU285. AD285. IR286. SS346.

37 - (Rules) Attorney Constance Slaughter-Harvey; commend and honor historic legacy as a living legal icon. Miles. I280. CR349. CU400. AD400. IR402. SS453.

38 - (Rules) Honorable Thomas Edward (Tom) King, Jr.; commend stellar career as Southern District Transportation Commissioner upon his retirement. McGee. I280. CR283. CU285. AD285. IR286. SS346.

39 - (Rules) Crime Victim's Rights Week; designate April 23-29, 2023, as in Mississippi. Felsher. I280. CR349. CU400. AD400. IR402. SS453.

40 - (Rules) Willis Joe Barnes; commend his life and legacy upon his passing. Wallace. I280. CR283. CU285. AD285. IR286. SS346.

41 - (Rules) Bay Springs High School Football Team; commend for winning 2022 MHSAA Class 1A State Football Championship. Tullos. I280. CR283. CU285. AD285. IR286. SS346.

42 - (Rules) Kossuth High School Aggies Cheerleading Team; commend for winning the 2022 MHSAA Class 3A Game Day State Championship and the 2022 Mid-South Regional

Large Game Day Competition. Bain. I280. CR284. CU285. CU285. AD285. IR286. SS347.

43 - (Rules) Cardiovascular risk reduction; recognize need for thorough screening and treatment of metabolic syndrome. Summers. I280. CR349. CU400. AD400. IR402. SS454.

44 - (Rules) MS Film Office; commend and congratulate upon its 50th anniversary commemoration. Creekmore IV. I280. CR284. CU285. CU285. AD285. IR286. SS347.

45 - (Rules) New Albany High School Tennis Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 4A State Championship. Creekmore IV. I280. CR284. CU285. CU285. AD285. IR286. SS346.

46 - (Rules) Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Legislative Day at the Capitol; commend celebration of February 7, 2023. Banks. I283. CR284. CU285. CU285. AD285. IR286. SS346.

47 - (Rules) Miss Emmie Perkins; commend and congratulate upon being crowned Miss Mississippi 2022. McGee. I305. CU306. AD306. IR306. SS347.

48 - (Rules) Mississippi Horse Park; commend for receiving the 2022 Justin Boots Best Footing Award for the Southeastern Circuit. Roberson. I305. CR349. CU481. AD481. IR482. SS483.

49 - (Rules) Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Day at the Mississippi State Capitol; commend celebration on March 9, 2023. Rosebud. I305. CR349. CU400. AD400. IR402. SS454.

50 - (Rules) Barack H. Obama Magnet Elementary School; commend and congratulate on being rated the #1 school in the state. Brown (70th). I305. CR398. CU401. CU401. AD401. IR402. SS454.

51 - (Rules) Mar-Cal Inc. and the Martin Family; commend business success and family legacy. Wallace. I305. CR349. CU400. AD400. IR402. SS454.

52 - (Rules) Tommy Aldridge; commend for outstanding musical artistry and accomplishments. Creekmore IV. I305. CR349. CU401. AD401. IR402. SS454.

53 - (Rules) Charles Wayne Nobles; commend the life of upon his passing. Tubb. I305. CR350. CU401. AD401. IR402. SS454.

54 - (Rules) Dr. Katherine Fokakis "Katie" Patterson; mourn loss and commemorate life upon her passing. McCarty. I305. CR350. CU401. AD401. IR403. SS454.

55 - (Rules) Verbia Cooper Harden; commend outstanding career in radio broadcasting. Holloway. I305. CR350. CU401. AD401. IR403. SS454.

56 - (Rules) Pearl River Community College Baseball Team; commend upon winning the NJCAA Division II National Championship. Owen. I305. CR350. CU401. AD401. IR403. SS454.

57 - (Rules) Dr. William G. "Bill" Jackson; commend for 46 years of excellent medical service and congratulate upon retirement. Bain. I349. CR350. CU401. AD401. IR402. SS454.

58 - (Rules) Congressman James E. Clyburn; commend for distinguished public service. Bell (65th). I397. CR398. CU401. CU402. AD402. IR402. SS454.

59 - (Rules) Mississippi Links Day at the Capitol 2023; commend and honor for outstanding service. Johnson. I397. CR398. CU401. CU402. AD402. IR402. SS454.

60 - (Rules) Lula Mae Coleman; commend her life upon her passing. Scott. I397. CR398. CU401. CU402. AD402. IR402. SS454.

61 - (Rules) Elma Maxine Howard Smith; commend life and legacy upon her passing. Clarke. I397. CR398. CU401. CU402. AD402. IR402. SS454.

62 - (Rules) New Albany High School "Lady Bulldogs" Golf Team; commend upon winning the 2022 MHSAA Class 4A State Golf Championship. Creekmore IV. I397. CR479. CU488. AD488. IR488. SS520.

63 - (Rules) JSU Tigers Football Team; commend upon winning 2022 SWAC Championship. Bell (65th). I397. CR479. CU488. AD488. IR489. SS520.

64 - (Rules) Starkville High School Football Team; commend upon winning the MHSAA Class 6A State Football Championship. Taylor. I397. CR479. CU488. AD488. IR489. SS520.

65 - (Rules) Ronald "Ronnie" Lewis Buckley; honor life and legacy upon his passing. Tullos. I397. CR479. CU488. AD488. IR489. SS520.

66 - (Rules) Mize Attendance Center Cheerleaders; commend upon winning the MHSAA Class 2A State Cheer Competition. Tullos. I398. CR479. CU488. AD488. IR489. SS520.

67 - (Rules) Clarissa Griffin Harris; commend life and legacy upon her passing. Clarke. I398. CR479. CU488. AD488. IR489. SS520.

68 - (Rules) Dr. Pam Chatman; commend outstanding community service of. Sanders. I398. CR469. CU470. CU470. AD470. IR470. SS483.

69 - (Rules) Joseph Grafton Barnes; mourn loss and commemorate life and legacy upon his passing. Sanders. I398. CR480. CU488. AD488. IR489. SS520.

70 - (Rules) MS National Guard and the Republic of Uzbekistan; recognize and congratulate upon 10 years of successful partnership. Carpenter. I469. CR469. CU470. CU470. AD470. IR470. SS483.

71 - (Rules) Raleigh High School "Lions"; commend for winning MHSAA State 3A Football Championship. Tullos. I469. CR480. CU488. AD488. IR489. SS520.

72 - (Rules) Gloria A. Thompson; commend illustrious career in the gospel music industry. Holloway. I469. CR480. CU488. AD488. IR489. SS520.

73 - (Rules) Claude Thomas "Buddy" Terrell, Jr.; commend upon the occasion of his 99th birthday. Kinkade. I469. CR469. CU470. CU470. AD470. IR470. SS483.

74 - (Rules) LeeRoy Carpenter; commend and congratulate upon being named the State Games of Mississippi "Male Athlete of the Year". Calvert. I509. CR511. CU519. CU519. AD519. IR520. SS522.

75 - (Rules) Kaylee Harrison; commend upon being named the 2022 State Games of Mississippi Youth Athlete of the Year. Calvert. I509. CR511. CU519. CU519. AD519. IR520. SS522.

76 - (Rules) West Lauderdale High School Lady Knights Soccer Team; commend on winning 2023 Class 4A State Championship. Calvert. I509. CR511. CU519. CU519. AD519. IR520. SS522.

77 - (Rules) T.C. Taylor; commend for being named head coach for the Jackson State University football team. Bell (65th). I510. CR511. CU519. AD519. IR520. SS522.

78 - (Rules) Don Nehring; commend upon being named the 2022 Mississippi Truck Driver of the Year. Massengill. I510. CR511. CU519. AD519. IR520. SS522.

79 - (Rules) Charles Elon Bowering; commend on occasion of having the Flora, MS, library renamed as the Posey-Bowering Library. Gunn. I510. CR511. CU519. AD519. IR520. SS522.

80 - (Rules) Will Lummus; commend extraordinary rodeo success and accomplishments. Mangold. I510. CR528. CU530. AD530. IR531. SS555.

81 - (Rules) Henry Presley Posey; commend for his dedication to the preservation of Flora and Madison County, MS history and the renaming of the Flora Library to the Posey-Bowering Library. Gunn. I510. CR529. CU530. AD530. IR531. SS555.

82 - (Rules) Colonel Denise Hall; commend distinguished service with the 183rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron. Weathersby. I510. CR529. CU530. AD530. IR531. SS555.

83 - (Rules) Honorable Debra Hendricks Gibbs; commend distinguished legislative career and congratulate on election as circuit. Holloway. I510. CR529. CE530. CU530. AD530. IR531. SS555.

84 - (Rules) Sarah Lea Anglin; commend for being named the 2022 State Games of Mississippi Female Athlete of the Year. Calvert. I510. CR529. CU530. AD530. IR532. SS555.

85 - (Rules) Council of State Governments Southern Office; commend on occasion of the 77th Southern Legislative Conference of CSG (South). Gunn. I528. CR539. CU565. AD565. IR566. SS595.

86 - (Rules) Elnora Littleton; commend leadership as Executive Director and Head Start Director for the Bolivar County Community Action Agency/Head Start in Cleveland. Sanders. I537. CR539. CU565. AD565. IR566. SS595.

87 - (Rules) Harry Aubrey Martin; commend life, service and philanthropic legacy of upon his passing. Turner. I561. CR578. IR594. SS598.

88 - (Rules) Roy L. Dixon, Sr.; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Clarke. I574. CR578. IR594. SS598.

89 - (Rules) Northwest Rankin High School Cheerleaders; commend upon winning back-to-back UCA Large Varsity Division I Game Day Cheerleading National Championships. Powell. I601. CR612. CU641. AD641. IR642. SS643.

90 - (Rules) Jerry Sims; commend for exceptional success in business and outstanding legacy in track and field at Alcorn State University. Holloway. I601. CR612. CU641. AD641. IR642. SS643.

91 - (Rules) Coach Norris Ray Ashley; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Creekmore IV. I601. CR612. CU641. AD641. IR642. SS643.

92 - (Rules) American Red Cross Month; designate month of March 2023 as. Aguirre. I627. CR627. CU635. AD635. IR641. SS667.

93 - (Rules) Suddenly Sleepy Saturday; designate Saturday, March 11, 2023, as. Roberson. I627. CR628. CU641. AD641. IR641. SS643.

94 - (Rules) Nicholas Anderson; commend academic and athletic success of. Denton. I627. CR628. CU641. AD641. IR641. SS643.

95 - (Rules) Benton County Courthouse; commend upon its 150th anniversary. Massengill. I627. CR628. CU641. AD641. IR641. SS644.

96 - (Rules) Dwanna L. Stanley; commend and congratulate upon her career success in real estate. Stamps. I627. CR628. CU641. AD641. IR641. SS644.

97 - (Rules) L.C. Jackson, WW II Veteran; recognize upon the occasion of his 100th birthday. Currie. I627. CR628. CU641. AD641. IR641. SS644.

98 - (Rules) Dell Dickens Scoper; honor life and legacy upon her passing. Robinson. I627. CR628. CU641. AD641. IR641. SS644.

99 - (Rules) Mary Jo Wedgeworth; commend her life upon her passing. Robinson. I627. CR628. CU641. AD641. IR641. SS644.

100 - (Rules) Swan Lake Missionary Baptist Association; commend upon occasion of 150th anniversary. Paden. I627. CR669. CU669. AD669. IR669. SS671.

101 - (Rules) Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church; commend and congratulate upon its 122nd anniversary. Paden. I627. CR669. CU669. AD669. IR669. SS671.

102 - (Rules) Alva Beck; commend his life upon his passing. Faulkner. I646. CR669. CU669. AD669. IR669. SS671.

103 - (Rules) Charles "Cliff" Wilson Collins; mourn loss and commemorate life, service and legacy upon his passing. Osborne. I668. CR669. CU669. AD669. IR669. SS671.

104 - (Rules) Lamar Academy "Raiders" Girls Volleyball Team; congratulate on winning MAIS 5A State Championship. Calvert. I675. CR687. CU736. AD736. IR736. SS761.

105 - (Rules) John Stroud; commend career and athletic accomplishments of. Creekmore IV. I683. CR687. CU688. AD688. IR688. SS726.

106 - (Rules) Picayune High School Football Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 5A State Championship. Hobgood-Wilkes. I731. CR768. CU819. AD819. IR821. SS823.

107 - (Rules) Robert Earl Dow, Sr.; honor life and legacy upon his passing. Banks. I731. CR768. CU819. AD819. IR821. SS824.

108 - (Rules) Colleen Hartfield; commend distinguished career, service and contributions to Hinds Community College. Weathersby. I731. CR768. CU819. AD819. IR821. SS824.

109 - (Rules) Newton County High School Cheerleading Team; commend for outstanding achievements. Rushing. I731. CR768. CU820. AD820. IR821. SS824.

110 - (Rules) Coahoma County High School Red Panthers Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning the MHSAA Class 2A State Championship. Paden. I731. CR768. CU820. AD820. IR821. SS824.

111 - (Rules) Illinois State Representative Cyril Nichols; commend for outstanding service and contributions to the City of Jackson. Crudup. I732. CR768. CU820. AD820. IR821. SS824.

112 - (Rules) Former Representative Leonard Henderson; mourn loss and commemorate life and legacy upon his passing. Paden. I768. CR797. CU820. AD820. IR821. SS824.

113 - (Rules) Linda Barlow Dear; commend basketball coaching career of. Weathersby. I768. CR797. CU820. AD820. IR821. SS824.

114 - (Rules) Lucille Dexter; commend upon the occasion of her 100th birthday. Carpenter. I768. CR797. CU820. AD820. IR821. SS824.

115 - (Rules) Taiwan; commend friendship with the State of Mississippi and encourage further economic ties. Reynolds. I797. CR797. CU801. AD801. AA801. IR801. SS823.

116 - (Rules) Brookhaven Academy Lady Cougars Basketball Team; commend for winning MAIS Class 5A State Championship. Mangold. I797. CR798. CU820. AD820. IR821. SS824.

117 - (Rules) Right Reverend Brian R. Seage; commend dedication as Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Mississippi upon his retirement. Reynolds. I797. CR798. CU820. AD820. IR821. SS824.

118 - (Rules) Madi Kate Vuncannon; commend for being named Mississippi Class 2A Miss Basketball. Steverson. I806. CR829. CU842. AD842. IR842. SS850.

119 - (Rules) Simpson Academy Lady Cougars Basketball Team; commend for outstanding season. Weathersby. I806. CR829. CU842. AD842. IR842. SS850.

120 - (Rules) Morris Bozeman; commend his life upon his passing. Holloway. I806. CR829. CU842. AD842. IR842. SS850.

121 - (Rules) James Anderson; commend his service during World War II and celebrate the occasion of his 100th birthday. Clark. I806. CR829. CU841. AD841. IR843. SS850.

122 - (Rules) South Jones High School "Band of Braves" Marching Band; commend for many outstanding achievements. Scoggin. I806. CR829. CU842. AD842. IR842. SS850.

123 - (Rules) Lake High School Lady Hornets Basketball Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 2A State Championship. Miles. I806. CR829. CU842. AD842. IR843. SS850.

124 - (Rules) Mississippi Medical and Surgical Association; commend numerous community contributions of. Thompson. I806. CR829. CU842. AD842. IR843. SS850.

125 - (Rules) House of Peoples Funeral Home, Inc.; commend outstanding service upon 69th anniversary of its founding. Holloway. I806. CR829. CU842. AD842. IR843. SS850.

126 - (Rules) Jupiter Baptist Church; commend upon 100th anniversary of. Wallace. I806. CR829. CU842. AD842. IR843. SS850.

127 - (Rules) Simpson County Academy Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning MAIS Class 5A State Championship. Wallace. I806. CR830. CU842. AD842. IR843. SS850.

128 - (Rules) Jackson State University Lady Tigers Soccer Team; commend for winning 2022 SWAC Soccer Championship. Bell (65th). I806. CR830. CU842. AD842. IR843. SS851.

129 - (Rules) Alcorn State University Men's Basketball Team; commend for winning the 2022-2023 SWAC Regular Season Championship. Clarke. I806. CR830. CU842. AD842. IR843. SS851.

130 - (Rules) Jackie Granberry; commend distinguished career and service to Hinds Community College upon her retirement. Weathersby. I806. CR830. CU842. AD842. IR843. SS851.

131 - (Rules) Hinds Community College Eagles Track and Field Teams; commend for outstanding achievements. Foster. I828. CR872. CU888. AD888. IR889. SS914.

132 - (Rules) Northwest Rankin High School Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 6A State Championship. Yancey. I829. CR872. CU888. AD888. IR889. SS914.

133 - (Rules) Jackson Prep Patriots Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning the MAIS Overall Championship. Yancey. I829. CR872. CU888. AD888. IR889. SS914.

134 - (Rules) Louisville High School Lady Wildcats Basketball Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 4A State Championship. Mickens. I839. CR872. CU873. AD873. IR873. SS890.

135 - (Rules) Team "Wait For It..."; commend and congratulate upon winning the 2023 Mississippi FIRST Tech Challenge Competition. Yancey. I840. CR872. CU888. AD888. IR889. SS914.

136 - (Rules) East Union Lady Urchins Powerlifting Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 2A State Championship. Creekmore IV. I840. CR872. CU889. AD889. IR889. SS914.

137 - (Rules) West Lauderdale High School Knights Boys Golf Team; commend on winning 2022 MHSAA Class 4A State Championship. Calvert. I840. CR872. CU889. AD889. IR889. SS914.

138 - (Rules) JSU Men's Cross Country Team; commend and congratulate upon winning the 2021 and 2022 SWAC Championships. Bell (65th). I840. CR872. CU889. AD889. IR889. SS914.

139 - (Rules) Edward Earl Wilson, Jr.; commend outstanding achievements. Bell (65th). I840. CR872. CU889. AD889. IR889. SS914.

140 - (Rules) Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; commemorate observance of AKA Day at the Capitol. Cockerham. I871. CR873. CU873. AD873. IR873. SS890.

141 - (Rules) Christopher Thomas Bruni; commend his life upon passing. Haney. I871. CR873. CU889. AD889. IR889. SS914.

142 - (Rules) Josephine Pradia Rhymes; commend for outstanding service and contributions. Paden. I871. CR873. CU889. AD889. IR889. SS914.

143 - (Rules) Dr. Jane Hulon Sims; commend upon occasion of retirement as president of Copiah-Lincoln Community College. Holloway. I871. CR873. CU889. AD889. IR889. SS914.

144 - (Rules) Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; commend and congratulate on occasion of Delta Days at the Capital. Bell (65th). I871. CR873. CU873. AD873. IR873. SS890.

145 - (Rules) Jackson State University Women's Basketball Team; commend for being the 2022-2023 SWAC Regular Season Champions. Bell (65th). I871. CR897. CU923. AD923. IR924. SS951.

146 - (Rules) Representative Charles Busby; commend distinguished legislative career of. Roberson. I871. CR897. CU923. AD923. IR924. SS951.

147 - (Rules) Baptist Memorial Hospital-Golden Triangle; commend upon receiving "A" rating for 10 consecutive years. McLean. I878. CR897. CU923. AD923. IR924. SS951.

148 - (Rules) East Union Attendance Center Boy's Baseball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 2A State Championship. Creekmore IV. I879. CR897. CU923. AD923. IR924. SS951.

149 - (Rules) West Harrison High School Hurricanes Cheerleading Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 5A State Championship and placing 2nd at UCA Nationals. McKnight. I879. CR897. CU923. AD923. IR924. SS951.

150 - (Rules) Madison-Ridgeland Academy Lady Patriots Basketball Team; commend for winning 2023 MAIS Overall State Championship. Ford (73rd). I879. CR897. CU923. AD923. IR925. SS952.

151 - (Rules) Booneville High School Blue Devils Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning Class 3A State Championship. Arnold. I879. CR898. CU923. AD923. IR925. SS951.

152 - (Rules) Booneville High School Lady Blue Devils Girls Basketball Team; commend upon winning Class 3A State Championship. Arnold. I879. CR898. CU923. AD923. IR925. SS951.

153 - (Rules) South Panola High School Tigers Cheerleading Team; commend upon winning NCA National Championship for third year in a row. Jackson. I879. CR898. CU923. AD923. IR925. SS951.

154 - (Rules) The Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health; recognize and commend its efforts to reduce health disparities. Bell (65th). I879. CR898. CU923. AD923. IR925. SS952.

155 - (Rules) Jim and Elta Johnston; commend outstanding service and contributions to the City of Jackson. Yates. I879. CR898. CU923. AD923. IR925. SS951.

156 - (Rules) Pernellus Turner; commend service during World War II. Carpenter. I879. CR898. CU921. AD921. IR925. SS952.

157 - (Rules) Bruce Crowe; recognize and commend service during World War II. Carpenter. I879. CR898. CU924. AD924. IR925. SS952.

158 - (Rules) Malik Franklin; commend for being named the 2023 Vicksburg Post Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Denton. I896. CR898. CU924. AD924. IR925. SS952.

159 - (Rules) Master Sergeant Danny Mills; commend upon retirement from Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. Kinkade. I896. CR898. CU924. AD924. IR925. SS952.

160 - (Rules) Shedeur Sanders; commend for being named Top HBCU Football Player for 2022. Bell (65th). I896. CR920. CU922. AD922. IR925. SS952.

161 - (Rules) Reverend Wilford Earl Bridges; commend upon 20th pastoral anniversary. Scott. I896. CR920. CU922. AD922. IR925. SS952.

162 - (Rules) George Ferguson; commend for many years of dedicated service and congratulate upon retirement. Ford (73rd). I896. CR920. CU922. AD922. IR925. SS952.

163 - (Rules) Head Coach Kelvin Carter; commend upon outstanding season as head coach of the Vicksburg High School Gators Boys Basketball Team. Denton. I896. CR921. CU922. AD922. IR925. SS952.

164 - (Rules) Representative Lynn Wright; commend life and legacy of service and express sympathy upon his passing. McLean. I919. CR966. CU1456. AD1456. IR1456. SS1674.

165 - (Rules) Anna Katherine Adams; commend and congratulate upon induction in the 2023 Class of Extraordinary Educators. Read. I919. CR966. CU1523. AD1523. IR1524. SS1675.

166 - (Rules) Representative Robin Robinson; commend legislative service of. Roberson. I933. CR966. CU1523. AD1523. IR1524. SS1675.

167 - (Rules) Ingomar Attendance Center Lady Falcons Volleyball Team; commend for winning 2022 MHSAA Class 1A State Championship. Creekmore IV. I933. CR966. CU1523. AD1523. IR1524. SS1675.

168 - (Rules) Representative Jerry Darnell; commend distinguished legislative career of. Owen. I933. CR966. CU1523. AD1523. IR1524. SS1675.

169 - (Rules) Angie Thomas; recognize and commend accomplishments of. Crudup. I933. CR966. CU1523. AD1523. IR1524. SS1675.

170 - (Rules) "Belle Collective"; recognize and commend cast members. Stamps. I933. CR966.

171 - (Rules) Caledonia High School Volleyball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 4A State Volleyball Championship. McLean. I933. CR966. CU1523. AD1523. IR1525. SS1675.

172 - (Rules) Tougaloo College "Bulldogs" Men's Basketball Team; commend on winning back-to-back GCAC Regular Season and Tournament Championships. Foster. I964. CR1121. CU1456. AD1456. IR1456. SS1674.

173 - (Rules) Representative Randall H. Patterson; commend esteemed legislative career and public service upon his retirement. Roberson. I964. CR1121. CU1523. AD1523. IR1525. SS1675.

174 - (Rules) Representative Steve Hopkins; commend for distinguished legislative career. Roberson. I964. CR1121. CU1523. AD1523. IR1525. SS1675.

175 - (Rules) Dr. Daphine Hill; commend accomplishments of. Holloway. I964. CR1121. CU1523. AD1523. IR1525. SS1675.

176 - (Rules) Layla Carter; commend upon being named Miss Basketball for the MHSAA Class 5A and 2023 Vicksburg Post Girls Player of the Year. Denton. I964. CR1121. CU1524. AD1524. IR1525. SS1675.

177 - (Rules) Shanise Batiste LeFlore; commend exceptional service and commitment provided to Blackmon & Blackmon, PLLC. Blackmon. I965. CR1121. CU1524. AD1524. IR1525. SS1675.

178 - (Rules) Dr. William "Bill" Myers; commend esteemed career upon his retirement. Roberson. I965. CR1121. CU1524. AD1524. IR1525. SS1675.

179 - (Rules) Tombigbee Chapter of the National Society of the DAR and Seth Burnett and Levi Burnett; commend. McLean. I965. CR1121. CU1524. AD1524. IR1525. SS1675.

180 - (Rules) Stacy and Mable Austin; commend upon 75th wedding anniversary. McLean. I965. CR1121. CU1524. AD1524. IR1525. SS1675.

181 - (Rules) Presley Seals; commend upon being named as an inductee of the Curriculum Associates 2023 Class of Extraordinary Educators. Owen. I965. CR1121. CU1524. AD1524. IR1525. SS1675.

182 - (Rules) McEvans School Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning the MHSAA Class 1A State Championship. Rosebud. I965. CR1121. CU1524. AD1524. IR1525. SS1676.

183 - (Rules) David Tadlock; commend outstanding career and contributions of. Miles. I965. CR1121. CU1524. AD1524. IR1525. SS1676.

184 - (Rules) Mary Elizabeth Lee Dowdell; commend upon the occasion of her 90th birthday. Jackson. I965. CR1121. CU1524. AD1524. IR1525. SS1676.

185 - (Rules) Representative De'Keither A. Stamps; commend legislative career and public service. Roberson. I965. CR1121. CU1524. AD1524. IR1525. SS1731.

186 - (Rules) Northeast Jones High School "Gold Horizons" Show Choir; commend for many outstanding achievements. Robinson. I965. CR1122. CU1524. AD1524. IR1525. CE1526. SS1676.

187 - (Rules) Representative Tom Miles; commend distinguished legislative career of. Roberson. I965. CR1122. CU1524. AD1524. IR1525. SS1676.

188 - (Rules) Coach Troy Stewart; commend for outstanding 2022-2023 season as head coach of the Vicksburg High School Missy Gators. Denton. CR1122. CU1524. AD1524. IR1525. SS1676.

189 - (Rules) Viola Allen; commend career success of. Blackmon. CR1122. CU1524. AD1524. IR1525. SS1676.

190 - (Rules) Pastor Dr. Joe May; commend upon occasion of his retirement from pastoral duties. Bell (65th). CR1122. CU1524. AD1524. IR1525. SS1676.

191 - (Rules) Dr. Cindy Ayers Elliott; commend for being named USA Today's 2023 Woman of the Year Honoree for Mississippi. Summers. CR1122. CU1525. AD1525. IR1526. SS1676.

192 - (Rules) Representative Alyce G. Clarke; commend distinguished legislative career and public service upon the special occasion of her retirement. Roberson. I1681. CR1682. CU1716. AD1716. IR1717. SS1732.

193 - (Rules) Booneville High School Boys and Girls Basketball Head Coach Michael Smith; commend for being only coach to win consecutive state titles in both girls and boys basketball. Arnold. I1681. CR1682. CU1716. AD1716. IR1717. SS1732.

194 - (Rules) Ingomar Attendance Center Lady Falcons Basketball Team; commend and congratulate upon winning Class 1A State Championship. Creekmore IV. I1681. CR1682. CU1716. AD1716. IR1717. SS1732.

195 - (Rules) Representative Alyce G. Clarke; commend distinguished legislative career and public service upon the special occasion of her retirement. Holloway. I1681. CR1682. CU1716. AD1716. IR1717. SS1732.

196 - (Rules) Dr. Rana Walley; commend for being selected as 2023 Teacher of the Year, representing Health Sciences and The Centers at MGCCC. Busby. I1681. CR1683. CU1716. AD1716. IR1717. SS1732.

197 - (Rules) Dr. James Gruich; commend for being selected as 2023 Instructor of the Year at MGCCC, Harrison County Campus. Busby. I1681. CR1683. CU1716. AD1716. IR1717. SS1732.

198 - (Rules) Carin Platt; commend for being selected as 2023 Instructor of the Year at MGCCC, Jackson County Campus. Busby. I1681. CR1683. CU1716. AD1716. IR1717. SS1732.

199 - (Rules) Ryan Schilling; commend for being named 2023 Instructor of the Year at MGCCC, Perkinston Campus. Busby. I1682. CR1683. CU1716. AD1716. IR1717. SS1732.

200 - (Rules) Andre Hollis; commend outstanding career with the Mississippi State Parks. Miles. I1682. CR1683. CU1716. AD1716. IR1717. SS1732.

201 - (Rules) Representative Michael T. Evans; commend esteemed legislative career of. Roberson. I1682. CR1683. CU1716. AD1716. IR1717. SS1732.

202 - (Rules) Representative Chris Brown; commend esteemed legislative career of. Roberson. I1682. CR1683. CU1716. AD1716. IR1717. SS1732.

203 - (Rules) Representative Dana Criswell; commend distinguished legislative career of. Roberson. I1682. CR1683. CU1716. AD1716. IR1717. SS1732.

204 - (Rules) Dr. Mac Huddleston; commend esteemed legislative career of. Roberson. I1682. CR1683. CU1718. AD1718. IR1718. SS1833.

205 - (Rules) Representative Joel Bomgar; commend esteemed legislative career of. Roberson. CR1839. CU1955. AD1955. MR1955. MRWD1980. SS2037.

206 - (Rules) Jackson State University Lady Tigers Tennis Team; commend upon being 2022 SWAC Regular Season and Tournament Champions. Bell (65th). I1838.

D. SENATE BILLS

S. B. No.

2002 - (Highways and Transportation) Memorial highways; designate segment of U.S. 45 in Lowndes County for WW2 Army veteran Bradford C. Freeman. Younger. RS460. RF474. CR563. CU584. V584. SRC645. HCA769. CRO1241. CRA1242. SCRA1679. SS1835.

2003 - (Highways and Transportation) Highways; dedicate a section of Highway 12 to G. Louis Jones. Williams. RS298. RF462. CR614. CU708. V708. SS789.

2004 - (Local and Private) Town of Duck Hill; authorize governing authorities to levy tourism tax. Chassaniol. RS870. RF877. CR919. CU935. V935. IR943. SS1457.

2006 - (Tourism) Festival wine permits; remove repealers and reverters on provisions relating to. McMahan. RS299. RF462. CR614. CU652. V652.

2011 - (Finance) Sales tax; exempt motor vehicle transfers to and from trusts, corporations, partnerships and limited liability companies. Johnson. RS246. RF300. CR615. CU653. V653. SS724.

HISTORY OF HOUSE ACTIONS ON ALL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

2018 - (Finance) Sales tax; remove tax on wholesale sales of beer. Johnson. RS275. RF300. CR615. CU653. V653. SS724.

2019 - (Finance) Sales tax; exempt sales of coins, currency and bullion. McMahan. RS533. RF557.

2053 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Deficit Prevention Act; require state agencies to notify certain officials when likelihood of a deficit exists. Polk. RS283. RF299. CR575. CU637. V637. SRC894. HCA934. CRO1613. CRA1614. SCRA1679. SS1988.

2054 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Appointed state officers; provide for the removal of for certain forms of willful neglect. Blackwell. RS393. RF464. CR575. CU637. V638. SRC894. HCA934. CRO1614. CRA1615. SCRA1679. SS1988.

2068 - (Public Health and Welfare) Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact; enact. Younger. RS392. RF473.

2073 - (Judiciary, Division A) Age of majority; lower to 18 for securing home loans and entering contracts for real property. Hill. RS472. RF474. CR562. CU676. LTSC676. CU677. V677. SRC852. HCA921. CRO1635. CRA1639. SCRA1735. SS2041.

2075 - (Judiciary, Division A) Birth certificate; adoptee may obtain certified copy of original after age 21. Hill. RS275. RF300. CR608. CU714. V714. MR724. R758. PO759. SR760. V760. SRC852. HCA921.

2077 - (Judiciary, Division A) Charitable Organizations; Raise audit threshold for contributions to \$750,000.00, and use a cash basis only. Johnson. RS392. RF473. CR608. CU715. V715. SS788.

2079 - (Education) Mississippi School Protection Act; enact to allow armed educators. Hill. RS392. RF463. RF527. CR576. CU699. V700. SRC853. HCA899. CRO1315. CRA1321. SS1989.

2082 - (Judiciary, Division A) Child support; administratively suspend obligations for incarcerated individuals. Wiggins. RS392. RF573. CR608. CU714. V714. SRC853. HCA921. CRO1640. CRA1640. SCRA1679. SS1990.

2088 - (Judiciary, Division A) District attorneys; increase office operating allowance. Fillingane. RS392. RF463.

2090 - (Judiciary, Division A) Burial rights; preclude party at fault for death from deciding. England. RS392. RF463. CR562. CU581. LTSC581. R736. V736. SC916. SS953.

2099 - (Judiciary, Division B) Motor vehicle theft; revise penalty for. Fillingane. RS472. RF474. CR608. CU712. RTT712. CU756. V756. SRC853. HCA883.

2100 - (Judiciary, Division B) Receiving stolen property; revise the crime of. Fillingane. RS471. RF474. CR609. CU712. RTT712. CU756. V757. R760. MRT771. SRC853. HCA883.

2101 - (Judiciary, Division B) Criminal law; increase penalties for crimes of fleeing a law enforcement officer, resisting arrest and carjacking. Fillingane. RS472. RF474. CR609. CU712. RTT712. CU757. V757. SRC853. HCA884. CRO1591. CRA1593. SCRA1679. SS2041.

2102 - (Energy) Impending emergency excavation; define, establish advance notice requirements and require premarking for. Carter. RS246. RF301. CR577. CU635. V635. SC838. SS869.

2103 - (Energy) Definitions and penalties regarding regulation of gasoline and petroleum products; extend repealer on. Carter. RS246. RF301. CR562. CU678. V678.

2104 - (Energy) Mississippi Gulf Coast Region Utility Act; extend repealer on. Carter. RS246. RF301. CR577. CU591. V591. SS625.

2120 - (Judiciary, Division B) Firearms; authorize law enforcement officers employed by attorney general to purchase upon retirement. McCaughn. RS246. RF301. CR576. CU700. CE701. V701.

2122 - (Judiciary, Division B) Bribery of a public official; increase statute of limitations to 5 years. Fillingane. RS246. RF301.

2127 - (Judiciary, Division B) Terroristic threats; revise elements of. Fillingane. RS246. RF301. CR609. CU704. V704. SC826. SS849.

2137 - (Tourism) "Mississippi Native Plant Month"; designate each April as. Michel. RS394. RF464. CR563. CU583. V583. SS625.

2138 - (Tourism) Tourism; designate the Mississippi Opal as the state gemstone. Chassaniol. RS394. RF464. CR563. CU583. V583. SS602.

2139 - (Tourism) Mississippi USA Semiquincentennial Commission and Mississippi Semiquincentennial Celebration Fund; create. Chassaniol. RS246. RF301. CR613. CU679. V679. SC870. SS914.

2140 - (Technology) National Security on State Devices and Networks Act; create. Carter. RS471. RF485. CR601. CU631. V631. SRC837. HCA921. CRO1641. CRA1641. SCRA1679. SS1989.

2146 - (Judiciary, Division A) Uncrewed aircraft systems; regulate. Fillingane. RS455. RF463. CR562. CU581. V581. SS602.

2149 - (Local and Private) City of Guntown; authorize the use of side by side vehicles on certain public roads. McMahan. RS597. RF604. CR732. CU788. V788. SS803.

2150 - (Local and Private) Warren County; authorize to enter into lease agreement or lease-purchase arrangement for public safety purpose. Hopson. RS838. RF839. CR880. CU906. V906. IR911. SS930.

2151 - (Local and Private) Town of North Carrollton; extend repeal date on restaurant tourism tax. Chassaniol. RS533. RF557. CR611. CU665. V665. SS724.

2152 - (Local and Private) City of Byram; authorize governing authorities to levy parks and recreation tax on restaurants. Blount. RS870. RF877. CR919. CU935. V935. IR943. SS1457.

2153 - (Judiciary, Division A) Transportation; require disclosure of the total charges in the rental of motor vehicles. Wiggins. RS392. RF463. RF527.

2160 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) State Department of Health; transfer responsibilities of State Board of Cosmetology and Board of Barber Examiners to. Blackwell. RS473. RF573.

2164 - (Education) Real property owned by school districts; allow to be sold for development. Blount. RS275. RF299. CR607. CU721. V721. SS802.

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2167 - (Public Health and Welfare) Mississippi Early Intervention Pilot Project Act; enact and create Early Intervention Task Force. Boyd. RS473. RF558. CR607. CU721. V721. SRC876. HCA899. CRO1631. CRA1634. SCRA1735. SS1989.

2180 - (Finance) Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Caughman. RS282. RF301.

2181 - (Finance) Distinctive motor vehicle license tags; authorize for 2022 National Championship Rebels. Michel. RS348. RF462. CR615. CU654. V654. MR670.

2187 - (Veterans and Military Affairs) Disabled veterans motor vehicle license tags; revise certain provisions regarding disability rating. Seymour. RS394. RF464. CR615. CU724. RTT724. CU753. V754. SRC853. HCA899. SCRA964. CRO1283. CRA1286. SS2040.

2197 - (Judiciary, Division A) Veteran Service Officers; authorize action on behalf of a veteran under a power of attorney. Seymour. RS393. RF463. CR608. CU713. V713. SS802.

2199 - (Judiciary, Division A) County prosecuting attorney; clarify authorization to defend persons in criminal prosecutions in any other county. Hickman. RS246. RF301. CR576. CU590. V590. SS603.

2202 - (Judiciary, Division A) Child support; create presumption that support continues past the age of majority for a disabled child. Parker. RS275. RF301.

2203 - (Public Property) Public land in Rankin County; authorize DFA to assign property to state agencies and establish new Veterans Nursing Home. Kirby. RS275. RF301. CR538. CU578. V579. SC766. SS801.

2212 - (Medicaid) Recipients of Medicaid; extend postpartum coverage up to 12 months. Blackwell. RS394. RF573. CR611. CU702. MTL703. V703. MR723. MRT735. SS802.

2215 - (Business and Financial Institutions) State depositories; revise definition of "primary capital." Johnson. RS394. RF460. CR561. CU635. V635. SS724.

2218 - (Business and Financial Institutions) Third-party service; prohibit from using name, likeness, trademark or intellectual property of merchant without agreement. McMahan. RS459. RF473. CR601. CU630. V630. SC875. SS915.

2224 - (Insurance) Insurance; prohibit insurer or third party payors from setting maximum dollar amount of reimbursement for proper ventilation treatment. Blackwell. RS392. RF464. CR576. CU621. V621. MR643. MRT647. SC730. SS789.

2227 - (Insurance) Federal Home Loan Banks; provide certain rights and procedures regarding collateral. Michel. RS247. RF301. CR576. CU621. V621. SS725.

2228 - (Insurance) Pet insurance; establish provisions for the sale and renewal of policies. Michel. RS247. RF301. CR576. CU622. V622. SS725.

2239 - (Judiciary, Division B) Highway patrol officers; authorize use of official uniforms, weapons and vehicles off duty while performing private security services. Barnett. RS392. RF464. CR609. CU712. V712. SRC853. HCA884. CRO1321. CRA1323. SCRA1680. SS1833.

2245 - (Judiciary, Division B) Sale of seized weapons; authorize use of proceeds to purchase equipment. England. RS247. RF301.

2281 - (Drug Policy) Tobacco education, prevention and cessation program; add fentanyl and drug abuse prevention education. Hickman. RS460. RF485. CR575.

2282 - (Public Health and Welfare) Pseudoephedrine; delete the automatic repealer on the provision that authorizes the distribution of. Fillingane. RS247. RF301. CR575. CU636. V636. SS724.

2297 - (Judiciary, Division B) Forensics laboratory; require approval of model of intoxilyzer equipment that is readily available to law enforcement agencies. Blackwell. RS275. RF301. CR609. CU723. RTT723. CU737. V747. SRC853. HCA884. CRO1593. CRA1596. SCRA1680. SS1990.

2298 - (Judiciary, Division B) Bail agents; revise procedure for determining in municipal and justice courts. Wiggins. RS394. RF460. CR576. CU701. V701. SS802.

2306 - (Municipalities) Flood and drainage control districts; revise number of directors for certain municipalities. Harkins. RS275. RF301. RF304. CR615. CU724. RTT724. CU754. PO755. SR759. V759. SS802.

2308 - (Judiciary, Division B) Municipalities; authorize to assess administrative or civil penalties for zoning violations. Thompson. RS283. RF299. CR576.

2309 - (Public Property) MS Department of Archives and History property; add parcel known as "The Old Magnolia Church" for transfer to U.S. Park Service. Turner-Ford. RS275. RF301. CR539. CU579. V579. SC673. SS761.

2312 - (County Affairs) County-owned real estate; establish competitive bidding process for lease or sale. Johnson. RS393. RF463. CR562. CU588. V588. SC673. SS760.

2323 - (Public Health and Welfare) Community hospitals; allow consolidation and collaboration involving other hospitals. Fillingane. RS348. RF473. CR538. CU601. V601. MR625. MRT628. SC916. SS954.

2333 - (Education) Seizure Safe Schools Act; enact. Boyd. RS473. RF485. CR606. CU716. V716. SRC917. HCA934.

2335 - (Economic and Workforce Development) Income tax credit; allow for employer making direct payments to entity for dependent care on behalf of employee. Parker. RS572. RF574. CR615. CU654. V655. SRC853. HCA884. CRO1053. HRFC1053. SRFC1120.

2336 - (Drug Policy) Prevention of overdoses; authorize use of drug-testing equipment and expand use of opioid antagonists. Boyd. RS394. RF464. CR575. CU636. V636. SC730. SS803.

2337 - (Judiciary, Division B) Conspiracy; revise statute of limitations. Sparks. RS247. RF301. CR610. CU705. V705. SS802.

2338 - (Energy) Municipal waterworks; ensure just, reasonable and transparent billing in. Carter. RS246. RF301.

2339 - (Energy) Provision of law establishing energy efficiency standards for building construction; extend repealer on. Carter. RS394. RF464. CR562. CU678. V678. SRC828. HCA884. SCRA1464. CRO1647. CRA1647. SS1988.

2341 - (Energy) Electric transmission infrastructure; maintain state jurisdiction over integrity of. Carter. RS485. RF507. CR577. CU591. V591. SS625.

2343 - (Judiciary, Division B) Capitol police; bring forward code section related to for possible amendment. Fillingane. RS456. RF464. CR609. CU723. RTT723. CU747. V748.

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SRC853. HCA884. SRFC1464. CRO1613. HRFC1613. SCRA1838. CRO1959. CRA1961. SS2042.

2346 - (Judiciary, Division B) Material harmful to minors; provide for liability for any entity that distributes on the internet without age verification. Boyd. RS393. RF463. CR609. CU713. RTT713. CU758. V758. SRC853. HCA884. CRO1596. CRA1598. SCRA1680. SS1990.

2347 - (Judiciary, Division B) Hospital police department; authorize for certain private entities. England. RS472. RF474. CR610. CU705. V705. SS802.

2351 - (Elections) Elections; allow the Secretary of State to perform random procedural audits on counties. Tate. RS485. RF507.

2352 - (Elections) Elections; penalty for fraudulently requesting or submitting absentee ballots. Tate. RS393. RF463. CR510. CU567. V567.

2353 - (Elections) Elections; increase wage range for poll workers. Tate. RS247. RF302. CR510. CU567. V567. SRC853. HCA884. CRO1599. CE1602. CRA1602. SCRA1680. SS1989.

2358 - (Elections) Ballot harvesting; ban. Tate. RS456. RF460. CR510. CU568. T568. LTSC568. CU688. V688. MR702. MTL735. MRT770. T770. SC826. SS849.

2359 - (Tourism) Tourism; Mississippi Main Street Revitalization Grant Program. Chassaniol. RS471. RF474. CR613. CU679. V680. SRC870. SRC931. HCA934. CRO1509. CRA1511. SCRA1680. SS1989.

2360 - (Education) Agricultural high schools; revise board membership. Johnson. RS275. RF302. CR606. CU717. V717. SS803.

2361 - (Education) Mississippi Modified School Calendar Grant Program; establish and provide eligibility criteria. DeBar. RS394. RF536. CR607. CU722. V722. SRC917. HCA934.

2364 - (Education) Mississippi Adequate Education Program; bring forward provision related to. DeBar. RS456. RF464. CR607.

2369 - (Public Health and Welfare) Department of Human Services; extend repealers on certain sections relating to. Bryan. RS456. RF464. CR538. CU628. V629. SC916. SS954.

2371 - (Economic and Workforce Development) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Nurse/Allied Health Workforce Development and Retention Act; create. Parker. RS459. RF474. CR616. CU691. V699. SRC853. HCA884. CRO1647. CRA1653. SS1989.

2372 - (Appropriations) Mississippi Hospital Sustainability Grant Program; establish and provide eligibility for funds. Blackwell. RS456. RF464. CR605. CU647. V647. SRC856. HCA864. CRO1495. CRA1497. SCRA1680. SS1990.

2373 - (Universities and Colleges) Hospital Nurses Retention Loan Repayment Program; establish. Parks. RS459. RF474. CR612. CU620. V620. SS671.

2376 - (Judiciary, Division A) Youth court; clarify that disclosure of certain records in criminal matters do not require youth court approval. Johnson. RS456. RF464. CR609. CU705. V706. MR723. R734. V734. SC805. SS851.

2377 - (Judiciary, Division A) CPS; enact Mississippi Safe Haven Law, provide, establish clear path to permanency for children in custody of. Boyd. RS472. RF474.

2379 - (Judiciary, Division A) Code books; revise number required to be ordered from publisher. Sparks. RS298. RF462. CR562. CU582. V582. SRC853. HCA921.

2380 - (Judiciary, Division A) Supreme court; require to promulgate rules requiring the disclosure of all entities financially interested in litigation. Wiggins. RS393. RF463.

2381 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; authorize liquidated damages in requests for proposals, bring forward provision related to. Wiggins. RS283. RF299.

2382 - (Judiciary, Division A) Out-of-state lawyers; required to disclose whether licensed to practice law in Mississippi in television ads. Wiggins. RS247. RF302. CR562. CU676. V676. SRC853. HCA921. SCRA1735. CRO1862. CRA1864. SS2043.

2384 - (Judiciary, Division A) Foster Care and Adoption Task Force; create. Boyd. RS393. RF558. CR608. CU715. V715. SRC853. HCA884. SCRA1735. CRO1865. CRA1867. SS2040.

2390 - (Veterans and Military Affairs) Executive Director of the State Veterans Affairs Board; appointed by Governor with advice and consent of Senate. Seymour. RS246. RF302.

2392 - (County Affairs) Fees for county garbage collection; revise provision related to. McCaughn. RS473. RF485. CR537. CU569. V569. SC766. SS803.

2420 - (Judiciary, Division B) Public Funds Offender Registry; create. England. RS349. RF462. CR576. CU702. V702. SS802.

2423 - (Elections) Elections; require that candidates receive majority of votes in general election to be elected to statewide office. Tate. RS394. RF465.

2433 - (Finance) Regulation of public utilities; exempt distribution of water by eligible homeowners association to its own residents from. Michel. RS393. RF462. CR577. CU593. V593. MR594. MRT618. SS670.

2444 - (Appropriations) ARPA programs; bring forward provisions related to for possible amendment. Hopson. RS247. RF299. CR605. CU647. V647. SRC856. HCA864. CRO1465. HRFC1466. CRO1845. CRA1855. SCRA1994. SS2042.

2446 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; make technical amendments to certain transfers, and FY2023 appropriations. Hopson. RS275. RF302. CR605. CU648. V648. SRC856. HCA864. CRO1465. HRFC1466.

2448 - (Finance) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize for supporters of the Magnolia Speech School. Harkins. RS247. RF302.

2449 - (Finance) Sales and use taxes; bring forward code sections for the purpose of possible amendment. Harkins. RS456. RF464. CR615. CU724. RTT724. CU755. V755. SC870. SS929.

2454 - (Appropriations) Budget; bring forward code sections related to and provide for transfers. Hopson. RS247. RF302. CR605. CU649. V649. SRC856. HCA864. CRO1465. HRFC1466. CRO1972. CRA1976. SCRA1994. SS2042.

2482 - (Finance) Motor vehicles; allow Department of Revenue to transmit liens and receive lien satisfactions electronically. Harkins. RS275. RF302.

2485 - (Public Health and Welfare) Early Intervention Act for Infants and Toddlers; add certain individuals to definition of qualified personnel. Hickman. RS393. RF558. CR607. CU722. V723. MR723. MRWD771. V771. SS802.

2486 - (Universities and Colleges) Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Act and the Mississippi Uniform Agents Act; bring forward sections. Parks. RS275. RF302. CR564. CU589. V589.

2487 - (Universities and Colleges) Mississippi Dual Credit Scholarship Program; establish and provide provisions related thereto. Parks. RS393. RF462. CR614. CU712. V712. SRC854. HCA884. CRO1572. HRFC1572. CRO1700. CRA1704. CE1704. R1718. HRFC1718. SRFC1736. CRO1803. CRA1807. SCRA1838. SS2043.

2492 - (Energy) Electric vehicle charging; allow by non-utilities while maintaining consumer protections. Carter. RS247. RF302.

2494 - (Energy) Mississippi Telephone Solicitation Act; transfer enforcement authority to Attorney General's Office. Carter. RS393. RF462.

2495 - (Corrections) State inmates; require MDOC to pay increased rate to house inmates in county jails. Sparks. RS460. RF485. CR606. CU707. V708. SRC828. HCA884. SCRA955. CRO958. HRFC958. SRFC962. SCRA1680. CRO1708. CRA1710. SS1990.

2511 - (Appropriations) Tourism Recovery Fund - Round 3; create. Chassaniol. RS247. RF302. CR613. CU680. V680. SRC856. HCA884.

2512 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Counties; authorize to designate ARPA funds to rural water and sewer associations for infrastructure projects. Younger. RS392. RF464. CR577. CU593. V594. MR594. R617. CU617. V617. SRC931. HCA934. CRO1653. CRA1654. SCRA1680. SS1988.

2514 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Secretary of State; clarify authority to transfer land records to Department of Archives and History. Parker. RS298. RF462. CR575. CU638. V638. SRC894. HCA934. CRO1615. CRA1615. SCRA1680. SS1988.

2518 - (Local and Private) City of Batesville; extend repealer on hotel/motel & restaurant tourism tax. Boyd. RS533. RF557. CR611. CU665. V665. SS724.

2519 - (Local and Private) Town of Monticello; authorize tourism tax on restaurants, hotels and motels. Barrett. RS870. RF877. CR919. CU936. V936. IR943. SS1457.

2521 - (Local and Private) Town of Carrollton; extend repealer on provision of law authorizing to levy tax on sales of restaurants. Chassaniol. RS533. RF557. CR611. CU666. V666. SS724.

2523 - (Agriculture) Pecan Harvesting Law; revise penalties for violating. Seymour. RS393. RF462. CR605. CU681. PO681. CU689. SR689. V690. SC805. SS835.

2524 - (Forestry) Sixteenth Section land; authorize long-term contracts for sale of certain forest products. McCaughn. RS247. RF302. CR607. CU717. V718. MR733.

2525 - (Forestry) Forestry; create the Forestry Facility Grant Program. McCaughn. RS393. RF462. CR608. CU630. V630. SS724.

2526 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Pat Harrison Waterway District; authorize municipalities to join. Tate. RS247. RF302. CR537. CU568. V568. SS602.

2530 - (Ports and Marine Resources) "Secretary of State Eric Clark Coastal Preserve" and "Gollott Island/Godfather Point"; Department of Marine Resources designate. Blount. RS460. RF474. CR563. CU632. V632. SRC827. HCA868. CRO1654. CRA1655. SCRA1735. SS1988.

2534 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; require additional regulation of freshwater fishing guides. Seymour. RS393. RF462. CR616. CU710. V711. SRC854. HCA884. CRO1669. CRA1671. SCRA1680. SS1989.

2538 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Mississippi Regional Pre-Need Disaster Clean Up Act; create. Williams. RS275. RF302. CR575. CU724. RTT724. CU737. T737. R760. R770. V770. SRC894. HCA934. CRO1616. CRA1629. SCRA1680. SS1989.

2542 - (Highways and Transportation) Highways; dedicate a section of Highway 8 to Jeremy Allen Voyles. Suber. RS298. RF462.

2543 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Chronic wasting disease; bring forward code sections for the purpose of possible amendment. Whaley. RS247. RF302.

2544 - (Ports and Marine Resources) Regulation of oyster beds and water bottoms by the MS Department of Marine Resources; bring forward authority. Thompson. RS459. RF473. CR563. CU633. V633. SRC827. HCA868. SRFC955. CRO958. HRFC958. SCRA1120. CRO1655. CRA1668. IR1668.

2545 - (Highways and Transportation) Highways; dedicate a section of Highway 35 to Constable Raye Hawkins. Boyd. RS298. RF462. CR614. CU708. V708. SS789.

2546 - (Highways and Transportation) Highways; dedicate a section of Highway 51 to Deputy Joe Kenneth Cosby. Boyd. RS298. RF462. CR614. CU709. V709. SS802.

2547 - (Highways and Transportation) Highways; dedicate a section of Highway 315 to Nolan Mettetal. Boyd. RS298. RF462. CR614. CU709. V709. SS802.

2548 - (Forestry) Motor vehicles; clarify that vehicle length restrictions are the same for day and night operation. McCaughn. RS275. RF302. CR537. CU629. V629. SS725.

2550 - (Ports and Marine Resources) Commercial crabbing licenses; applicable to boat instead of each fisherman. Moran. RS394. RF460. CR563. CU633. V634. SS725.

2551 - (Ports and Marine Resources) Department of Marine Resources, Office of Marine Patrol; cooperate with federal law enforcement. Moran. RS394. RF460. CR563. CU634. V634. SRC828. HCA868. SCRA964. CRO1669. CRA1669. SS1988.

2552 - (Economic and Workforce Development) MS Comprehensive Workforce Training & Education Consolidation Act of 2004; extend repealer on code sections conformed to. Parker. RS283. RF299.

2556 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Qualifications for appointment as a conservation officer; clarify. Whaley. RS247. RF302. CR616. CU711. V711. SRC917. HCA967. CRO1671. CRA1673. SCRA1680. SS1989.

2559 - (Highways and Transportation) Transportation; extend repealer on harvest permit authorization and fees. Branning. RS299. RF462. CR563. CU584. V584. SRC646. HCA769. SCRA1680. CRO1720. CRA1722.

2561 - (Highways and Transportation) Highways; make the MS Transportation Commission vote on use of ERBR Fund monies majority instead of unanimous. Branning. RS456. RF460. CR564. CU585. V585. SS603. CE625. SS671.

2562 - (Highways and Transportation) Transportation; allow public and private partnerships to establish electric vehicle charging stations. Branning. RS471. RF474. CR564. CU585. V585. SS625.

2569 - (Highways and Transportation) Transportation; allow and regulate autonomous vehicles. Williams. RS393. RF473. CR564. CU586. V586. MR598.

2574 - (Public Health and Welfare) Health and safety standards set by the State Board of Health; require counties to comply. Bryan. RS460. RF474.

2575 - (Public Health and Welfare) State Department of Health; provide that health insurers may not deny the right to participate as a contract provider. Bryan. RS460. RF474. CR538. CU618. V618. SC894. SS930.

2576 - (Public Health and Welfare) Community Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Centers and Programs; bring forward code sections. Bryan. RS393. RF462. CR538.

2581 - (Universities and Colleges) Commission on College Accreditation; revise technical provision related thereto. Parks. RS275. RF302. CR564. CU589. V589. SS603.

2585 - (Education) William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program; revise provisions of. Blount. RS394. RF460. CR607. CU718. V718. SRC917. HCA934.

2586 - (Education) Computer science curriculum; clarify terminology to specify who may provide instruction in. DeLano. RS394. RF460. CR607. CU719. V719. SRC854. HCA899. CRO1634. CRA1634. SS1989.

2588 - (Highways and Transportation) "Commissioner Dick Hall Hospitality Station"; MDOT to designate Warren County Welcome Center as. Branning. RS456. RF461. CR564. CU586. V586. SS625.

2589 - (Highways and Transportation) West Rankin Parkway; expand permission for use of federal funds. Kirby. RS456. RF461. CR564. CU587. V587. SS603.

2590 - (Universities and Colleges) Mississippi State University authority to lease property for public-private partnership student housing; increase term. Williams. RS276. RF303. CR564. CU590. V590. SS625.

2595 - (Economic and Workforce Development) ARPA Workforce Development and Retention Act; provide expiration date of grant funds. Parker. RS247. RF303. CR565. CU690. V690. SRC854. HCA884. CRO1149. CRA1149. SCRA1464. SS1835.

2596 - (Economic and Workforce Development) Mississippi Nonprofit Transparency Act; create. Parker. RS349. RF462.

2597 - (Economic and Workforce Development) Mississippi Comprehensive Workforce Training and Education Consolidation Act of 2004; extend repealer on. Parker. RS247. RF303.

2599 - (Education) State funded schools; may participate in extracurricular activities against non accredited and nonpublic schools. Johnson. RS394. RF461.

2602 - (Highways and Transportation) Highways; dedicate a section of Highway 25 to Kash McGraw. Branning. RS299. RF462. CR614. CU710. V710. SS789.

2603 - (Finance) Digital Asset Mining Protection Act; create. Harkins. RS393. RF573. CR614. CU724. RTT724. CU753. V753. R760.

2608 - (Veterans and Military Affairs) United States Space Force; references to "Armed Forces" in Mississippi law shall include members of. Younger. RS247. RF303.

2612 - (County Affairs) Construction; bring forward code sections concerning local permitting and State Board of Contractors licensing. Suber. RS394. RF598. CR615. CU656. V656. SRC837. HCA885. CRO1498. HRFC1498. CRO1817. CRA1822. CE1823. SCRA1838. SS2043.

2613 - (Medicaid) Nonemergency transportation providers; extend date by which providers may provide service without a permit. Parker. RS247. RF303. CR611. CU703. V704. SRC854. HCA885. CRO1512. HRFC1512. CRO1712. CRA1713. SCRA1735. SS1990.

2615 - (Insurance) Contract personnel; authorize to purchase base plan of the State and School Employees' Health Insurance Plan. Michel. RS276. RF303. CR576. CU622. V623. SC796. SS835.

2616 - (Appropriations) Real Estate Commission; decrease fees charged by. Michel. RS247. RF303. CR605. CU649. V649. SRC856. HCA864. CRO1497. CRA1497. SCRA1680. SS2042.

2617 - (Insurance) Fire insurance policies; exclude provisions related thereto from applying to builders' risk policies. Michel. RS248. RF303.

2622 - (Insurance) Mississippi Prior Authorization Reform Act; enact. Michel. RS248. RF303. RF304. CR538. CU581. V581. SC730. SS788.

2623 - (Insurance) Mississippi State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan Task Force; establish. DeBar. RS248. RF303. CR576. CU623. V623. SS725.

2634 - (Judiciary, Division A) Child support; allow criminal charges three years after the child turns twenty-one. Fillingane. RS394. RF461. CR609. CU706. V706. SC805. SS849.

2638 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Ballot initiative measure process; revise the statutory provisions of. McCaughn. RS456. RF573.

2644 - (Judiciary, Division A) Divorce; authorize where marriage is irretrievably broken. Wiggins. RS456. RF573.

2645 - (Judiciary, Division A) Circuit court districts; increase number of assistant district attorneys and criminal investigators. Wiggins. RS456. RF461. CR610. CU707. V707. SRC854. HCA899.

2647 - (Business and Financial Institutions) Real estate licensee; revise liability. Boyd. RS392. RF465. CR540. CU571. V571. SC766. SS801.

2648 - (Business and Financial Institutions) Financial Institutions; Earned wages access. Johnson. RS393. RF463.

2649 - (Insurance) Minority; remove for beneficiaries of certain insurance policies. DeBar. RS394. RF461. CR576. CU624. V624. SS670.

2652 - (Judiciary, Division A) Mississippi Vulnerable Person Abuse Registry; create. Boyd. RS394. RF465. CR601. CU631. V631. SC730. SS789.

2653 - (Judiciary, Division A) Nonprofit corporations which receive public funds; require reporting to Secretary of State. McCaughn. RS393. RF463. CR562. CU676. LTSC676.

2663 - (Appropriations) Mississippi Historic Site Preservation Fund; revise grant eligibility and require annual report. Hopson. RS248. RF303. CR605. CU650. V650. SS761.

2664 - (Appropriations) Appropriations; revise certain FY2023 appropriations and direct transfers. Hopson. RS472. RF475. CR605. CU650. V651. SC875. SS929.

2673 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Mississippi Real Estate Appraisal Board; make independent from Mississippi Real Estate Commission. Polk. RS394. RF461. CR575. CU639. V639. MR643. MRT723. SRC894. HCA934. CRO1630. CRA1630. SCRA1680. SS1989.

2678 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Department of Child Protection Services; separate agency from the Department of Human Services. Wiggins. RS276. RF299.

2681 - (Finance) Mississippi Development Authority; extend and codify repealers on certain laws related to. Harkins. RS472. RF485. CR615. CU656. V657. SS725.

2684 - (Finance) Children's Promise Act; revise definition of "eligible charitable organization." McCaughn. RS298. RF350.

2692 - (Finance) Bonds; repeal authorization for unissued bonds and replace with cash funds. Harkins. RS394. RF464. CR615. CU657. V657. SRC854. HCA885. CRO1053. HRFC1053. SRFC1119.

2695 - (Finance) Tourism Project Incentive Program; extend deadline for MDA issuance of certificates approving participants. Chassaniol. RS395. RF464. CR615. CU658. V658. SRC854. HCA885. CRO1286. CRA1286. SCRA1736. SS2040.

2696 - (Finance) Income tax credit for qualified adoption expenses; increase amount for Mississippi children and remove CPS requirement. Boyd. RS276. RF303. CR798. CU799. V799. SRC855. HCA885. SRFC963. CRO1053. HRFC1053. CRO1287. CE1288. CRA1288. SS2041.

2697 - (Finance) Oil and gas severance taxes; extend repealers on lower rate for production from horizontally drilled wells. Carter. RS276. RF303. CR607.

2698 - (Finance) Ad valorem tax; extend fee-in-lieu qualifying period for renewable energy project. Fillingane. RS298. RF350. CR615. CU658. V658. SC730. SS802.

2700 - (Finance) Homestead; provide full exemption for unremarried surviving spouse of U.S. military member killed on active duty or training. DeBar. RS572. RF574. CR614. CU652. V652. SS725.

2703 - (Finance) Driver's license fees; waive for applicants in MDCPS custody. Simmons (12th). RS248. RF303. CR615. CU659. V659. SC730. SS789.

2717 - (Technology) Department of Information Technology Services; require to report ransomware incidents and revise provisions related thereto. DeLano. RS395. RF461. CR577. CU592. V592. SS625.

2722 - (Public Property) "North Forty" property; authorize DFA to purchase. Michel. RS395. RF461. CR539. CU580. V580. SS625.

2723 - (Public Property) Certain real property located in the Capitol Complex area; authorize DFA to purchase. Turner-Ford. RS395. RF461. CR539. CU580. V580. SC730. SS789.

2724 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Department of Public Safety building project and contract; exempt from certain public purchasing requirements. Kirby. RS459. RF473. CR606. CU651. V651. SS725.

2727 - (Technology) Mississippi Office of Space and Technology; create and direct Mississippi Development Authority to administer. Moran. RS395. RF461. CR606.

2728 - (Technology) Statewide master agreements and utilization of information technology acquisitions made by other entities; authorize. DeLano. RS395. RF461. CR577. CU592. V592. SC674. SS761.

2729 - (Technology) Limitation of liability requirements for information technology contracts; clarify. DeLano. RS459. RF473. CR601. CU632. V632. SRC837. HCA921. CRO1642. CRA1642. SCRA1680. SS1988.

2734 - (County Affairs) County boards of supervisors; permit to expend federal funds during the last term of office of such board. Hill. RS248. RF303. CR537. CU570. V570. SC674. SS761.

2735 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Mayoral veto power; clarify scope of. Hill. RS473. RF486.

2736 - (Finance) Endow Mississippi Program tax credits; extend time period for authorization. Harkins. RS248. RF303.

2749 - (Education) School board members; increase pay. Hopson. RS276. RF303. RF535. CR607. CU720. V720. SRC854. HCA899. SCRA1838. CRO1867. CRA1869. SS2041.

2750 - (Public Health and Welfare) Automated External Defibrillators in Public Places Grant Program; establish. Hopson. RS472. RF485. CR611. CU620. V620. SC916. SS953.

2751 - (Education) Sixteenth Section lands; no law, ordinance or regulation shall prohibit school districts from using for educational facilities. Hopson. RS395. RF461. CR607. CU719. V719. SS802.

2777 - (Education) School attendance officers; revise to increase the minimum base salary. Simmons (13th). RS473. RF486.

2781 - (Judiciary, Division A) Mississippi Access to Maternal Assistance Program; create and provide for duties and responsibilities. Williams. RS395. RF465. CR538. CU618. V619. SRC854. HCA885. CRO1111. CRA1113. SCRA1736. SS2040.

2797 - (Public Health and Welfare) Mississippi State Asylum Records; provide procedures and exempt from confidentiality and privilege requirements. Blount. RS298. RF350. CR538. CU619. V619. SS725.

2810 - (Economic and Workforce Development) Office of Workforce Development; amend certain provisions relating to. Parker. RS248. RF303. CR565. CU691. V691. SRC854. HCA885. CRO1149. CRA1237. SCRA1464. SS1833.

2811 - (Education) Local supplement for assistant teachers; prohibit school districts from reducing when given state minimum raise. DeBar. RS395. RF461.

2812 - (Education) Board for administration of certain failing school district; extend date of repeal. DeBar. RS395. RF461. CR607. CU720. V720. SRC854. HCA899. CRO1646. CRA1646. SCRA1680. SS1989.

2817 - (Public Health and Welfare) Mississippi Burn Center; bring forward code sections for possible amendment. Polk. RS485. RF573.

2830 - (Tourism) Tourism; revise list of entities that may not have interest in wholesalers or distributors. Chassaniol. RS459. RF474.

2839 - (Municipalities) Public Improvement District Act; amend to allow municipality to perform duties and exercise powers in certain circumstances. Michel. RS276. RF303. CR538. CU569. LTSC569. CU578. V578. SS625.

2841 - (Finance) Law enforcement officers & fire fighters death benefits black tag; authorize black version of regular car tag. DeLano. RS248. RF303. CR615. CU675. V675. SRC855. HCA885. SRFC955. CRO958. HRFC958. CRO1288. CRA1293. SS2041.

2842 - (Finance) Use tax; revise standards for municipality's eligibility to receive monies from special infrastructure assistance fund. DeLano. RS299. RF463. CR616. CU659. V660. SRC855. HCA885. CRO1294. CRA1296. R1673. HRFC1673. SCRA1680. CRO1684. CRA1686. SCRA1736. SS1990.

2844 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Bureau of Fleet Management; revise duties thereof. Polk. RS276. RF304. CR575. CU640. V640. SRC894. HCA934. CRO1631. CRA1631. SCRA1680. SS1989.

2851 - (Finance) Technology-based capital assistance programs; revise certain terms and amounts of assistance. Thompson. RS276. RF304. CR616. CU660. V660. SS725.

2853 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Small unmanned aircraft systems; require state purchase and servicing of from American companies only. Whaley. RS459. RF474. CR564. CU587. V588. SRC854. HCA885. CRO1242. CRA1243. SCRA1680. SS1988.

2858 - (Finance) Mississippi Small Business Investment Company Act; increase the amount of investment tax credits that can be allocated under. Harkins. RS533. RF557. CR798. CU799. V799. MR822. MRT848. SS868.

2862 - (Finance) Sales tax; provide industrial exemption for tangible personal property first used in another state. Barnett. RS299. RF463. CR799. CU800. V800. SRC855. HCA885. CRO1297. CRA1302. SS2043.

2887 - (Finance) State Treasurer; modify certain provisions concerning the deposit and investment of excess state funds. Chassaniol. RS395. RF461. CR616. CU675. V676. SRC855. HCA885. CRO1303. CRA1312. SCRA1680. SS2041.

2889 - (Economic and Workforce Development) Mississippi Capitol Region Utility Act; create. Parker. RS392. RF474. CR612.

2890 - (Local and Private) Lee County; authorize annual contributions to Sanctuary Hospice House. McMahan. RS533. RF558. CR611. CU666. V666. SC766. SS803.

2892 - (Local and Private) City of Vicksburg; authorize to contribute to the creation, development and promotion of the Dr. Jane Ellen McAllister Museum. Hopson. RS827. RF828. CR880. CU907. V907. IR911. SC932. SS1458.

2922 - (Local and Private) DeSoto County; authorize to transfer parcel of county-owned property to City of Olive Branch for construction of animal shelter. Blackwell. RS838. RF839. CR880. CU907. V907. IR911. SS930.

2960 - (Local and Private) City of Grenada; extend repealer on hotel/motel & restaurant tourism tax. Chassaniol. RS838. RF839. CR880. CU908. V908. IR911. SS930.

2961 - (Appropriations) Appropriations; additional for various state agencies for FY2023 and FY2024. Hopson. RS456. RF461. CR511. CU513. V514. SRC856. HCA864.

SRFC961. CRO968. HRFC969. CRO1722. HRFC1722. SRFC1734. CRO1976. CRA1980. SCRA1994. SS2042.

2962 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; additional appropriations for various state agencies for FY2023 and FY2024. Hopson. RS472. RF475. CR511. CU514. V514. IR514. SS556.

2963 - (Local and Private) City of McComb; extend repealer on hotel/motel tourism tax. Butler (38th). RS956. RF957.

3000 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL - General support. Hopson. RS524. RF533. CR684. CU776. V777. SRC856. HCA864. SRFC961. CRO968. HRFC969. SRFC1118. CRO1752. HRFC1752. CRO1752. CRA1759. SCRA1838. SS2042.

3001 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs. Hopson. RS524. RF533. CR684. CU771. SRC856. HCA899. SRFC961. CRO968. HRFC969. SRFC1118. CRO1760. HRFC1760. CRO1760. CRA1763. SCRA1838. SS2042.

3002 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural programs. Hopson. RS525. RF533. CR684. CU771. SRC856. HCA864. SRFC961. CRO968. HRFC969. CRO1388. CRA1390. MR1526. MRWD1718. SS2041.

3003 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station. Hopson. RS525. RF533. CR684. CU771. SRC856. HCA864. SRFC961. CRO968. HRFC969. CRO1390. CRA1392. SS1833.

3004 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service. Hopson. RS525. RF533. CR684. CU772. SRC857. HCA865. SRFC961. CRO968. HRFC969. CRO1392. CRA1394. SS1833.

3005 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center. Hopson. RS525. RF533. CR684. CU772. SRC857. HCA865. SRFC961. CRO968. HRFC969. CRO1395. CRA1396. SS1833.

3006 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of. Hopson. RS525. RF533. CR684. CU772. SRC857. HCA865. SRFC961. CRO968. HRFC969. CRO1397. CRA1399. SS1835.

3007 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid. Hopson. RS525. RF533. CR684. CU772. SRC857. HCA865. SRFC961. CRO968. HRFC969. CRO1399. CRA1402. SS1835.

3008 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center. Hopson. RS525. RF533. CR684. CU772. SRC857. HCA865. SRFC961. CRO968. HRFC969. CRO1402. CRA1405. SS1835.

3009 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses. Hopson. RS525. RF534. CR685. CU772. SRC857. HCA865. SRFC961. CRO968. HRFC969. SRFC1119. CRO1764. HRFC1764. CRO1764. CRA1766. SCRA1838. SS2040.

3010 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges. Hopson. RS525. RF534. CR685. CU772. SRC857. HCA865. SRFC962. CRO968. HRFC969. CRO1406. CRA1406. SS1835.

3011 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Corrections, Department of. Hopson. RS525. RF534. CR686. CU773. SRC857. HCA865. SRFC962. CRO968. HRFC969. CRO1406. CRA1414. SS1835.

3012 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of. Hopson. RS525. RF534. CR686. CU772. SRC857. HCA865. SRFC962. CRO968. HRFC969. SRFC1734. CRO1767. HRFC1767. CRO1767. CRA1775. SCRA1838. SS2042.

3013 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of. Hopson. RS525. RF534. CR685. CU772. SRC857. HCA865. SRFC962. CRO968. HRFC969. CRO1414. CRA1419. SS1833.

3014 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock shows. Hopson. RS525. RF534. CR685. CU772. SRC857. HCA865. CRO1037. CRA1039. SCRA1463. SS1990.

3015 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of. Hopson. RS525. RF534. CR686. CU772. SRC857. HCA865. SRFC964. CRO1040. CRA1042. R1122. HRFC1122. CRO1419. CRA1421. SS2042.

3016 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency. Hopson. RS525. RF534. CR685. CU772. SRC857. HCA865. SRFC962. CRO968. HRFC969. CRO1335. CRA1339. SS2041.

3017 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Military Department. Hopson. RS525. RF534. CR686. CU777. V777. SRC857. HCA865. SRFC962. CRO968. HRFC969. SRFC1118. CRO1421. CRA1424. R1456. HRFC1456. CRO1726. CRA1728. SS1990.

3018 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board. Hopson. RS525. RF534. CR686. CU772. SRC857. HCA865. CRO1042. CRA1045. SCRA1463. CE1465. SS1833.

3019 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Ethics Commission. Hopson. RS525. RF534. CR686. CU773. SRC857. HCA865. CRO1046. CRA1047. SCRA1463. SS1833.

3020 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission. Hopson. RS525. RF534. CR686. CU773. SRC857. HCA865. CRO1048. CRA1049. SCRA1463. SS1835.

3021 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of. Hopson. RS525. RF534. CR683. CU773. V774. SRC857. HCA865. SRFC962. CRO969. HRFC969. CRO1424. CRA1427. SS1835.

3022 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Revenue, Department of. Hopson. RS525. RF534. CR685. CU772. SRC858. HCA866. CRO1101. CRA1106. SCRA1463. CE1673. SS1833.

3023 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board. Hopson. RS525. RF534. CR685. CU772. SRC858. HCA866. CRO1107. CRA1108. SCRA1463. SS1835.

3024 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission. Hopson. RS525. RF534. CR683. CU771. SRC858. HCA866. CRO1049. CRA1052. CRO1056. CRA1059. SCRA1463. SS1835.

3025 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of. Hopson. RS525. RF534. CR685. CU772. SRC858. HCA866. SRFC962. CRO969. HRFC969. CRO1428. CRA1434. SS1833.

3026 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road Construction, Office of. Hopson. RS525. RF534. CR686. CU773. SRC858. HCA866. SRFC962. CRO969. HRFC969. CRO1434. CRA1438. SS1834.

3027 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority. Hopson. RS526. RF534. CR686. CU772. SRC858. HCA866. CRO1054. CRA1056. SCRA1463. SS1834.

3028 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Chiropractic Examiners, Board of. Hopson. RS526. RF534. CR683. CU771. SRC858. HCA866. CRO1053. CRA1054. SCRA1463. SS1834.

3029 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Dental Examiners, Board of. Hopson. RS526. RF534. CR683. CU771. SRC858. HCA866. CRO1059. CRA1061. SCRA1463. SS1989.

3030 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Funeral Services Board. Hopson. RS526. RF534. CR686. CU778. V778. SRC858. HCA866. CRO1061. CRA1063. SCRA1463. SS1834.

3031 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Massage Therapy, Board of. Hopson. RS526. RF534. CR683. CU771. SRC858. HCA866. CRO1063. CRA1064. SCRA1463. SS1835.

3032 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of. Hopson. RS526. RF534. CR683. CU774. V774. SRC858. HCA866. CRO1065. CRA1067. SCRA1463. SS1834.

3033 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Counselors, Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional. Hopson. RS526. RF535. CR683. CU771. SRC858. HCA866. CRO1068. CRA1069. SCRA1463. SS1834.

3034 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Veterinary Examiners, Board of. Hopson. RS526. RF535. CR683. CU771. SRC858. HCA866. CRO1069. CRA1070. SCRA1463. SS1835.

3035 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Architecture, Board of. Hopson. RS526. RF535. CR683. CU775. V775. SRC858. HCA866. CRO1071. CRA1073. SCRA1463. SS1834.

3036 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Gaming Commission. Hopson. RS526. RF535. CR686. CU772. SRC858. HCA866. CRO1073. CRA1075. SCRA1463. SS1834.

3037 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Geologists, Board of Registered Professional. Hopson. RS526. RF535. CR683. CU771. SRC858. HCA866. CRO1076. CRA1077. SRFC1118. CRO1261. HRFC1261. CRO1728. CRA1730.

3038 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Motor Vehicle Commission. Hopson. RS526. RF535. CR683. CU775. V775. SRC858. HCA866. CRO1078. CRA1079. SCRA1463. SS1990.

3039 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Accountancy, Board of Public. Hopson. RS526. RF535. CR684. CU776. V776. SRC858. HCA866. CRO1080. CRA1081. SCRA1463. SS1835.

3040 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Contractors, Board of. Hopson. RS526. RF535. CR684. CU771. SRC859. HCA866. CRO1082. CRA1084. SCRA1463. SS1834.

3041 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Audit, Department of. Hopson. RS526. RF535. CR685. CU772. SRC859. HCA867. CRO1084. CRA1087. SCRA1463. SS1834.

3042 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of. Hopson. RS526. RF535. CR684. CU771. SRC859. HCA867. CRO1087. CRA1089. SCRA1463. SS1835.

3043 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of. Hopson. RS526. RF535. CR685. CU772. SRC859. HCA867. SRFC962. CRO969. HRFC969. SRFC1119. CRO1775. HRFC1775. CRO1980. CRA1987. SCRA1994. SS2042.

3044 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion. Hopson. RS526. RF535. CR684. CU772. SRC859. HCA867. CRO1089. CRA1091. SCRA1463. SS1834.

3045 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department of. Hopson. RS526. RF535. CR685. CU772. SRC859. HCA867. CRO1091. CRA1094. SCRA1463. SS1835.

3046 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi. Hopson. RS526. RF535. CR685. CU772. SRC859. HCA867. SRFC962. CRO969. HRFC969. CRO1439. CRA1443. SS1834.

3047 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to the Mississippi Development Authority. Hopson. RS526. RF535. CR685. CU772. SRC859. SRC864. HCA867. SRFC962. CRO969. HRFC969. CRO1443. CRA1449. CE1465. SS1834.

3048 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Personnel Board. Hopson. RS526. RF535. CR685. CU772. SRC859. HCA867. CRO1095. CRA1096. SCRA1464. SS1834.

3049 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Secretary of State. Hopson. RS526. RF535. CR685. CU772. SRC859. HCA867. SRFC962. CRO969. HRFC969. CRO1449. CRA1452. SS1834.

3050 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Treasurer's Office. Hopson. RS526. RF535. CR684. CU771. SRC859. HCA867. CRO1097. CRA1099. SCRA1464. SS1835.

3051 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli. Hopson. RS526. RF535. CR684. CU771. SRC859. HCA867. CRO1100. CRA1101. SS1834.

3052 - (Appropriations) Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund; FY2024 reappropriate to certain agencies. Hopson. RS526. RF535. CR686. CU779. V779. SRC859. HCA899. CRO1109. CRA1109. SRFC1119. R1122. HRFC1122. CRO1775. CRA1776. SCRA1838. SS2042.

3065 - (Local and Private) Bolivar County; authorize to contribute up to \$5,000.00 annually to the Fannie Lou Hamer Breast Cancer Foundation. Simmons (13th). RS875. RF877. CR919. CU936. V936. IR943. SC963. SS1456.

3101 - (Finance) Mississippi Full Expensing Tax Reform Act of 2023; create. Johnson. RS572. RF574.

3102 - (Finance) Income tax; revise certain provisions relating to electing pass-through entities. Harkins. RS572. RF574.

3108 - (Local and Private) Lowndes County; authorize to lease property for nominal consideration for nonprofit use for the benefit of disadvantaged children. Younger. RS827. RF828. CR881. CU908. V908. IR911. SS930.

3109 - (Local and Private) Warren County; authorize board of supervisors to contribute funds to certain nonprofit corporations. Hopson. RS875. RF877. CR919. CU937. V937. IR943. SS1457.

3110 - (Local and Private) Tunica County Utility District; delete provision of law subjecting to rate regulation by Public Service Commission. Jackson. RS838. RF839. CR881. CU909. V909. IR911. SS930.

3113 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; additional to Office of Workforce Development for certain programs, ARPA funds. Hopson. RS573. RF574. CR686. CU779. V779. SRC859. HCA867. SRFC962. CRO969. HRFC969. CRO1777. CRA1778. SCRA1838. SS2041.

3114 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; additional to DEQ for Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program, ARPA funds. Hopson. RS573. RF574. CR687. CU780. V780. SRC859. HCA867.

3115 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; additional to DOH for ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program. Hopson. RS573. RF574. CR687. CU781. V781. SRC859. HCA867. SRFC962. CRO969. HRFC969.

3116 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; additional to DFA for destination marketing organizations and Main Street Association, ARPA funds. Hopson. RS573. RF574. CR687. CU781. V781. SRC859. HCA867. SRFC962. CRO969. HRFC969.

3117 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; additional for DFA - Office of Insurance for State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan, ARPA funds. Hopson. RS573. RF574. CR687. CU782. V782. SRC860. HCA867. SRFC962. CRO969. HRFC969.

3118 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; additional to DFA - Bureau of Buildings, ARPA funds. Hopson. RS573. RF574. CR687. CU782. V782. SRC860. HCA868. SRFC962. CRO969. HRFC969. CRO1779. CRA1781. SCRA1838. SS2041.

3119 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; additional to DOH for Mississippi Hospital Sustainability Grant Program, ARPA funds. Hopson. RS573. RF574. CR687. CU783. V783. SRC860. HCA868. SRFC962. CRO969. HRFC969.

3120 - (Appropriations) Capital Expense Fund; FY2024 appropriation to MDOT for certain infrastructure expenses. Branning. RS573. RF574. CR686. CU778. V778. SRC860. HCA868. SRFC962. CRO969. HRFC969. CRO1781. CRA1783. SCRA1838. SS2040.

3139 - (Local and Private) Jackson County; authorize Board of Supervisors and Utility Authority to share equipment, labor, services, resources and funds. Seymour. RS838. RF839. CR881. CU909. V909. IR911. SS929.

3140 - (Local and Private) City of Gautier; authorize to enter into public/private partnership for construction of an inclusion playground. England. RS875. RF878. CR919. CU937. V937. IR943. SS1457.

3141 - (Local and Private) Kemper County; authorize board of supervisors to expand scope of authority of Gas District to become county utility district. Hickman. RS875. RF878. CR919. CU938. V938. IR943. SS1457.

3142 - (Local and Private) Lauderdale County; extend date of repeal on authority to fund LCDF Chaplaincy program with certain revenue. Hickman. RS875. RF878. CR920. CU938. V938. IR943. SS1457.

3143 - (Local and Private) City of Lucedale; authorize to levy tax upon sales of restaurants for the purposes of funding parks and recreation. DeBar. RS870. RF877. CR920. CU939. V939. IR943. SS1457.

3145 - (Local and Private) George County; authorize to levy 3% sales tax on the sales of hotels and motels within the county and 1% tax on the sales of restaurants. DeBar. RS870. RF877. CR920. CU939. V939. IR943. SS1457.

3146 - (Local and Private) Lowndes County; authorize to contribute Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to certain nonprofits. Younger. RS917. RF918. CR933. CU942. V942. IR944. SS1457.

3148 - (Local and Private) Lowndes County; authorize Board of Supervisors to contribute available funds to public utilities and water/sewer associations. Younger. RS875. RF878. CR920. CU940. V940. IR943. SS1457.

3150 - (Local and Private) City of Kosciusko; authorize election for restaurant tax to fund tourism and parks and recreation. Chassaniol. RS957. RF957. CR965. CU1115. V1115. IR1115. MR1244.

3151 - (Local and Private) Rankin County; authorize to contribute county funds to Trustmark Park for economic development and tourism purposes. Kirby. RS877. RF878. CR920. CU940. V940. IR944. SS1457.

3152 - (Local and Private) City of Pearl; authorize to contribute municipal funds to minor league baseball stadium for economic development and tourism purposes. Kirby. RS877. RF878. CR920. CU941. V941. IR944. SS1457.

3153 - (Local and Private) City of Pearl; extend repealer on hotel/motel & restaurant tourism tax. Kirby. RS875. RF878. CR920. CU941. V941. IR944. SS1457.

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501 - (Rules) Mourn the loss and commend the life and public service of David R. Huggins. Parks. RS118. RF144. CR164. CU177. V177. IR178. SS281.

502 - (Rules) Mourn the loss and commend the life and public service of former MDOT Commissioner and Legislator Dick Hall. Harkins. RS118. RF144. CR164. CU177. V177. IR178. SS347.

503 - (Rules) Mourn the passing of former Senator Steve Seale of Hattiesburg, and commend his public and charitable service. Fillingane. RS118. RF144. CR165. CU177. V177. IR178. SS281.

504 - (Rules) Mourn the loss and commend the life and public service of former Representative Noal Akins. Kirby. RS118. RF144. CR165. CU177. V177. IR179. SS281.

505 - (Rules) Commend public service of Southern District Transportation Commissioner and former legislator Tom King. Fillingane. RS118. RF144. CR165. CU177. V177. IR179. SS281.

506 - (Rules) Commend 2022 PRCC "Wildcats" Baseball Team and Coach Michael Avalon for first-ever National Championship. Hill. RS118. RF144. CR165. CU177. V177. IR179. SS281.

507 - (Rules) Commend JSU "Tigers" Football Team for second consecutive SWAC Championship. Blackmon. RS119. RF145. CR165. CU177. V177. IR179. SS506.

509 - (Rules) Congratulate Scott Central "Rebels" Football Team for winning the back-to-back MHSAA Class 2A State Championships. McCaughn. RS119. RF145. CR165. CU177. V177. IR179. SS347.

510 - (Rules) Congratulate Raleigh High School "Lions" Football Team for winning 2022 MHSAA Class 3A State Championship. Fillingane. RS119. RF145. CR165. CU177. V177. IR179. SS281.

511 - (Rules) Mourn the loss and commend the public service of Forrest Co. Tax Collector, former Supervisor and State Senator Billy Hudson. Fillingane. RS119. RF145. CR165. CU178. V178. IR179. SS281.

512 - (Rules) Mourn the loss and celebrate the contributions and career of Mississippi music icon and Rock and Roll legend Jerry Lee Lewis. Parker. RS119. RF145. CR165. CU178. V178. IR179. SS347.

513 - (Rules) Commend Newton County High School "Cougars" Cheer Team for winning Class 4A State Championship. McCaughn. RS156. RF300. CR398. V481. CU481. IR482. SS505.

514 - (Rules) Commend Sumrall High School "Bobcats" Baseball Team for winning Mississippi 4A State Championship. Fillingane. RS119. RF145. CR165. CU178. V178. IR179. SS347.

515 - (Rules) Commend the life of former State Senator, Circuit Judge and Decorated WWII Veteran Thomas Frederick (Fred) Wicker. McMahan. RS119. RF145. CR165. CU178. V178. IR179. SS281.

516 - (Rules) Commend Myrtis Franke for a lifetime of service. Moran. RS119. RF145. CR165. CU178. V178. IR179. SS470.

518 - (Rules) Congratulate Starkville High School "Yellowjackets" football team for winning MHSAA Class 6A State Title. Williams. RS119. RF145. CR165. CU171. V171. IR172. SS179.

519 - (Rules) Extending deepest sympathy of Legislature to surviving family of MSU Football Coach Mike Leach and paying tribute to his legacy. Williams. RS119. RF145. CR166. CU178. V178. IR179. SS470.

520 - (Rules) Congratulate Ole Miss 2022 Baseball Team for National Championship. Michel. RS119. RF145. CR166. CU178. V178. IR179. SS281.

521 - (Rules) Congratulate Bay Springs High School "Bulldogs" Football Team for winning back-to-back MHSAA Class 1A State Championships. Barnett. RS119. RF145. CR166. CU178. V178. IR179. SS281.

524 - (Rules) Mourn the passing of former Representative Billy Nicholson of Union, Mississippi, and commend his public and charitable service. McCaughn. RS119. RF119. CR120. CU122. AD122. IR122. SS123.

525 - (Rules) Congratulate Louisville High School "Wildcats" Football Team for winning the MHSAA 4A State Championship. Branning. RS119. RF145. CR166. CU178. V178. IR179. SS281.

526 - (Rules) Recognize leadership of William Carey University President Dr. Tommy King on the occasion of his retirement. Polk. RS156. RF300. CR350. V401. CU401. IR402. SS470.

533 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Constitution; amend to revise ballot initiative process. McCaughn. RS473. RF600. CR606. CU749. F752. R755. F755.

535 - (Rules) Designate March 2023 as "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in Mississippi". McMahan. RS156. RF300. CR350. V401. CU401. IR402. SS470.

536 - (Rules) Congratulate Clarksdale Guitar Star Christone "Kingfish" Ingram for winning the 2022 Grammy Award for Contemporary Blues. Jackson. RS156. RF300. CR398. V481. CU481. IR482. SS505.

537 - (Rules) Mourn the loss of Ineva May-Pittman of Jackson, Mississippi. Norwood. RS156. RF300. CR398. V481. CU481. IR482. SS523.

538 - (Rules) Commend Parklane Academy "Lady Pioneers" Fast-Pitch Softball Team for fourth State Championship in last six years. Butler (38th). RS156. RF300. CR398. V481. CU481. IR482. SS523.

539 - (Rules) Mourn the passing of legendary physician Dr. Freda M. Bush. Norwood. RS157. RF300. CR399. V481. CU481. IR482. SS523.

540 - (Rules) Expressing support for the Town of Mantee to unofficially designate itself as "The Epicenter of the Natchez Trace." Williams. RS274. RF300. CR399. V481. CU481. IR482. SS505.

542 - (Rules) Commend Dr. Roy J. Duhe for colon cancer initiatives at UMMC. McMahan. RS274. RF300. CR399. V481. CU481. IR482. SS505.

543 - (Rules) Mourn the passing of Dr. Chester D. Gaston, Jr., of Gulfport, respected member of the MS Board of Psychology. Carter. RS274. RF300. CR399. V481. CU481. IR482. SS505.

544 - (Rules) Designate "Delta Gamma Fraternity Day" in Mississippi in Commemoration of Sesquicentennial celebration. Boyd. RS274. RF300. CR399. V481. CU481. IR482. SS506.

545 - (Rules) Designate April 23-29, 2023, as "National Crime Victims' Week in Mississippi" and April 28, 2023, as a "Day of Prayer". DeLano. RS275. RF300. CR399. V481. CU481. IR482. SS506.

546 - (Rules) Commend Brookhaven Academy "Lady Cougars" Softball Team for back-to-back MAIS 5A State Championships. Barrett. RS275. RF300. CR399. V481. CU481. IR482. SS506.

547 - (Rules) Mourn the loss of legendary Defensive Football Coach Jim Carmody and remembering his legacy. Michel. RS472. RF485. CR511. V565. CU565. IR566. SS595.

548 - (Rules) Congratulate Picayune High School "Maroon Tide" Football Team for back-to-back MHSAA Class 5A State Championship. Hill. RS472. RF486. CR512. V565. CU565. IR566. SS595.

549 - (Rules) Commemorate 77th Southern Legislative Conference of the Council of State Governments. Kirby. RS597. RF600. CR612. CU642. V642. IR643. SS670.

550 - (Rules) Expressing the support of the Legislature for the plaintiffs in Harrison Co. et al. v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Thompson. RS597. RF600. CR612. CU624. V624. IR624. SS670.

551 - (Rules) Honor the legacy of decorated WWII Army Corporal L.C. Jackson of Brookhaven, Mississippi, on his 100th Birthday. Seymour. RS597. RF600. CR612. CU642. V642. IR643. SS670.

552 - (Rules) Mourn the loss of WWII and Korean War pilot Brigadier General Sam Forbert, Jr. Tate. RS597. RF600. CR612. CU642. V642. IR643. SS670.

553 - (Rules) Mourn the passing of Major Genl. Al Hopkins, Chairman of the MS Gaming Commission and respected Gulfport Attorney. DeLano. RS597. RF600. CR613. CU642. V642. IR643. SS671.

554 - (Rules) Commend University of Mississippi baseball Head Coach Mike Bianco as National Coach of the Year. Michel. RS597. RF600. CR613. CU642. V642. IR643. SS670.

555 - (Rules) Mourn passing and commend civic leadership of businessman Wirt Adams Yerger, Jr., of Jackson, MS. Michel. RS597. RF600. CR613. CU642. V642. IR643. SS670.

556 - (Rules) Congratulate Ole Miss Senior Offensive Lineman Nick Broeker as winner of 2022 Kent Hull Trophy and for postseason awards. Michel. RS597. RF600. CR613. CU642. V642. IR643. SS670.

557 - (Rules) Congratulate Neshoba County School District Superintendent Dr. Lundy Brantley as 2022-2023 "Superintendent of the Year." Branning. RS597. RF600. CR613. CU642. V642. IR643. SS670.

558 - (Rules) Extending condolences of Legislature to surviving family of Motown recording artist/songwriter Barrett Strong of West Point. Turner-Ford. RS731. RF767. CR798. CU820. V820. IR821. SS835.

559 - (Rules) Congratulate Ricky Stenhouse from Olive Branch for winning the Daytona 500. Blackwell. RS731. RF767. CR798. CU820. V820. IR821. SS851.

560 - (Rules) Suspend rules; introduction of bill to require Public Service Commission to change boundaries of certain utility district. Whaley. RS682. RF805.

561 - (Rules) Designate March 2023 as "American Red Cross Month in Mississippi." Frazier. RS731. RF767. CR798. CU820. V820. IR821. SS836.

562 - (Rules) Designate October 2023 as "Walker Montgomery National Catfishing Awareness Month in Mississippi." Williams. RS731. RF767. CR798. CU820. V820. IR821. SS836.

563 - (Rules) Designate March 5-11, 2023, as "National School Social Work Week in Mississippi." Hill. RS731. RF767. CR798. CU820. V820. IR821. SS851.

564 - (Rules) Designate March 2023 as "Brain Injury Awareness Month in Mississippi" to promote treatment and prevention. Michel. RS731. RF767. CR798. CU820. V820. IR821. SS836.

565 - (Rules) Recognize Walthall County Constable Raymond Gutter on his retirement and three-decade law enforcement service. Butler (38th). RS731. RF767. CR798. CU820. V820. IR822. SS851.

566 - (Rules) Designate last weekend in October 2023 as "Honor Your Hometown Weekend in Mississippi". Branning. RS875. RF878. CR898. CU924. V924. IR925. SS1456.

567 - (Rules) Designate April 13, 2023, as "Reman Day" in Mississippi. Parks. RS956. RF957. CR966. CU1522. V1522. IR1523. SS1833.

568 - (Rules) Recognize Entergy Mississippi on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary. Frazier. RS875. RF878. CR898. CU912. V912. IR912. SS929.

569 - (Rules) Supporting the Mississippi Clean Hydrogen Hub application. Carter. RS875. RF878. CR898. CU924. V924. IR926. SS953.

570 - (Rules) Recognize leadership of Senator Angela Turner-Ford as Chair of the Mississippi Legislative Black Caucus (MLBC). Blackmon. RS956. RF957. CR966. CU1523. V1523. IR1523. SS2043.

571 - (Rules) Israel; commend 75th Anniversary of independence of. Kirby. RS1119. RF1681. CR1683. CU1715. V1715. IR1716. SS1833.

572 - (Rules) Legislature; suspend deadlines for SCR No. 533, 2023 Regular Session. DeBar. RS1119.

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Authorize to make contributions to Main Street programs. HB1194

County public defenders

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Health Care Certificate of Need

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Create. HB883

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Require Department of Health to provide free of charge. HB233

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Add to list of Schedule I controlled substances. HB1086

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Require SDE to develop curriculum for implementation in public high school. HB831

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Prohibit school districts from using any state-funded increase to substitute the local contribution. HB1365

Assistant Teacher Salary Waiver Grant Program

Create to help assistant teachers to become licensed. HB1458

Assistant teachers:

Increase minimum salary to \$19,000.00. HB1492

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Require school districts to notify of nonreemployment within 10 days after adopting budget. HB202

Charter School Authorizer Board

Reconstitute. HB514

Charter schools:

Authorize state universities and community colleges to charter and revise various other provisions. HB1150

Reconstitute authorizer board and require formula to ensure equitable distribution of local funds. HB555

Require automatic approval of new school when applicant is currently operating charter school in MS and authorize expansion. HB1010

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College and Career Readiness Planning Program:
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Commission on Education and Economic Competitiveness
Establish to develop vision for the state's future economic and educational success. HB823

Community schools
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Comprehensive sex education
Require teaching of in Grades K-12. HB1443

Compulsory school age
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Compulsory school attendance
Require youth court petition after third unlawful absence and authorize community service for violations. HB1401

Compulsory-school-age child
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Computer science curriculum
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Corporal punishment:
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County superintendent of education
Change selection method from appointive to elective in certain county. HB1065

Dating violence
Require school districts to adopt a policy and educate students on. HB167

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Dyslexia screenings
Reimburse parents and school districts for comprehensive psycho-educational evaluations of students failing initial screener. HB781

Dyslexia Therapy Scholarship for Students with Dyslexia Program
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Early Commitment to College Program
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Early Learning Collaborative
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Early Learning Collaboratives
Expand to provide in every school district by the start of the 2027-2028 school year. HB732

Education Scholarship Account
Expand to include children in foster care. HB1000

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Educational Scholarship Accounts (ESAs)
Direct to maximize the number funded as possible. HB539

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Clarify provisions relating to disciplinary action taken against personnel of public special purpose schools and other educators. HB1177

EEF procurement cards

Authorize issuance to eligible charter school teachers. **HB1173**

Elementary professional school counselors

Allocate funds under Mississippi Adequate Education Program for. HB1398

Eleventh Grade students:

Require to take GED or High School Equivalency Test for senior early release privilege eligibility. HB1321

Require to take GED or High School Equivalency Test for senior early-release privilege eligibility. HB1402

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Discontinue and require ACT test for all students. HB475

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Require certain organizations to allow equal participation by all students in. HB749

Failing school districts

Extend repealer on alternative method of appointing new local school board after impairments are corrected. HB260

Financial credit counseling

Require curriculum to be taught as an elective class that is required for graduation. HB586

First grade enrollment

Allow child who turns six on or before December 31 to start at beginning of that school year. HB1403

First Grade

Allow any child who turns six during the calendar year to start at the beginning of school year. HB1420

Free online tutoring services

Require State Department of Education to post announcement on website about. HB1004

Health Careers Academy

Create for students in Grades 9 through 12. HB1417

High school curriculum

Require SBE to develop for instruction in civics and home economics. HB830

Homeschooled students

Authorize participation in therapy services available through local school district. HB767

Homework:

Require teachers to incorporate daily and weekly assignments into their curriculum. HB1323

Require teachers to incorporate daily and weekly assignments into their curriculum. HB1467

Hope Program

Establish and develop system to re-enroll high school dropouts in programs leading to a high school diploma. HB1413

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Exempt based on religious tenets. HB1486

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Authorize religious exemption from requirements of schools and child care facilities. HB1302

Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact
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Local Government Control of Public School Athletics Task Force
Create to evaluate transfer of such activities from schools. HB360

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MAEP:
Define "at-risk pupil" and include a child diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. HB116
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Mathematic and science instruction
Enhance through new middle school programs. HB1415

Mathematics and science
Require public middle schools to provide program to enhance instruction in. HB1427

MCOPS programs
Authorize training for to provide at any approved training academy in the state. HB766

Mental Awareness Program for School Act
Enact to provide for mental health service providers and certain trauma-informed training. HB1227

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Require in all public schools beginning with 2023-2024 school year. HB97

Mississippi Dual Credit Scholarship Program
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Mississippi Eyes on Smiling Students Health Act
Enact to require vision screening and oral health assessments for certain students. HB163

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Require to be included in curriculum for all students in Grades 9-12. HB228

Mississippi Law Enforcement Interaction Course Act
Enact for implementation in public school curriculum. HB1234

Mississippi Occupational Diploma
Authorize issuance of for students with disabilities. HB1279

Mississippi Save Our Children Act
Create. HB1414

Mississippi Scholarship Act
Create to provide scholarships to K-12 public school students. HB747

Mississippi School Resource Officers School Safety (MS ROSS) Act
Create to provide funding to local law enforcement agencies for the employment of SROs. HB1024

Mississippi School Safety Guardian Act
Create to allow governing bodies of schools to designate employees to carry concealed firearms. HB1120

Mississippi Senior Cadets Program
Require State Department of Education to establish. HB1433

Mississippi Successful Techniques Resulting in Delivering Excellence in Education and Employability (STRIDE) Scholarship Program
Establish. HB729

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- Mississippi Universal Prekindergarten Program Act of 2023
Create. HB112
- Motivating Parents and Children (M.P.A.C.) Pilot Program
Establish within State Department of Education. HB1319
- MS Dyslexia Therapy Scholarship for Students with Dyslexia
Revise eligibility beginning with kindergarten. HB752
- MS School for Math and Science
Increase licensed employees' salaries by amount corresponding to increases to amount and years in teacher salary scale. HB1087
- MS Teachers' Salaries Task Force
Create to recommend how state can pay teachers at southeastern average.
HB1447
- National board certified education professionals
Clarify provisions related to certification component reimbursements. HB1176
- National Board certified teachers
Provide \$4,000 annual salary supplement for those employed in areas designated as geographically critical teacher shortage areas. HB731
- Nonpublic school student participation in public school extracurricular activities
Prohibit school districts from restricting or denying participation. HB1154
- Patriotic Education Grant Program
Establish. HB1070
- Patriotic societies
Authorize principal to allow to speak to student body on importance of civic duty.
HB365
- PERS:
Allow retirees to be employed as teachers and work full-time and receive full salary for two years. HB473
Allow retirees working in nonlicensed school position to earn full amount of salary for position. HB218
Conduct study on feasibility of allowing retired teachers to continue to work full-time and receive full retirement allowance. HB891
- Physical education curriculum
Require full implementation in all K-12 schools. HB593
- Pre-kindergarten program
Require Department of Education to create "ABC Program" to provide instruction via Internet. HB1442
- Pre-kindergarten
Require Department of Education to create the "ABC Program" to provide instruction via Internet. HB1409
- Professional School Counselors Pilot Program
Establish in certain school districts with high incidences of teen pregnancy or school violence. HB1426
- Public school curriculum
Require instruction in mental illness as part of Health Education. HB56
- Public school years
Revise basis for establish length from days to equivalent number of hours of actual teaching. HB1042
- Public schools:
Authorize to have a supply of naloxone on premises to counter opioid overdose.
HB1174
Clarify authority of local law enforcement agencies to prevent and investigate crimes on property of. HB573
- Public special purpose schools
Exempt from certain audit requirements. HB859
- Reciprocity in travel
Prohibit ability of publicly funded entities from traveling to or hosting entities from certain states. HB1100

Released-Time Moral Instruction Act of 2023

Enact to permit students to receive religious instruction during the school day.
HB1373

Retired teachers

Allow to return to teaching for a maximum of five years while receiving retirement benefits. HB994

School attendance officers:

Bring forward provisions related to for possible amendment. HB1107

Provide formula for allocating funds for the employment of and increase minimum base salary of. HB601

Require to receive training on IDEA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. HB295

Revise salary scale for. HB387

Transfer responsibility for employment and establishment of duties from MDE to the local school districts. HB1179

School attendance

Require for children unable to score a 21 or higher on the ACT until the child reaches 18 years of age. HB1457

School board members

Authorize excused absences from board meeting in the event of family emergency. HB162

School Boards

Authorize to enter into long-term contract for sale of timber on 16th section lands. HB1186

School boards:

Authorize to establish specialized security and threat mitigation teams. HB301

Elect members at presidential election for 4-year term. HB560

School bus drivers

Require to be trained and certified in first aid and CPR. HB63

School curriculum:

Require comprehensive Mississippi History course for public school students in Grade 9. HB117

Require students to receive additional instruction in healthy living. HB1322

Require teaching of certain high school subjects in "C", "D" and "F" rated districts. HB1412

School district efficiency

Conduct feasibility study on the administration of. HB156

School district records

Revise time period to be maintained from five to seven years. HB1058

School districts:

Authorize certain districts to employ retired teachers while they continue to draw retirement allowance. HB1368

Authorize to offer supplemental compensation to Medicare eligible retired bus drivers if they secure Medicare. HB460

Authorize to provide feminine hygiene products for female students in Grades 6-12. **HB1264**

Prohibit from denying students who maintain all A's from being exempt from certain exams. HB788

Require administrative efficiency joinder of multiple districts in county into single countywide district. HB154

Require certain policies and alternative curriculum if accountability rating at three lowest levels. HB1399

School Immunization

Authorize exemption from requirements for religious beliefs. HB1314

School janitorial and cafeteria workers

Provide minimum compensation at \$15.00 per hour. HB1289

School prayer:

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- Require school boards to designate a period of reflection for students at the beginning of each school day. HB79
- Require school boards to designate a period of reflection for students at the beginning of each school day. HB488
- School Security Disbursement Program
 - Establish. HB51
- School social workers and psychologists
 - Authorize districts to employ and receive partial state reimbursement for salaries of. HB145
- Schools in district transformation
 - Prohibit mandatory consolidation if progressing toward termination of district transformation status. HB599
- Seizure Safe Schools Act
 - Establish. HB450
- Social workers
 - Provide in schools having high incidences of crime and via video conferencing means. HB1425
- State Board of Education
 - Require to develop curriculum and implement programs of conflict resolution. HB1455
- State school and school district accountability system
 - Eliminate certain criteria for measuring performance under. HB728
- Statewide assessment program
 - Discontinue all standardized tests except for single test in Grades 3, 8 and 11. HB345
- Statewide Assessment Program
 - Require SBE to use ACT Aspire as summative assessment. HB101
- Statewide testing program:
 - Cease all statewide uniform assessments and determine promotion based on cumulative grades. HB332
 - Require tests to be translated and printed into primary spoken language of ELL students. HB523
- Student absenteeism
 - Excuse those related to a student's disability. HB1050
- Student residency requirements
 - Require State Board of Education to adopt uniform policy to be implemented by school boards. HB125
- Students
 - Prohibit entities directly or indirectly funded with public monies from distinguishing between. HB359
- Summer Youth Training Employment Program
 - Authorize school districts to establish. HB1460
- Teacher and administrator license
 - Deny or revoke for those who physically abuse a student. HB293
- Teacher contracts
 - Prohibit superintendents from entering into with current licensed employees for continuation of employment before. HB459
- Teacher licensure:
 - Authorize SDE to issue Nontraditional Teaching Route - Standard License to certain individuals with advanced degrees. HB668
 - Create additional nontraditional route for certain individuals to receive. HB62
- Teacher salaries
 - Authorize supplement for teachers in critical shortage subject areas in "D" and "F" districts. HB1446
- Teacher strikes
 - Repeal prohibition of. HB570
- Teachers:

Allow to participate in strikes in any year during which no legislative raise is given.
HB569
Provide \$2,000 annual salary supplement to those employed in designated
geographically critical teacher shortage area. HB1184
Require school districts to pay salary supplement for perfect attendance during
semester. HB1280
Revise duties and responsibilities relating to student assessment and
achievement before promotion. HB147
The Academic Transparency Act of 2023
Enact. HB1367
The Digital Access Learning and Virtual Instruction Program Act of 2023
Create. HB152
The Educational Standards Legislative Review Act
Enact. HB511
The Financial Transparency Act
Enact. HB380
Tim Tebow Act
Create to authorize homeschool students to participate in public school
extracurricular activities. HB748
Trimester School Year Pilot Program
Establish. HB115
U.S. History end-of-course subject area test
Remove requirement for the purpose of graduation. HB354
Vaccine exemption
Authorize for religious, philosophical or conscientious reasons. HB1487
Video surveillance cameras:
Require in certain areas of school facilities for protection of exceptional children.
HB313
Require to be installed in classrooms and certain other areas of public schools
and postsecondary educational institutions. HB278
Vision 2030: An Education Blueprint for Two Thousand Thirty
Create. HB1418
Visual art and music education
Require instruction of in public schools as a part of the curriculum. HB227
Vocational and home economics
Require curriculums for all middle, high and alternative school students. HB597
Volunteer and Parents Incentive Program
Create under State Department of Education. HB1329
Water safety
Require public schools to provide parents and student information on importance
of and availability of local courses. HB13
William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program
Revise to expand eligibility. HB730
Wireless learning environments
Require school districts to develop and implement within two years. HB151
Year of teaching experience
Permit school districts to credit for certain postsecondary personnel upon
employment. HB386

ENERGY

Chickasawhay Natural Gas District
Increase compensation of board of directors and chairperson of. HB690
Efficiency standards
Extend repealer on statute requiring certain buildings to meet. HB1199
Energy Efficiency standards on buildings
Extend repealer on statute requiring certain buildings to meet. HB264

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Microgrid and Grid Resiliency Act
Create. HB1198

Oil & gas severance taxes
Extend repealers on lower rate for production from horizontally drilled wells.
HB255

Oil and gas severance taxes
Extend repealer on lower rate for production from horizontally drilled wells.
HB383

Orphaned Well Cryptocurrency Mining Partnership Program
Create. HB1290

Petroleum Products Inspection Law
Extend repealers on definitions and penalties under. HB254

FORESTRY

Foresters
Liable for cost of timber on failure to provide scale tickets to landowners if logger fails to pay forester. HB659

Mississippi Board of Registration for Foresters
Bring forward all code sections and authorize to suspend license of licensee for failure to satisfy judgement. **HB787**

Mississippi Forestry Commission
Authorize to electronically accept bids for timber sales. HB287

GAMING

Lottery proceeds
Authorize transfer of Ten Million Dollars to State Park Fund. HB974

Lottery
Clarify liquor stores able to serve as lottery retailers. HB707

Mississippi Horse Racing Act
Create. HB720

Mobile sports wagering:
Authorize. HB708
Authorize. HB864

Online betting, gaming and wagering
Legalize under certain conditions. **HB606**

Video lottery terminals
Authorize lottery board to allow with certain restrictions. HB197

INSURANCE

Auto insurance
Policy held by lienholder or secured party not invalidated by intentional act of vehicle owner. HB651

Automobile liability insurance
Provide motorists noncompliant with may not recover loss in accident with compliant. HB520

Counties and municipalities
Prohibit ordinances authorizing automated recording equipment to enforce automobile insurance requirements. HB935

Federal home loan banks:
Define term and provide process for handling delinquent insurer's secured claim.
HB1172
Require to establish a collateral liquidation plan to satisfy a delinquent borrower's obligations to the bank. HB50

First Responders Health and Safety Act

- Revise to provide that the cancer benefits will be paid by the state and not insurance policies. HB784
- Health benefit plan
 - Authorize plan sponsor of to consent, on behalf of covered pensions, to delivery of all communications by electronic means. **HB1190**
- Health insurance policies:
 - Require certain to provide infertility coverage and establish pilot program in State Health Plan. HB853
 - Require coverage for certain obesity treatments. HB106
- Health Insurance policies
 - Require coverage of certain examinations primarily related to women's health. HB315
- Health insurance:
 - Prohibit cost-sharing requirements for certain breast examinations if insurer provided these benefits under. HB1138
 - Prohibit modifications on renewal of covered and prescribed prescription drug's contracted benefit level. HB211
 - Require certain policies to provide coverage for physician-prescribed proton beam therapy. HB316
- Health insurers
 - Require to use certain standard for hospital inpatient admissions. HB199
- Insurance agents
 - Revise the continuing education requirements of those who are 65 and have been licensed for 20 years. **HB1084**
- Length of Service Award Program
 - Authorize for the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters. **HB521**
- Life insurance policy
 - Require policy loans to have a fixed rate. HB1242
- Life insurance
 - Authorize funeral services provider to obtain certain information within two business days. HB1434
- Motor vehicle liability insurance policy
 - Require to include medical payment coverage. HB913
- Nonadmitted policy fee
 - Divert forty percent of for rural fire truck and supplemental fund. HB670
- Nursing homes
 - Require to purchase and maintain a minimum amount of liability insurance. HB741
- Pet insurance
 - Create legal framework by which it may be sold in the state. HB1191
- Pharmacy benefit managers:
 - Require to make available to the public, without redaction, contracts relating to pharmacy benefit management services. HB1299
 - Require to use national average drug acquisition cost. HB1298
- Prior authorization
 - Bring forward code sections related to. HB1135
- Property and casualty insurance
 - Require blighted real property to be cleaned up before insurer pay insured certain amount. HB1103
- Property insurance
 - Authorize appraisal panel to determine value of property and amount of loss, including issues of causation. HB1283
- Reciprocal insurance
 - Revise sworn declaration requirements of and board of directors for. **HB1162**
- School board members
 - Allow school districts to provide health insurance for. HB931
- State and School Employees Life and Health Insurance Plan:

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- Bring forward code section on. HB1134
- Revise to require state to provide 50% of the cost of the plan for eligible dependents. HB1180
- State employees life and health insurance plan:
 - Revise to include coverage for contract personnel. HB1141
 - Revise to include coverage for county and municipal election commissioners under. HB528
- State Health Insurance Plan
 - Provide coverage for proton therapy to treat cancer and certain noncancerous tumors. HB572
- State Health Plan
 - Provide coverage for prosthetic teeth and dental implants for children with oligodontia. HB1397
- Uninsured motorist coverage:
 - Provide that coverage is mandatory in every automobile liability insurance policy. HB895
 - Provide that limits will be equal to liability coverage unless insured selects otherwise. HB896
- Valued policy law
 - Exempt builder's risk insurance policies from. **HB544**
- Workers' compensation commission
 - Require emergency hearing upon request of either party. HB898
- Workers' Compensation Law
 - Increase maximum total recovery under to 520 weeks. HB200
- Workers' compensation subrogation lien
 - Revise reimbursement of when injured employee recovers from a third party. HB981

JUDICIARY A

- 911 calls
 - Require a public body to transcribe and release to the public if certain information redacted. HB733
- Abandoned motor vehicle
 - Current owner may contest sale of by filing a notice of appeal with the appropriate circuit court. HB239
- Adoptees
 - Authorize those twenty-four years of age or older. HB1018
- Adoption procedures
 - Regulate by creating a licensure authority. HB1342
- Aliens and foreign government
 - Prohibit from owning real property in the State of Mississippi. HB1236
- Appeal from judgment by a county or municipal authority
 - Revise standard of construction for determining constitutionality. HB623
- Baby drop-off and safe haven
 - Revise provisions that regulate. **HB1318**
- Baby drop-off law
 - Revise procedure to authorize a person designated by a parent to. HB634
- Bentley's Law
 - Create to authorize court order child maintenance payments when parent's death is caused by case of aggravated DUI. HB554
- Biometric Identifiers Privacy Act
 - Establish. HB467
- Birth parents
 - Release identifying information upon agreement by. HB11
- Building codes:
 - Prohibit from limiting use of federally approved refrigerant in. HB1273

Prohibit state, counties, municipalities from limiting use of federally approved refrigerant in. HB1272

Casino winnings
Provide procedures for intercept of child support arrearages. HB6

Chancery clerk
Require to remove social security numbers from land transfer deeds. HB568

Child support enforcement and collection
Terminate contract with private entity for and DHS shall perform. HB177

Child support for pregnant women
Provide authority to allow court to order. HB320

Child support guidelines
Add percentage for 6 or more children. HB1114

Child support:
Authorize criminal charge of desertion of a child for failure to pay. HB1112
Authorize DHS and Gaming Commission to collect from gaming winnings.
HB1083
Authorize for disabled child past the age of majority. HB888
Authorize Gaming Commission and DHS to collect child support from winnings.
HB1046
Require insurers to provide MDHS certain information for noncustodial,
delinquent parents. HB1082
Revise factors for award of. HB82

Child Support
Suspend for incarcerated persons under certain conditions. HB1215

Circuit judges and chancellors
Increase office operating and expense allowances and support staff funding.
HB1216

Civil proceedings
Authorize judge to assess cost against those that are dismissed. HB479

Commercial Driver's License
Require notice to employer when possibility of suspension for unpaid child support. HB1210

Corporations and LLCs
Authorize determination notices and certificates of administrative dissolution to be served by email to registered agent. **HB1101**

County court jurisdiction for termination of parental rights
Authorize for both involuntary and voluntary termination. **HB1111**

Court administrators
Revise compensation of. HB798

Court interpreters
Revise program under the Administration of the Administrative Office of Courts.
HB1217

Deeds to married couples
Create a rebuttable presumption of joint tenancy with rights of survivorship.
HB685

Department of Human Services
Require to post names and photographs of parents in arrearage. HB1183

Design Professionals
Declare certain provisions in contracts for services void and establish standard of care. HB1073

Disabled veterans
Establish right to appeal in forma pauperis in certain cases. HB680

Divorce beneficiary revocation
Clarify the effective date. HB1098

Divorce
Authorize where marriage is irretrievably broken. HB546

Driver's license

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Authorize issuance of hardship license to persons suspended for being out of compliance with order for support. HB111

Durable legal custody
Clarify jurisdiction for. **HB1115**

Families' Rights and Responsibilities Act of 2023
Enact. HB509

Father's child support
Authorize retroactive payments for mother's prenatal and post-natal expenses.
HB1117

Fifteenth Circuit Court District
Revise residency requirement. HB497

Fireworks:
Authorize sale of year-round. HB910
Require to be located within a permanent structure. HB909

First Circuit Court District
Increase number of judges. HB906

Foster Parents' Bill of Rights
And Responsibilities; create and require to be provided to foster parents. **HB510**

Grandparent visitation
Revise to include great-grandparents. HB499

Health care providers
Authorize lien against claims by patients and damages recovered by patients in a lawsuit or settlement. HB1031

Home inspectors
Authorize home inspections on new construction without having residential home builders license. HB83

Intestate succession
Child conceived by assisted reproduction after decedent's death is deemed to be living at time of death. HB996

Involuntary civil commitment
Limit county's liability for cost of treatment of indigents. HB1095

Judicial operating allowance and district attorney
Revise to increase. HB797

Judicial operating allowance
Increase. HB1208

Justice court jurisdiction
Revise amount for property. HB1097

Land partitions
Revise provision that regulate. HB1023

Land sold for taxes
Require chancery clerk to immediately execute deed of conveyance to purchaser.
HB226

Landlord-tenant
Authorize tenant who is survivor of domestic abuse to break lease without penalty.
HB65

Landowners Protection Act
Repeal. HB355

Landscape architects
Authorize to participate with multi-disciplinary engineer and architecture firms.
HB235

Licensed child care facilities
Require to purchase and maintain a certain minimum amount of liability insurance. HB64

Licenses issued by Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks
Require suspension for failure to pay child support. HB1490

Licensure
Revise reciprocity requirements for out-of-state attorneys. HB997

Litigation funding by third parties
Require all parties liable for costs. HB1193

Medical records
Set maximum amounts of fees that may be charged for providing in electronic format. HB245

Mineral rights
Revert to surface owner after certain period of time. HB742

Mississippi Architects and Engineers Good Samaritan Act
Create. HB669

Mississippi Benefit Corporation Act
Create. HB207

Mississippi Pregnant Workers Fairness Act
Create. HB1361

Motor vehicles
Require certain new to be equipped with alert to operator to check rear designated seat when engine stops. HB765

MS Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act" and "Uniform Athlete Agents Act
Bring forward. HB860

Noneconomic damages
Revise. HB1395

Officers who may administer oaths
Add chiefs of police and sheriffs. HB308

Open Meetings Law
Authorize court to void certain actions taken in violation of. HB633

Parental alienation
Reduce by requiring court hearings within a certain amount of time to modify or terminate custody. HB1257

Patent confirmation process
Fees and costs associated with shall not be more than amount for which the land was purchased. HB1269

Path to permanency
Provide for children in Child Protection Services. **HB1149**

Permanency plan
Require the court to notify the Attorney General when the plan changes to adoption or termination of parental rights. HB1118

Perpetual care cemeteries
Require certain acreage and trust fund deposit to establish new. HB1484

Photo identification
Require for those age 12 and up. HB74

Public servants
Revise the time period in which one may contract with the state or local government. HB1237

Rape
Revise elements for the crime of and remove spousal exception. **HB995**

Real estate brokers and agents
Revise liability regarding disclosure statements. HB773

Recreational landowners
Add cycling to the list of activities exempt from liability. HB760

Religious Freedom Act and Protecting Freedom of Conscience from Government Discrimination Act
Repeal. HB493

Residential subdivisions
Authorize property owners to establish and/or amend covenants, conditions and restrictions. HB1155

Retailers
Prohibit use of self-checkout terminals to scan consumer's driver's licenses to verify age. HB73

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Retired judges

Authorize to solemnize marriages. HB709

Rivers McGraw Mental Health Diversion Program

Revise to create mental health treatment courts. HB1288

Rivers McGraw Mental Health Treatment Court Act

Revise. **HB1218**

Sexual assault evidence kit

Regulate the processing of. **HB485**

Social media company community standards

Require court to issue injunction when plaintiff demonstrates violation of by a defendant's communications on social media platform. HB1382

State Board of Physical Therapy, authorize to issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents. **HB276**

Supreme court, court of appeals, chancery courts and circuit courts

Bring forward code sections related to. HB726

Surveyors license

Provide that licensed engineers may qualify for if certain conditions are met. HB551

Tax sales

Require conveyances of land to be subject to recorded easements. HB248

Tenth Circuit Court District

Authorize additional district attorney. HB150

The Title IX Preservation Act

Enact. HB1074

Third-party delivery service

Prohibit from using name, likeness, trademark or intellectual property of restaurants without agreement. HB3

Title IX Preservation Act

Create. HB1144

Tort Noneconomic Damages Assessment Task Force

Create. HB982

Transfer-on-death deed

Exempt from claims of creditor's of deceased transferor. HB1295

Vehicle rental

Require those engaged in to disclose total charges, including all additional mandatory charges. **HB1157**

Victim Assistance Coordinator

Authorize an additional coordinator for the Seventh Circuit Court District. HB644

JUDICIARY B

Administrative office of courts

Require to create misdemeanor intervention courts. HB1121

Adoption procedures

Revise home study and residency requirements. HB533

Aggravated DUI

Provide alternative penalty for persons under a certain age. HB1220

Amiya Braxton

Revise penalties when driver injures child who is exiting a school bus. HB89

Assault weapons

Prohibit sale of to any person under age 21 years. HB99

Assessment on certain offenses

Revise. HB757

Baby Drop off immunity

Revise age of baby and who may drop off. HB244

Bail

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2281

Revise how the amount is determined and authorize certain options for the defendant. HB451

Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training
Require K-9 teams to be certified. HB548

Body-worn cameras
Prohibit law enforcement from recreating past activities with. HB1386

Breach of security
Require reporting to the Attorney General. HB1204

Bribery of a candidate
Revise statute of limitations. **HB405**

Bribery of candidate
Revise statute of limitations. HB590

Bulletproof Vests Revolving Fund Program
Create. HB247

Capitol Complex Improvement District
Revise boundary lines of. HB696

Case plans for inmates who committed capital offenses
Require certain programs be placed within. HB954

Case plans for inmates who committed violent offenses
Require certain programs be placed within. HB951

Case plans for inmates
Require ordered alcohol/drug treatment to commence within 90 days of admission. HB837

Cell site simulator device
Require law enforcement agencies to obtain warrant before using. HB376

Certificate of Foreign Birth
Authorize without judicial proceeding under certain circumstances. HB759

Child abuse
Revise definition to include gender reassignment. HB456

Civil Legal Assistance Fund:
Provide for an assessment to be used for. HB900
Specify funding to from certain sources. HB688

Commercial driver's license
Remove prohibition for nonadjudication of. HB357

Concealed carry permit
Exempt members of the Mississippi Legislature from the licensing requirement for. HB353

Concealed firearms
Clarify prohibition for mentally incompetent. HB80

Copper materials
Prohibit transactions between certain sellers and scrap metal dealers and other purchases. HB1485

Counties and municipalities
Revise fine amount that may be paid by those convicted of violating anti-littering ordinance. HB903

Court-ordered restitution
Require payment to victim first before court costs/fines are disbursed. HB1239

Courtroom proceeding
Authorize video conferences for certain proceedings. HB806

Courts
Require to establish certain minimum guidelines. HB369

Criminal investigator
Authorize additional for 13th Circuit Court District. HB543

Criminal investigators
Add two to the 21st Circuit Court District. HB140

Criminal offense
Prescribe mental culpability for. HB1274

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Crown Act

Authorize to prohibit discrimination in work places and living spaces based on hairstyles. HB1224

Custodial interrogations

Authorize electronic recording of. HB814

Cyberstalking

Revise to include certain kinds of social media communications. HB190

Dangerous dogs

Create process for complaint to be filed when someone is injured. HB530

Death penalty executions

Remove firing squad as an option. HB103

Death penalty sentencing alternatives for those under 18

Provide. HB1079

Delinquency of a minor

Include causing a child to violate the Uniform Controlled Substances Law as. HB1422

Department of Public Safety Headquarters Office

Name in honor of Commissioner David R. Huggins. **HB266**

Department of Public Safety:

Authorize to investigate death of public officials. HB33

Require to provide report on hiring practices of employees within the Office of Capitol Police. HB1009

Revise various provisions. **HB529**

Digital or online resources or databases

Require vendors to verify technology protection measures for persons under 18. HB1341

DNA samples

Destroy upon request for expungement. HB412

Domestic abuse court program

Establish. HB170

DPS

Include certified peer support members in class of individual to whom coverage of privileged communication applies. HB1062

Drag racing

Provide vehicle in violation shall be subject to forfeiture. HB489

Driver's license:

Authorize issuance of hardship license to persons who have their licenses suspended as a result of being out of compliance with order for support. HB924

Restore ability to suspend for certain traffic violations. HB22

Drug Intervention Courts

Standardize references. HB534

DUI suspension

Clarify how the 120 days are counted. HB253

DUI:

Authorize judicial discretion to increase fines for violations of. HB1142

Revise license suspension for test refusal if licensee pleads guilty. HB715

Revise violations of. HB307

Election crimes

Revise the penalties for certain. HB400

Embezzlement

Revise the list of excluded crimes for expungement. HB95

Enhanced penalties

Repeal for certain crimes. HB482

Expungement:

Authorize automatically for first-time offenders. HB872

Authorize for all nonviolent crimes after five years. HB929

Authorize for embezzlement by a state, county, city or town officer 14 years after completing all terms and conditions of sentences. HB267
Remove certain types of embezzlement from list of excluded crimes. HB930
Remove embezzlement by officers from the list of nonexpungeable crimes.
HB268

False allegations of hate crime
Provide penalties for. HB31

Families' Rights and Responsibilities Act of 2023
Enact. HB1476

Families' Rights and Responsibilities Act of 2023
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Felony expunction
Revise age to obtain to conform to revisions. HB1437

Fentanyl
Increase penalties for possession of. HB816

Firearm suppressors:
Authorize manufacture and possession in Mississippi and prohibit enforcement of federal laws governing. HB656
Authorizing manufacture and possession in Mississippi and prohibit enforcement of federal laws governing. **HB912**

Firearms and weapons
Authorize nonviolent felons to possess and use in defense of residence or motor vehicle. HB851

Firearms in possession of a felon
Revise regulations for. HB692

Firearms license
Require mental health evaluation before issuance of. HB100

Firearms licensed
Require proof of mental health evaluation. HB54

Firearms Protection Act
Create. HB621

Firearms:
Prohibit enforcement of certain restrictive laws. HB1133
Require training by state or local governing authority. HB1164

Fleeing law enforcement
Increase penalties for the crime of. HB402

Fresh Start Act
Revise certain provisions of. HB826

Habitual offender law
Exclude drug and nonviolent offenses when computing prior offenses under.
HB285

Habitual offenders:
Exclude nonviolent offenders. HB341
Revise regulations for. HB141

Hate crimes
Revise delineation of victim. HB427

Identity theft
Establish procedure for victim to have debt forgiven and credit reports purged.
HB135

Immigrants
Prohibit Mississippi agencies from assisting federal agencies transporting into Mississippi. HB318

Immunity for law enforcement officers
Authorize when claimant is convicted for resisting arrest. HB300

Implied consent laws and investigation of traffic accidents
Authorize the Commercial Transportation Enforcement Division within DPS to enforce. HB1036

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Implied consent

Revise suspension period during appeals for refusal to submit to chemical test.

HB744

Indecent assault:

Create the crime of and provide penalties. HB683

Create the crime of. HB309

Interrogations:

Require all to be conducted by law enforcement to be recorded. HB713

Require to be recorded if crimes of violence. HB347

Jennifer's Law

Enact to prohibit state and local agencies from establishing traffic ticket quotas.

HB87

Judicial operating allowance

Increase. HB762

Justice and municipal courts

Require to file all legal documents by electronic form using MEC. HB24

Justice Court appeals

Revise number of days to circuit court. HB870

Law enforcement officers killed in line of duty

Clarify that beneficiaries may receive sidearm of. **HB281**

Law enforcement officers:

Entitled to certain follow-up drug testing before loss of certification. HB1238

Regulate payment for non exempt employees under the Fair Labor Standards Act. HB1232

Require training in Alzheimer's and other dementias. HB1040

Law Enforcement Supplemental Pay Program

Create. HB344

Libraries

Regulate the material that is curated for children and younger teens. HB1045

Life jackets

Increase minimum age of person required to wear on certain vessels. HB137

Littering

Increase fines and require trash pick-up as condition for conviction of. HB45

Malicious prosecution

Require officials or employees involved to pay all costs associated with. HB181

Marijuana possession:

Provide civil penalty for. HB1440

Revise as civil penalty. HB598

Mental Health Court eligibility

Remove the exemption for the crime of breaking and entering. HB1248

Minors

Hold entities that publish harmful material on the internet civilly liable if age verification is not performed. HB1091

Mississippi Center for Legal Services Corporation Fund

Create and provide for a new fee to be deposited into. HB689

Mississippi Center for Legal Services

Require \$15.00 collected from criminal and civil actions to be remitted to. HB899

Mississippi School Safety Guardian Act

Create. HB532

Mississippi Tianeptine and Kratom Consumer Protection Act

Create. HB838

Mississippi Tobacco Minimum Legal Sale Age of 21 Act

Create. HB139

Monies from seized weapons

Authorize law enforcement agency to use to purchase equipment for the agency.

HB1078

Motor vehicle police pursuit policies

Require police and sheriffs' departments to develop and implement. HB861
Motor Vehicle Theft Recovery Fund
Create. HB496
Municipal elected officers
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National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)
Require all law enforcement agencies to be compliant with or lose state funding. HB449
No-knock warrants
Prohibit issuance of. HB102
Nonpayment of fees and fines
Repeal sections that prohibit incarceration for. HB453
Off-duty highway patrol officers
Authorize Colonel of Highway Patrol to allow use of uniforms, weapons, vehicles by officers on private duty. HB1394
Offense of failing to execute parental responsibility of a child
Establish. HB444
Officer-involved deaths
Require investigation by Mississippi Bureau of Investigations. HB615
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Prohibit location of in this state. HB915
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Establish fundamental right of parents to direct the upbringing, education and care of their children. HB1478
Establish fundamental right of parents to direct the upbringing, education and care of their children. HB1479
Parents' Bill of Rights Act of 2023
Enact. HB1480
Penalties for electronic crimes by minors
Clarify. HB425
Police chiefs
Authorize approval of use of uniforms, weapons, vehicles by off-duty officers on private security jobs. HB1076
Pornographic media materials
Regulate access to minors and require age verification. **HB1315**
Probation, post-release supervision and technical violations
Revise certain time periods concerning. HB346
Prostitution
Penalize procurement of as a felony. HB25
Public defenders:
Increase compensation for court appointed. HB343
Increase compensation for. HB352
Public records
Exempt the booking information of certain mentally ill patients from. HB406
Racial Profiling Prevention Act
Create. HB812
Radar:
Authorize DPS to authorize CTED law enforcement officers to use on public roadways for commercial vehicles. HB1037
Authorize use by municipal law enforcement officers in certain municipalities. **HB454**
Authorize use of by municipal law enforcement officers in certain municipalities with a population in excess of 7,000 on federal highways therein. HB901
Reckless endangerment
Create the crime of. HB408
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Prohibit under certain conditions. HB448

Retail businesses
Those that accept credit or debit cards shall have video cameras to record persons using the cards. HB222

Reverse-location court order
Regulate and prohibit under certain circumstances. HB464

Review Board for Officer-Involved Deaths
Create. HB616

Right to vote:
Restore automatically once a person has completed all sentencing requirements. HB157
Restore automatically once a person has completed all sentencing requirements. HB445

Search warrant
Authorize electronic application for and issuance of. HB911

Second Amendment Financial Privacy Act
Create. **HB1110**

Secretary of State employees
Authorize certain employees to carry a firearm. HB1105

Secretary of State
Authorize receipt of reports of financial abuse of vulnerable persons. HB1201

Seizure and forfeiture:
Prohibit waiver of forfeiture and revise standard of proof. HB337
Require conviction and establish in relation to certain criminal offenses. HB622

Sentencing judge
Authorize to set date to revisit sentencing of nonviolent offenders. HB483

Sex offenders and child custody
Revise guidelines regarding the best interest of the child in cases of. HB424

Sexual battery
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Sexual harassment
Create a state cause of action. HB138

Sheriffs and police officers
Require availability of less-lethal force option while on duty. HB890

Shoplifting:
Require to calculate total price of all shoplifting items for fine. **HB795**
Revise penalties for crime of. HB20

Simple assault:
Add athletic umpires to list that elevates to aggravated. HB758
Authorize judicial discretion when assessing fines. HB1139
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Social media deplatforming
Regulate and prohibit. HB725

State assessments
Deposit certain into designated special funds instead of General Fund. HB404

State identification for homeless persons
Authorize. HB368

State identification
Authorize permanent identification for permanent residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities. HB277

State Public Defender
Revise certain powers and duties of. HB840

Statute of Limitations
Remove for crimes against children. HB81

Statutory construction
Define "First Responder" as used in any statute for which a definition of the term is not provided. HB884

Statutory rape
Create an exception when both teenagers are dating each other. HB827

Stop Social Media Censorship Act
Create. HB455

Stun gun
Remove the term from the prohibited firearms category. HB624

Subsequent offense
Revise how a first offense is calculated. HB1423

Suffrage bills
Require factors used by House committees to be listed on the official website.
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Suffrage restoration
Authorize automatically upon satisfaction of all of the sentencing requirements of
a conviction. HB148

Suffrage:
Restore to Cleveland Stallworth of Jackson County. HB1809
Restore to Cornelius Clayton of Monroe County. HB1813
Restore to Gerald Laird of Jefferson Davis County. HB1811
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Restore to Marcus Jackson of Hinds County. HB1810
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Supplemental Salary Pay for Law Enforcement Act of 2023
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Sworn law enforcement officers
Provide supplemental pay for certain. HB407

Taking of another person's animal
Clarify crime and penalties for. HB932

Terroristic threats
Revise elements of. HB209

The "Uncrewed Aircraft Systems Rights and Authorities Act
Create. HB839

The Combating Violence, Disorder and Looting and Law Enforcement Protection Act of
Mississippi
Create. HB34

The Crown Act:
Create to prohibit discrimination based on hairstyles in workplace and schools.
HB495
Prohibit discrimination based on natural hairstyles. HB1007

The Juvenile Offender Parole and Rehabilitation Act:
Enact. HB69
Enact. HB329

The Missing Persons Reporting and Identification Act
Create to require local law enforcement agencies to input missing person in the
National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NAMUS). HB756

The Mississippi Collaborative Response to Mental Health Act
Create. **HB1222**

Theft of street, road or highway signs
Provide penalties for. HB452

Therapists
Create a felony for those who have sexual contact with patients. HB1371

Third Circuit Court District
Authorize additional district attorney, criminal investigator and victim assistant
coordinator. HB229

TikTok application
Prohibit use of on state-issued devices. HB279

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Tobacco

Prohibit sale of candy or food product that mimics. HB714

Unnatural intercourse law

Revise to remove "mankind" from. HB1285

Violent offenders, certain

May be paroled by Parole Board if sentencing judge authorizes parole consideration. HB952

Voting rights:

Restore to all felons after satisfying all of the sentencing requirements of the conviction. HB1247

Restore to all felons upon satisfying all of the sentencing requirements of the conviction. HB956

Restore upon satisfaction of all of the sentencing requirements of a conviction. HB342

Restore upon satisfaction of all of the sentencing requirements of a conviction. HB1005

Restore upon satisfaction of all of the sentencing requirements of a conviction. HB1432

Restore upon satisfaction of all the sentencing requirements of a conviction. HB1400

Window tint regulation

Revise medical exemption. HB1231

Wiretapping:

Authorize county sheriff to apply to court for. HB841

Authorize state and local law enforcement to use for human trafficking. HB374

Wrongful conviction

Remove limit on damages when court finds. HB641

Wrongful death

Clarify cause of action for an unborn child. HB480

Youth court

Revise the age that a child may be held criminally responsible or criminally prosecuted for a misdemeanor or felony. HB531

Youth courts

Require to file all legal documents using MEC. HB657

Youthful Offender Law

Enact. HB348

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Benton County

Authorize to contract with and/or contribute to the Institute of Community Services, Inc. **HB1528**

City of Baldwin

Extend date of repeal on tax for hotels, motels, restaurants and convenience stores. **HB1197**

City of Brandon:

Extend repealer on hotels/motel to fund amphitheater and other ancillary improvements. **HB1325**

Extend repealer on tax on sales of prepared food and drink at restaurants and bars. **HB1521**

City of Charleston

Extend date of repeal on restaurant tourism tax. **HB1794**

City of Clinton

Extend repeal date on additional tourism tax on hotels and motels. **HB1816**

City of Columbia

Extend repeal date on hotel/motel and restaurant tourism tax. **HB1788**

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- Extend repealer on alcoholic beverage and restaurant tax. **HB1581**
- City of Durant:
Authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. HB1583
Authorize tourism tax on restaurants and alcoholic beverages. HB1582
- City of Eupora:
Authorize conveyance of certain property located within city's industrial park.
HB1819
Authorize tourism tax on hotels/motels/Airbnbs and restaurants. **HB1807**
- City of Farmington
Authorize the use of low-speed vehicles and golf carts on certain public streets
with certain restrictions. **HB1697**
- City of Florence
Authorize a tax on restaurants and hotels/motels. **HB1667**
- City of Grenada
Extend repealer on tourism tax. HB1509
- City of Lexington
Extend repealer on restaurant tourism tax. **HB1356**
- City of Lucedale
Authorize tax on hotels/motels and restaurants to fund parks and recreational
capital improvement projects. HB1802
- City of McComb
Extend date of repeal on hotel/motel tourism tax. **HB1196**
- City of Olive Branch
Authorize expenditure of funds to establish industrial, technological or educational
park or parks in. HB1806
- City of Pascagoula:
Authorize use of automated recording system to enforce traffic regulations within.
HB1694
Extend repealer on hotel, motel and bed-and-breakfast tax. **HB1547**
- City of Pearl
Authorize to contribute funds to minor league baseball stadium for economic
development and tourism purposes. HB1818
- City of Ripley
Authorize expansion of water system in Tippah County except in certificated
areas other than those in the city. **HB1662**
- City of Starkville
Revise the definitions of the terms "hotel" and "motel" under the city's motel-hotel
tax. **HB1792**
- City of Vicksburg:
Authorize contribution to the Dr. Jane Ellen McAllister Museum. HB1713
Authorize contributions of funds and in-kind maintenance services to Beulah
Cemetery. **HB1711**
Authorize to contribute funds and in-kind services to Tate Cemetery. **HB1712**
- City of Waynesboro
Extend repealer on authority to impose tax on bars, restaurants, hotels/motels, B
& Bs. **HB1209**
- Coahoma County
Authorize reserve and trust fund trustees to use certain amount of fund to
supplement county general fund. **HB1703**
- George County
Authorize tax on hotels/motels and restaurants to fund a sports facility and
recreation capital improvement projects. HB1801
- Holmes County
Authorize contributions to the Holmes County Long-Term Recovery Committee.
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Authorize to enter a MOU with DFA regarding Singing River Health System and healthcare workforce academy. **HB1805**

Kemper County

Authorize board of supervisors to expand scope of gas district to become a county utility district. **HB1803**

Local and private bills proposing to extend local tax for second time

Require direct referendum. **HB625**

Local and private laws that implement a tourism tax

Authorize proceeds to be used for certain retirement fund and water/sewer systems. **HB1214**

Lowndes County:

Authorize contribution to Prairie Land Water Association using ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. **HB1725**

Authorize contributions to any public utility/assoc. to expand, repair water/sewer infrastructure using ARPA funds. **HB1727**

Authorize contributions to certain nonprofit organizations using ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. **HB1726**

Authorize to lease certain county property to Palmer Home for Children. **HB1539**

Neshoba County

Authorize contribution to Philadelphia Transit. **HB1793**

Oktibbeha County:

Authorize contribution to Brickfire Project. **HB1798**

Authorize contributions to maintain Camp Seminole Road. **HB1797**

Authorize contributions to Sally Kate Winters Family Services. **HB1799**

Authorize contributions to the Education Association of East Oktibbeha County Schools. **HB1795**

Authorize contributions to the J.L. King Center. **HB1796**

Rankin County

Authorize to contribute funds to Trustmark Park for economic development and tourism purposes. **HB1817**

Scenic Rivers Development Alliance

Authorize to create special purpose entities. **HB1787**

Standard Dedeaux Water District

Delete provision on compensation of commissioners. **HB37**

Tallahatchie County:

Authorize conveyance of public library to the Town of Tutwiler. **HB1542**

Authorize conveyance of public library to the Town of Webb. **HB1541**

Town of Bude

Authorize issuance of package retailer's permits in. **HB1786**

Town of Coffeeville

Authorize a tax on restaurants to provide funds for tourism, parks and recreation. **HB1540**

Tunica County Utility District

Authorize to set its own rates for water and sewer services. **HB1789**

Tunica County

Authorize gaming fee distributed to county special fund to be expended for certain purposes. **HB1804**

Union County

Authorize assessments on misdemeanor convictions and nonadjudications for capital improvements. **HB1791**

Warren County

Authorize contributions to various organizations. **HB1714**

Washington County

Reenact and extend repeal date on hotel and motel tax supporting a sports complex. **HB1790**

MARINE RESOURCES

Bottomland leasing for oyster production

Clarify authority of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources. HB1281

Drivers licenses

Authorize designation of satisfactory completion of the boating safety course.
HB1102

MEDICAID

Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act

Repeal. HB503

Medicaid expansion

Provide for statewide referendum on question of. HB1381

Medicaid:

Bring forward sections of law for possible amendment. HB990

Bring forward sections of law for possible amendment. HB991

Bring forward services and managed care provisions. HB992

Delete prohibition on participation in for psychiatric residential treatment facility in
Desoto County. HB969

Expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act and under CHIP. HB1326

Expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. HB108

Expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. HB220

Expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. HB447

Expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. HB458

Expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. HB679

Expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. HB926

Expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. HB980

Expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. HB1223

Extend coverage for eligible women for 12 months postpartum. HB426

Extend coverage for eligible women for 12 months postpartum. HB1363

Extend coverage for eligible women for 12 months postpartum. HB1364

Extend coverage for eligible women for 12 months postpartum. HB1465

Provide coverage for neonatal circumcision procedures. HB1080

Provide coverage for substance abuse and mental health services for pregnant
and postpartum women. HB1411

Provide for presumptive eligibility for pregnant women. HB1362

Provide increased reimbursement rate for hospitals in counties with high
unemployment and doctor shortage. HB159

Require Governor and Division of Medicaid to negotiate to obtain federal waiver
to expand Medicaid coverage. HB128

Require managed care organizations to use certain level of care guidelines in
determining medical necessity. HB187

Restrict frequency of managed care organizations transferring enrollees to other
organizations. HB251

Revise calculation of reimbursement for durable medical equipment (DME).
HB119

Revise certain provisions regarding managed care providers and payments
during appeals. HB250

Suspend eligibility of incarcerated persons instead of terminating it. HB925

Telehealth services provided by FQHCs, rural health clinics and community
mental health centers reimbursed at same rate as face-to-face encounters.
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MILITARY AFFAIRS

Civil Air Patrol members:

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Authorize granting of administrative leave and leave of absence to for certain emergency services. HB1235
 Authorize granting of leave of absence to for certain emergency services. HB694
 County veteran service officers
 Revise certain qualifications for. **HB677**
 Honorably discharged veterans
 Exempt from concealed carry license fees. HB210
 Municipal Veterans Treatment Court
 Authorize in municipalities that have a municipal drug court. HB811
 Occupational licensing
 Revise certain provisions relating to members of the military to include veterans. HB1039
 State Veterans Affairs Board:
 Revise composition of. HB1034
 Revise provisions regarding processing appeals of claims. HB675
 United States Space Force
 Provide that reference to "Armed Forces" and "Uniformed Services" in Mississippi law shall include members of. **HB1029**

MUNICIPALITIES

Alderman and councilmen
 Increase the maximum amount of surety bond that may be given by. HB410
 Aldermen and councilmen
 Increase the maximum amount of surety bond that may be given by. HB693
 Body-worn cameras
 Require cities and counties to provide to police officers and deputy sheriffs. HB927
 Flood and drainage control districts
 Revise the number of directors for certain municipalities. HB700
 Hazardous trees on tax forfeited land
 Authorize counties/municipalities to remove and Secretary of State to reimburse for the removal of. HB1072
 Minority set-aside contracts
 Prohibit municipalities from utilizing. HB1391
 Mississippi Joint Municipal Law Enforcement Act
 Create. HB133
 MS Accountability and Transparency Act
 Revise to include certain counties and municipalities. HB336
 Municipal public improvement district board of directors
 Authorize municipal governing body to perform duties of under certain circumstances. HB1075
 Municipalities allowed to establish overdue water/sewer payment programs, certain
 Extend program repeal date. HB498
 Municipalities:
 Authorize waiver of liens, under certain circumstances, for costs associated with cleaning menaced property. HB537
 Establish alternative procedure to require property owners to make corrective repairs to property. HB687
 Extend repealer on authority to create program addressing delinquent customer water bills. HB263
 Pat Harrison Waterway District
 Authorize municipalities to join. HB1159
 Property Clean up Revolving Fund
 Establish. HB556
 Radar
 Clarify how population is calculated. HB920

Violations of local zoning ordinances, authorize governing authorities to pursue administrative or civil penalties for. HB1256
Violations of local zoning ordinances:
Authorize governing authorities to pursue administrative or civil penalties for.
HB894
Authorize governing authorities to pursue administrative or civil penalties for.
HB1128
Water bills:
Prohibit certain municipalities from estimating water bills after 120 days. HB945
Prohibit municipalities from estimating water bills after 120 days. HB944

PORTS, HARBORS AND AIRPORTS

Airport authority
Authorize to dispose of property with a fair market value of zero if certain conditions are met. **HB1025**
Jackson Metropolitan Area Airport Authority
Repeal. HB957

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Abortion:
Provide for statewide referendum on question of prohibiting abortions in Mississippi. HB1385
Repeal prohibition of. HB938
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Advanced practice registered nurses:
Revise licensing provisions relating to. HB727
Revise licensing provisions relating to. HB796
Anesthesiologist assistants
Provide for licensure and regulations by Board of Medical Licensure. HB1339
Autopsies
Create "Jenna's Law" to require autopsies to include inquiry about whether death was a result of seizure or epilepsy. HB653
Board of Barber Examiners and Board of Cosmetology
Transfer functions of to Department of Health. HB513
Breastfeeding
Authorize distribution of statewide info to support breastfeeding in public places.
HB939
Certified Nurse Aides (CNAs)
Transfer administration of certification from Health Department to Board of Nursing. HB794
Child Care Advisory Council
Require child care providers to recommend names of persons to serve on.
HB185
Child care facilities
Require licensing agency to disclose names of persons filing complaints against.
HB183
Child care services
Provide eligibility for certain persons under the Child Care Payment Program (CCPP). HB466
Child care
DHS shall transfer to CCDF the first \$40 Million of unspent TANF funds from prior FY to be used for child care vouchers. HB463
Child Protection Services
Remove from DHS and make it a separate agency. HB989

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- Children's Advocacy Commission
Create to coordinate and streamline the state's efforts to provide services to children. HB1327
- Children's Resource Commission
Create to coordinate and streamline the state's efforts to provide services to children. HB1407
- Children's services and programs
Require all state agencies to provide information relating to such in a list to the Legislature. HB1406
- Chronic diseases
Direct Health Department to establish WISEWOMAN and WISEMAN programs in certain counties. HB198
- Community hospitals and UMMC
Expand powers and authority and provide for immunity from antitrust laws. HB1296
- Community hospitals:
Authorize owners of to remove a trustee upon majority vote of owner's governing board. HB1255
Authorize owners of to remove a trustee upon majority vote of owner's governing board. HB1278
- CON:
Authorize for nursing home in Jones County. HB1491
Provide for exception to home health agency moratorium for certain hospice licensees. HB175
Remove end-stage renal disease facilities from application of law. HB110
- County health departments:
Require nurse practitioner to be present weekly to provide contraceptive supplies. HB506
Require nurse practitioner to be present weekly to provide free contraceptive supplies. HB1085
- COVID-19 vaccines
Require Attorney General to investigate pharmaceutical companies' promotion and distribution. HB1370
- COVID-19
Require notice to family when death may have been caused by vaccine and authorize autopsy. HB1051
- Department of Human Services:
Create a board of directors to assist and oversee the executive director in governing the department. HB1212
Require a board of directors to be created within. HB184
- Department of Mental Health and community health centers
Expand outpatient services for certain formerly incarcerated state inmates. HB800
- Department of Mental Health
Establish grant program to assist with crisis stabilization unit expenses. HB1297
- DHS:
Develop process to ensure that subgrantees reflect the demographic makeup of the eligible population for the grants. HB1471
Direct to reinstate program of providing meals to older individuals in community setting. HB1430
Extend date of repealers on and update certain language. HB734
- Disabilities, persons with
Modernize terminology used to refer to. HB118
- DPS
Require to establish training component relating to autism spectrum disorder. HB724
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Health Department implement a statewide fentanyl and drug abuse education, prevention and cessation program. HB1206

Drug and alcohol treatment
Require 30-day minimum in-patient treatment. HB574

EMS Memorial
Health Dept. shall design and construct to honor EMS personnel who died in line of duty. HB793

Face masks
Prohibit public schools and universities and colleges from requiring students to wear. HB294

Funeral director assistants
Authorize to perform all activities of funeral directors with certain exceptions. HB1435

Funeral services
Require payment for before body may be transferred from one funeral home to another. HB1483

Gender reassignment surgery or services:
Prohibit performing or paying for. HB576
Prohibit performing or paying for. HB1124

Gender Transition Procedures
Prohibit for persons under age twenty-one. HB1258

Health and human services agencies
Require to prepare video with nutrition and healthy eating information for benefit recipients. HB1468

Health care and education shortage assistance program
Establish to help attract professionals to work in certain counties. HB179

Health Care Facility Right to Visit Act
Create. HB783

Health Care Impact Grant Program
Establish to provide grants to hospitals and nursing facilities. HB273

Health
State Health Officer shall develop program to close the gap in health status of gender and racial groups. HB166

Healthcare Coordinating Council
Reconstitute and require to make report on specific health goals for the state. HB1436

Helping Heroes Act
Create to provide support to first responders and public EMS personnel diagnosed with PTSD. HB1270

Hospice care
Authorize to be provided to persons who are not terminally ill under certain circumstances. HB940

Hospital police department
Authorize for certain privately owned hospitals. HB1282

Hospitals
Require to examine persons at ER with sickle cell disease symptoms within four hours after admission. HB942

Ivermectin
Authorize pharmacists to provide to adults pursuant to collaborative pharmacy practice agreement. HB1300

Licensed professional counselors
Revise qualifications for licensure for applicants who meet certain requirements. HB527

Licensing boards
Prohibit from disciplinary or threatening discipline of health care providers for exercising free speech rights. HB1366

Local Provider Innovation Grant Program

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Revise certain provisions of. **HB518**

Long-term care facilities
Require residents of certain to obtain a preneed contract within 6 months after admission. HB160

Marriage and family therapists
Revise certain requirements for licensure. **HB854**

Mattresses
Require seller to give notice when previously owned. HB304

Medical Practice Act
Revise and update provisions of. HB1219

Medical radiation technologists:
Extend repealers on registration statutes. **HB259**
Extend repealers on regulation of and revise definition of nuclear medicine tech. HB1028

Medical records
Persons seeking disability benefits may obtain at no charge until determination of disability. HB168

Menstrual hygiene products
County health department and public schools shall provide free of charge. HB1263

Mental health screenings and assessments
Require in all public schools. HB865

Mental health
Require DMH to convert unused IDD beds to be used for alcohol and drug use services. HB1449

Midwifery
Provide for licensure and regulation of. HB1081

Mississippi Access to Care Act
Create. HB305

Mississippi Adult Health and Privacy Act
Create. HB647

Mississippi Board of Human Services
Create. HB188

Mississippi Child Poverty Task Force
Create. HB819

Mississippi Coach Safely Act
Create to require certain youth coaches to take injury mitigation and information course. HB1019

Mississippi Code:
Modernize terminology by replacing "mentally retarded" with "intellectual disability". HB12
Modernize terminology by replacing "mentally retarded" with "intellectual disability". HB296

Mississippi Department of Human Services employees
Remove prohibition on participating in political campaigns for. HB174

Mississippi Department of Human Services
Extend repealers on. HB398

Mississippi Hospital Recovery Trust Program
Create to provide grants to public hospitals at high financial risk. HB525

Mississippi Individual On-site Wastewater Disposal System Law
Extend repealer on. **HB522**

Mississippi Rare Disease Advisory Council
Create at UMMC. HB785

Mississippi Smoke-Free Air Act of 2023
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Mississippi Special Needs Housing Steering Council
Create. HB142

- Mobile barbershops
 - Authorize licensed barbers to operate. HB868
- MS Hospital Emergency Grant Program
 - Create to provide grants to hospitals having financial difficulties. HB457
- MS Rural Dentists Scholarship Program
 - Increase number of students who may be admitted into annually. HB557
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 - Create to prohibit providing gender transition procedures to minors. HB1127
- MS State Asylum Records
 - Provide procedures for access and exempt from confidentiality and privilege requirements. HB699
- MS Vulnerable Persons Abuse Registry
 - Require Department of Human Services to establish. HB1392
- Nursing education
 - Unspent TANF funds shall be spent to pay expenses of persons enrolled as part of workforce training. HB1431
- Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact
 - Create. HB478
- Organ procurement organizations
 - Include review and quality assurance committees formed by in current laws governing such committees. HB1203
- Pharmacists
 - Authorize to test for and treat certain minor, nonchronic health conditions subject to certain requirements. HB9
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 - Revise various provisions of. HB1096
- Physical therapists:
 - Authorize to perform services without referral from another health care provider. HB275
 - Delete requirement for physicians referral before performing services. HB421
 - Not required to have prior work experience to work at PPEC center. HB257
 - Require referral for services to remain valid for one year. HB420
- Podiatrist
 - Authorize to perform ankle surgery when meet certain requirements. HB1011
- Practice of medicine or dentistry
 - Allow persons convicted of certain crimes to practice after license reinstatement. HB643
- Pregnancy Resources Grant Program
 - Create. HB983
- Public universities and colleges
 - Require to have epinephrine auto-injectors and AEDs in every building on campus. HB205
- Qualified Health Center Grant Program
 - Clarify that amount specified for grants under is minimum amount to be issued. **HB584**
- Regional food banks
 - DHS establish grant program to provide annual grant funding to. HB15
- Regional mental health commissions
 - Increase number of commissioners appointed by board of supervisors of certain counties. HB1171
- Regulate Experimental Adolescent Procedures (REAP) Act
 - Create to regulate transgender procedures and surgeries. **HB1125**
- Rural hospitals
 - Shall be authorized to transfer patients to larger hospitals when determined to be medically necessary. HB1259

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- Rural Nurses Recruitment and Retention Incentive Grant Program
Establish. HB416
- School districts:
Require all schools to have epinephrine auto-injectors in every building and cafeteria. HB55
Require each school to have epinephrine auto-injectors and AEDs in every building and cafeteria. HB203
- SNAP and TANF recipients
Require those unemployed to take Test of Adult Basic Education. HB1456
- Specialty health care providers
Create incentive grant program to make available at rural hospitals when larger hospitals are on diversion. HB1260
- State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering
Create to license and regulate those two occupations. HB314
- State Health Officer:
Require certain orders issued by to be approved by the Governor. HB619
Require certain orders issued by to be approved by the Governor. HB1093
- State Health Officers
Bring forward section providing for appointment of and qualifications for the office.
HB1092
- State Medical Forgivable Loan Program for Minority Physicians
Create. HB1261
- State Workplace Safety and Health Office
Establish under State Board of Health. HB92
- TANF benefits:
Provide child care and transportation for applicants during initial orientation meetings. HB612
Remove certain restrictions and penalties for applicants and recipients. HB971
- TANF block grant
DHS shall transfer 30% of each year to CCDF for child care vouchers. HB774
- TANF funds:
Prohibit providing to any person whose income is more than 200% of poverty level. HB613
Prohibit use of for college scholarships for persons not receiving TANF benefits.
HB970
- Telemedicine services
Create grant program for rural hospitals to develop or enhance use of in emergency rooms. HB1262
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
Increase monthly benefit for. HB502
- The Mississippi Fatherhood Initiative Fund
Create. HB1146
- Transgender procedures
Restrict for persons under age 21. HB1126

PUBLIC PROPERTY

- Alcorn University Extension Annex
Rename the "Dr. Jesse Harness, Sr., Extension and Research Center". HB1286
- Bob Tyler Fish Hatchery
Designate the fish hatchery located in North Mississippi as. **HB923**
- Columbia Training School Property
Clarify purposes for which the Marion County Economic Development District may be reimbursed. HB876
- DFA
Require to provide bicycle parking at all government buildings in the Capitol Complex in Jackson, MS. HB1043

- Former First Christian Church property within the Capitol Complex
Authorize DFA to purchase. **HB423**
- Harvey Moss Wildlife Management Area at Tuscumbia
Designate Tuscumbia Wildlife Management Area as. **HB769**
- Historic Courthouse Fund
Create to provide grants to counties for maintenance/restoration of historic courthouses. **HB146**
- Mississippi Worker's Comp commission office building
Place under the supervision and care of DFA. **HB917**
- MS Dept. of Archives and History property
Authorize DFA to clarify donation of certain lands in Claiborne County to U.S. Dept. of Interior - National Park Service. **HB874**
- Public buildings
Require availability of adult changing stations for persons with disabilities. **HB1048**
- Public land in Rankin County
Authorize DFA to assign property to various state agencies and institutions and establish new Veterans Nursing Home. **HB422**
- Public property
Authorize certain state property conveyed to Jackson to be used for park and recreational purposes. **HB1055**
- Sam G. Polles State Office Building
Designate the MS Dept. of Wildlife Central Office Building as. **HB366**
- Sixteenth Section land
Revise zoning authority of local governing entities to prohibit restrictions on school districts' ability to build on said lands. **HB846**
- State-forfeited tax lands
Limit state agency, municipality, county, or other political subdivision of the state from intervening to quitclaim land after certain period of publication. **HB1160**
- Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District
Authorize to transfer Kemper Lake to Kemper County Board of Supervisors. **HB904**
- USM
Clarify authority to enter into insurance agreement for protection of property at the state port at Gulfport. **HB877**

PUBLIC UTILITIES

- ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program
Clarify that certain entities are eligible to participate in. **HB1292**
- Broadband equipment speed
Increase to FCC requirement regarding ad valorem tax exemption. **HB1059**
- Electric Power Association Law
Bring forward entirely and amend election provisions of. **HB178**
- Electric transmission infrastructure
Prescribe requirements for issuance of certificate of public convenience and necessity. **HB1061**
- Electric vehicles
Authorize charging by nonutilities. **HB1060**
- Emergency communications districts
Require to implement text-to-911 services by a certain date. **HB465**
- Excavations
Provide for impending emergencies and extend notification period for. **HB1226**
- Excavators
Require to mark proposed excavation area with white paint, flags or stakes before notifying Mississippi 811. **HB1044**

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Executive Director of Public Utilities Staff
Remove Public Service Commission from the process of appointing. **HB809**

Homeowner associations that provide water to its residents, certain
Prohibit PSC from providing certain regulation of. HB697

Mississippi Broadband Accessibility Act
Create. HB1067

Mississippi Emergency Communications Act
Create. HB885

MS Gulf Coast Region Utility Board
Extend repealers on. HB397

Municipal water, wastewater and sewer services
Require equity based billing based on use of. **HB698**

Power lines
Prohibit a person from placing objects on. HB946

Public Service Commission
Require to mandate annual filings by rural water associations. HB30

Public Utilities Staff
Authorize certain personnel to be filled by consulting contract. **HB288**

Telephone solicitation
Bring forward provisions of law relating to. **HB1225**

Utility shutoffs
Revise Governor's authority regarding. HB835

RULES

Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote
Create. HB491

Alcorn State University Men's Basketball Team
Commend for winning the 2022-2023 SWAC Regular Season Championship.
HR129

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Commemorate observance of AKA Day at the Capitol. HR140

Alva Beck
Commend his life upon his passing. HR102

American Red Cross Month
Designate month of March 2023 as. HR92

Andre Hollis
Commend outstanding career with the Mississippi State Parks. HR200

Angie Thomas
Recognize and commend accomplishments of. HR169

Anna Katherine Adams
Commend and congratulate upon induction in the 2023 Class of Extraordinary
Educators. HR165

Article V Convention
Provide for selection and authority of commissioners. HC22

Attorney Constance Slaughter-Harvey:
Commend and honor historic legacy as a living legal icon. HC4
Commend and honor historic legacy as a living legal icon. HR37

Attorney Jonathan C. Hamilton
Commend for outstanding service and contributions to the practice of law. HR29

B.B. King or Elvis Presley
Request the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress to approve the
replacement of Jefferson Davis with either. HC13

Baldwyn Career Advancement Center
Commend 2023 SkillsUSA Quiz Bowl Team upon winning first place in state
competition. HC49

Baptist Memorial Hospital-Golden Triangle:

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Commend upon receiving "A" rating for 10 consecutive years. HC51
Commend upon receiving "A" rating for 10 consecutive years. HR147
Barack H. Obama Magnet Elementary School
Commend and congratulate on being rated the #1 school in the state. HR50
Bay Springs High School Football Team:
Commend for winning 2022 MHSAA Class 1A State Football Championship.
HR41
Commend upon winning MHSAA Class 1A State Championship. HC15
Belle Collective
Recognize and commend cast members. HR170
Benton County Courthouse
Commend upon its 150th anniversary. HR95
Billy Nicholson
Commend the life and legacy of as former state representative. HR17
Booneville High School Blue Devils Boys Basketball Team
Commend upon winning Class 3A State Championship. HR151
Booneville High School Boys and Girls Basketball Head Coach Michael Smith
Commend for being only coach to win consecutive state titles in both girls and
boys basketball. HR193
Booneville High School Lady Blue Devils Girls Basketball Team
Commend upon winning Class 3A State Championship. HR152
Booneville Lions Club
Commend upon the 75th anniversary of its founding. HC37
Brookhaven Academy Lady Cougars Basketball Team
Commend for winning MAIS Class 5A State Championship. HR116
Bruce Crowe
Recognize and commend service during World War II. HR157
Caledonia High School Volleyball Team:
Commend upon winning MHSAA Class 4A State Volleyball Championship. HC54
Commend upon winning MHSAA Class 4A State Volleyball Championship.
HR171
Cardiovascular risk reduction:
Recognize need for thorough screening and treatment of metabolic syndrome.
HC17
Recognize need for thorough screening and treatment of metabolic syndrome.
HR43
Carin Platt
Commend for being selected as 2023 Instructor of the Year at MGCCC, Jackson
County Campus. HR198
Carlton D. "Corky" Palmer:
Honor the life and legacy of upon his passing. HC5
Honor the life and legacy of upon his passing. HR18
Cecil Rhodes
Honor life and legacy upon his passing. HR32
Chapel Hart
Commend successes in their career as well as during America's Got Talent. HR2
Charles "Cliff" Wilson Collins
Mourn loss and commemorate life, service and legacy upon his passing. HR103
Charles Elon Bowering
Commend on occasion of having the Flora, MS, library renamed as the Posey-
Bowering Library. HR79
Charles Wayne Nobles
Commend the life of upon his passing. HR53
Chief Gary Ponthieux, Jr.
Commend for many years of public service in law enforcement and congratulate
upon retirement. HC55
Christone "Kingfish" Ingram

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- Commend on winning his first Grammy Award during the 64th Annual Grammy Awards. HR21
- Christopher Thomas Bruni
Commend his life upon passing. HR141
- Civil Rights Memorial Day
Designate the last Monday of April as. HB490
- Clarissa Griffin Harris
Commend life and legacy upon her passing. HR67
- Claude Thomas "Buddy" Terrell, Jr.
Commend upon the occasion of his 99th birthday. HR73
- Coach Jan Sojourner
Commend extraordinary coaching career. HR10
- Coach Norris Ray Ashley
Commend life and legacy upon his passing. HR91
- Coach Troy Stewart
Commend for outstanding 2022-2023 season as head coach of the Vicksburg High School Missy Gators. HR188
- Coahoma County High School Red Panthers Boys Basketball Team
Commend for winning the MHSAA Class 2A State Championship. HR110
- Colleen Hartfield
Commend distinguished career, service and contributions to Hinds Community College. HR108
- Colonel Denise Hall
Commend distinguished service with the 183rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron. HR82
- Confederate Memorial Day
Remove as a state holiday. HB1006
- Congressman James E. Clyburn
Commend for distinguished public service. HR58
- Constitution:
Amend to provide that during legislative sessions held in even years only appropriations bills shall be considered. HC8
Amend to restore voting rights after certain time to qualified electors who have committed a felony. HC28
Conform initiative signature requirements from each congressional district for an initiative petition to the number of current congressional districts. HC7
Signatures from any congressional district cannot exceed certain fractional portion of total number of signatures required for initiative petition. HC23
- Copiah County
Commend upon its Bicentennial Celebration. HR20
- Council of State Governments Southern Office
Commend on occasion of the 77th Southern Legislative Conference of CSG (South). HR85
- Crime Victim's Rights Week
Designate April 23-29, 2023, as in Mississippi. HR39
- David Tadlock
Commend outstanding career and contributions of. HR183
- Dell Dickens Scoper
Honor life and legacy upon her passing. HR98
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Commend and congratulate on occasion of Delta Days at the Capital. HR144
- Don Nehring
Commend upon being named the 2022 Mississippi Truck Driver of the Year. HR78
- Dr. Cindy Ayers Elliott
Commend for being named USA Today's 2023 Woman of the Year Honoree for Mississippi. HR191

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- Dr. Daphine Hill:
Commend accomplishments of. HC57
Commend accomplishments of. HR175
- Dr. Freda McKissic Bush
Honor life and legacy upon her passing. HR26
- Dr. James Gruich
Commend for being selected as 2023 Instructor of the Year at MGCCC, Harrison
County Campus. HR197
- Dr. Jane Hulon Sims
Commend upon occasion of retirement as president of Copiah-Lincoln
Community College. HR143
- Dr. John D. Isaacs, Jr.
Commend for outstanding service and contributions to the practice of medicine.
HR30
- Dr. Katherine Fokakis "Katie" Patterson
Mourn loss and commemorate life upon her passing. HR54
- Dr. Kent Hoblet
Commend for many years of dedicated service as Dean of Mississippi State
University's College of Veterinary Medicine. HC58
- Dr. Kim S. Benton
Commend upon exceptional service as Interim State Superintendent of
Education. HR15
- Dr. Mac Huddleston
Commend esteemed legislative career of. HR204
- Dr. Pam Chatman
Commend outstanding community service of. HR68
- Dr. Rana Walley
Commend for being selected as 2023 Teacher of the Year, representing Health
Sciences and The Centers at MGCCC. HR196
- Dr. Sam Creekmore III
Commend stellar medical service and his commitment to New Albany residents.
HR34
- Dr. Vernon Rayford
Commend for outstanding service during COVID-19 pandemic. HR7
- Dr. William "Bill" Myers
Commend esteemed career upon his retirement. HR178
- Dr. William G. "Bill" Jackson
Commend for 46 years of excellent medical service and congratulate upon
retirement. HR57
- Dwanna L. Stanley
Commend and congratulate upon her career success in real estate. HR96
- East Union Attendance Center Boy's Baseball Team
Commend upon winning MHSAA Class 2A State Championship. HR148
- East Union Lady Urchins Powerlifting Team
Commend for winning MHSAA Class 2A State Championship. HR136
- Edward Earl Wilson, Jr.
Commend outstanding achievements. HR139
- Elma Maxine Howard Smith
Commend life and legacy upon her passing. HR61
- Elnora Littleton
Commend leadership as Executive Director and Head Start Director for the
Bolivar County Community Action Agency/Head Start in Cleveland. HR86
- Emmett Till murder:
Issue apology for state's role in killers' acquittals. HC19
Issue apology for state's role in killers' acquittals. HR13
- Faye Graham Dillard
Commend upon the occasion of her 90th birthday. HR27

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Floyd Shankerman
Commend upon iconic years of service to Clarksdale, Mississippi; as owner of Shankerman's. HR5

Former Representative Leonard Henderson
Mourn loss and commemorate life and legacy upon his passing. HR112

Former Representative Noal Akins
Honor life and legacy upon his passing. HC10

George Ferguson
Commend for many years of dedicated service and congratulate upon retirement. HR162

Gloria A. Thompson
Commend illustrious career in the gospel music industry. HR72

Harry Aubrey Martin
Commend life, service and philanthropic legacy of upon his passing. HR87

Head Coach Kelvin Carter
Commend upon outstanding season as head coach of the Vicksburg High School Gators Boys Basketball Team. HR163

Henry Presley Posey
Commend for his dedication to the preservation of Flora and Madison County, MS history and the renaming of the Flora Library to the Posey-Bowering Library. HR81

Hinds Community College Eagles Track and Field Teams
Commend for outstanding achievements. HR131

Holy Bible
Designate as the official state book of Mississippi. HB476

Honorable Debra Hendricks Gibbs:
Commend distinguished legislative career and congratulate on election as circuit. HC38
Commend distinguished legislative career and congratulate on election as circuit. HR83

Honorable Senator Angela Turner-Ford
Commend and recognize intrepid leadership as chairperson of the MLBC. HC52

Honorable Thomas Edward (Tom) King, Jr.
Commend stellar career as Southern District Transportation Commissioner upon his retirement. HR38

House of Peoples Funeral Home, Inc.
Commend outstanding service upon 69th anniversary of its founding. HR125

House Rules:
Amend 104A to require all House committees to be live streamed. HR9
Amend to create a new House Rule 77.1 to require discussion of all bills referred to a House committee. HR8
Amend to create a new rule that requires each committee's agenda to be published 24 hours before the meeting. HR11

House rules
Amend to require a list of bills to be published on official website. HR25

House Rules
Amend to require a racial impact statement for all legislation to be attached to each bill. HR14

Illinois State Representative Cyril Nichols
Commend for outstanding service and contributions to the City of Jackson. HR111

Indigenous Native American Day
Declare the second Monday in October as. HB492

Indigenous Peoples' Day
Declare second Monday in October as a day of observance. HB290

Ingomar Attendance Center Lady Falcons Basketball Team
Commend and congratulate upon winning Class 1A State Championship. HR194

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Ingomar Attendance Center Lady Falcons Volleyball Team
Commend for winning 2022 MHSAA Class 1A State Championship. HR167

Israel
Commend 75th anniversary of independence of. HC53

Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Legislative Day at the Capitol
Commend celebration of February 7, 2023. HR46

Jackie Granberry
Commend distinguished career and service to Hinds Community College upon
her retirement. HR130

Jackson Prep "Patriots" Baseball Team
Commend and congratulate for winning the MAIS 6A State Baseball
Championship for the 5th consecutive year. HR1

Jackson Prep Patriots Boys Basketball Team
Commend for winning the MAIS Overall Championship. HR133

Jackson State University Lady Tigers Soccer Team
Commend for winning 2022 SWAC Soccer Championship. HR128

Jackson State University Lady Tigers Tennis Team
Commend upon being 2022 SWAC Regular Season and Tournament
Champions. HR206

Jackson State University Women's Basketball Team
Commend for being the 2022-2023 SWAC Regular Season Champions. HR145

Jacqueline Ervin
Commend for being crowned Miss Rodeo Mississippi 2023. HR35

James Anderson
Commend his service during World War II and celebrate the occasion of his 100th
birthday. HR121

Jerry Sims
Commend for exceptional success in business and outstanding legacy in track
and field at Alcorn State University. HR90

Jim and Elta Johnston
Commend outstanding service and contributions to the City of Jackson. HR155

Jim Waide
Commend career and community contributions of. HR4

John Stroud
Commend career and athletic accomplishments of. HR105

Johnny Johns
Commend upon occasion of retirement. HR31

Joint Rules:
Amend 9A to require all bills with 50 or more cosponsors to be adopted
automatically by the committee of House of Origin. HC11
Amend to allow legislators to participate remotely in committee meetings and floor
sessions beginning in 2024. HC29
Amend to limit introduction of general bills requiring majority vote to sessions in
even-numbered years. HC1

Jones Junior College Bobcats Cheerleading Team
Commend on winning Open Coed Division - 2022 UCA College Championship.
HR22

Joseph Grafton Barnes
Mourn loss and commemorate life and legacy upon his passing. HR69

Josephine Pradia Rhymes:
Commend for her outstanding community service and contributions. HC40
Commend for outstanding service and contributions. HR142

JSU Men's Cross Country Team
Commend and congratulate upon winning the 2021 and 2022 SWAC
Championships. HR138

JSU Tigers Football Team:
Commend upon winning 2022 SWAC Championship. HC30

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Commend upon winning 2022 SWAC Championship. HR63

Juneteenth Freedom Day
Designate June 19 as. HB126

Juneteenth National Independence Day
Designate as a legal holiday in the State of Mississippi. HB1450

Juneteenth:
Designate as a legal holiday in the State of Mississippi. HB221
Designate as a legal holiday in the State of Mississippi. HB494
Designate as a state holiday. HB1008

Jupiter Baptist Church
Commend upon 100th anniversary of. HR126

Kaylee Harrison
Commend upon being named the 2022 State Games of Mississippi Youth Athlete of the Year. HR75

Kennadee Riggs
Congratulate on being crowned Miss Rodeo America 2023. HR36

Kossuth High School Aggies Cheerleading Team
Commend for winning the 2022 MHSAA Class 3A Game Day State Championship and the 2022 Mid-South Regional Large Game Day Competition. HR42

L.C. Jackson, WW II Veteran
Recognize upon the occasion of his 100th birthday. HR97

Lake High School Lady Hornets Basketball Team
Commend for winning MHSAA Class 2A State Championship. HR123

Lamar Academy "Raiders" Girls Volleyball Team
Congratulate on winning MAIS 5A State Championship. HR104

Layla Carter
Commend upon being named Miss Basketball for the MHSAA Class 5A and 2023 Vicksburg Post Girls Player of the Year. HR176

LeeRoy Carpenter
Commend and congratulate upon being named the State Games of Mississippi "Male Athlete of the Year". HR74

Legislature:
Extend 2023 Regular Session, suspend deadlines for certain bills, and set date of sine die adjournment. HC60
Extend 2023 Regular Session, suspend deadlines for certain bills, and set date of sine die adjournment. HC61
Provide that members have individual standing to challenge certain actions of the Governor in state court. HB507

Linda Barlow Dear
Commend basketball coaching career of. HR113

Louisville High School Football Team
Commend upon winning the 2022 MHSAA Class 4A State Championship. HR16

Louisville High School Lady Wildcats Basketball Team
Commend for winning MHSAA Class 4A State Championship. HR134

Lucille Dexter
Commend upon the occasion of her 100th birthday. HR114

Lula Mae Coleman
Commend her life upon her passing. HR60

Madi Kate Vuncannon
Commend for being named Mississippi Class 2A Miss Basketball. HR118

Madison-Ridgeland Academy Lady Patriots Basketball Team
Commend for winning 2023 MAIS Overall State Championship. HR150

Malik Franklin
Commend for being named the 2023 Vicksburg Post Boys Basketball Player of the Year. HR158

Mar-Cal Inc. and the Martin Family

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Commend business success and family legacy. HR51
Mark McAndrews
Commend upon his retirement as port director of Port of Pascagoula. HR19
Mary Elizabeth Lee Dowdell
Commend upon the occasion of her 90th birthday. HR184
Mary Jo Wedgeworth
Commend her life upon her passing. HR99
Master Sergeant Danny Mills
Commend upon retirement from Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks. HR159
McEvans School Boys Basketball Team
Commend upon winning the MHSAA Class 1A State Championship. HR182
Miss Emmie Perkins
Commend and congratulate upon being crowned Miss Mississippi 2022. HR47
Mississippi Clean Hydrogen Hub
Urge the federal government to designate Mississippi as. HC48
Mississippi Horse Park
Commend for receiving the 2022 Justin Boots Best Footing Award for the
Southeastern Circuit. HR48
Mississippi Links Day at the Capitol 2023
Commend and honor for outstanding service. HR59
Mississippi Medical and Surgical Association
Commend numerous community contributions of. HR124
Mississippi Native Plant Month
Declare April as. HB1047
Mize Attendance Center Cheerleaders
Commend upon winning the MHSAA Class 2A State Cheer Competition. HR66
Morris Bozeman
Commend his life upon his passing. HR120
Mr. Martin "Marty" Davidson
Commend upon entrepreneurial legacy and community service as chair of
Southern Pipe and Supply. HR12
MS Film Office
Commend and congratulate upon its 50th anniversary commemoration. HR44
MS National Guard and the Republic of Uzbekistan
Recognize and congratulate upon 10 years of successful partnership. HR70
Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church
Commend and congratulate upon its 122nd anniversary. HR101
National Therapy Animal Day
Celebrate in Mississippi on April 30, 2023. HC2
New Albany High School "Lady Bulldogs" Golf Team
Commend upon winning the 2022 MHSAA Class 4A State Golf Championship.
HR62
New Albany High School Tennis Team
Commend upon winning MHSAA Class 4A State Championship. HR45
Newton County High School Cheerleading Team
Commend for outstanding achievements. HR109
Nicholas Anderson
Commend academic and athletic success of. HR94
Norman Goetzmann Stevens, Jr.:
Honor life and legacy upon his passing. HR6
Honor life and legacy upon his passing. HR23
Northeast Jones High School "Gold Horizons" Show Choir
Commend for many outstanding achievements. HR186
Northwest Mississippi Community College Softball Team
Commend historic season and outstanding accomplishments. HC41
Northwest Mississippi Community College

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Commend upon winning Region 23 Championship. HC43
Northwest Rankin High School Boys Basketball Team
Commend upon winning MHSAA Class 6A State Championship. HR132
Northwest Rankin High School Cheerleaders
Commend upon winning back-to-back UCA Large Varsity Division I Game Day
Cheerleading National Championships. HR89
Ole Miss Baseball Team
Commend for winning the 2022 NCAA Baseball National Championship. HC35
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Day at the Mississippi State Capitol
Commend celebration on March 9, 2023. HR49
Panny Flautt Mayfield
Commend upon being named a 2023 Noel Polk Lifetime Achievement Award
Nominee. HC39
Pastor Dr. Joe May
Commend upon occasion of his retirement from pastoral duties. HR190
Patriotic Education Month
Designate the month of September 2023 as. HC27
Pearl River Community College Baseball Team
Commend upon winning the NJCAA Division II National Championship. HR56
Pernellus Turner
Commend service during World War II. HR156
Phi Theta Kappa All-Mississippi Academic and Workforce Team
Commend on occasion of "Mississippi Phi Theta Kappa Day". HC45
Picayune High School Football Team
Commend for winning MHSAA Class 5A State Championship. HR106
Poplarville High School
Commend upon winning their first UCA National High School Cheering
Championship. HC46
Presley Seals
Commend upon being named as an inductee of the Curriculum Associates 2023
Class of Extraordinary Educators. HR181
Raleigh High School "Lions
Commend for winning MHSAA State 3A Football Championship. HR71
Reba Lee Roy
Commend life and legacy upon her passing. HR28
Representative Alyce G. Clarke:
Commend distinguished legislative career and public service upon the special
occasion of her retirement. HC63
Commend distinguished legislative career and public service upon the special
occasion of her retirement. HR192
Commend distinguished legislative career and public service upon the special
occasion of her retirement. HR195
Representative Bennie G. Thompson
Commend for service as chairman of committee to investigate the attack on the
U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. HC14
Representative Charles Busby
Commend distinguished legislative career of. HR146
Representative Chris Brown
Commend esteemed legislative career of. HR202
Representative Dana Criswell
Commend distinguished legislative career of. HR203
Representative De'Keither A. Stamps
Commend legislative career and public service. HR185
Representative Edward Blackmon, Jr.
Commend distinguished legislative career and public service of upon the
occasion of his retirement. HC56
Representative Jerry Darnell

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Commend distinguished legislative career of. HR168
Representative Joel Bomgar
Commend esteemed legislative career of. HR205
Representative Lynn Wright
Commend life and legacy of service and express sympathy upon his passing.
HR164
Representative Michael T. Evans
Commend esteemed legislative career of. HR201
Representative Randall H. Patterson
Commend esteemed legislative career and public service upon his retirement.
HR173
Representative Robin Robinson
Commend legislative service of. HR166
Representative Steve Hopkins
Commend for distinguished legislative career. HR174
Representative Tom Miles
Commend distinguished legislative career of. HR187
Representative Tom Weathersby
Commend distinguished legislative career and public service of upon the
occasion of his retirement. HC62
Representative Tommy Reynolds
Commend distinguished legislative career and public service of upon the
occasion of his retirement. HC59
Respiratory syncytial virus
Urge CDC to include in the Vaccines for Children program. HC50
Reverend Dr. Lisa Allen-McLaurin
Commend upon her appointment as music scholar-in-residence and interim
choral director at the American Church in Paris, France. HR3
Reverend Wilford Earl Bridges
Commend upon 20th pastoral anniversary. HR161
Right Reverend Brian R. Seage
Commend dedication as Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Mississippi upon his
retirement. HR117
Robert Earl Dow, Sr.
Honor life and legacy upon his passing. HR107
Ronald "Ronnie" Lewis Buckley
Honor life and legacy upon his passing. HR65
Roy L. Dixon, Sr.
Commend life and legacy upon his passing. HR88
Ryan Schilling
Commend for being named 2023 Instructor of the Year at MGCCC, Perkinston
Campus. HR199
Salem Missionary Baptist Church
Commend upon 157th anniversary of. HC18
Sarah Lea Anglin
Commend for being named the 2022 State Games of Mississippi Female Athlete
of the Year. HR84
Scott Central High School "Rebels" Football Team
Commend upon winning the 2022 MHSAA Class 2A State Championship. HR33
Senator Hiram Revel and Fannie Lou Hamer
Request the joint committee on the Library of Congress to approve the
replacement of the statues of James Zachariah George and Jefferson
Davis with statues of. HC12
Shanise Batiste LeFlore
Commend exceptional service and commitment provided to Blackmon &
Blackmon, PLLC. HR177
Shedeur Sanders

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Commend for being named Top HBCU Football Player for 2022. HR160
Simpson Academy Lady Cougars Basketball Team
Commend for outstanding season. HR119
Simpson County Academy Boys Basketball Team
Commend for winning MAIS Class 5A State Championship. HR127
South Jones High School "Band of Braves" Marching Band
Commend for many outstanding achievements. HR122
South Panola High School Tigers Cheerleading Team
Commend upon winning NCA National Championship for third year in a row.
HR153
Speaker Philip Gunn
Commend on the esteemed and laudable legislative career of. HC64
Stacy and Mable Austin
Commend upon 75th wedding anniversary. HR180
Starkville High School Football Team
Commend upon winning the MHSAA Class 6A State Football Championship.
HR64
State agencies
Authorize Governor to terminate certain appointed agency officials. HB512
State holiday
Exclusively recognize Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday on the third Monday
of January. HB825
State holidays
Remove Confederate Memorial Day as. HB682
State of Mississippi
Declare as "Second Amendment Sanctuary" State. HC6
State of the State address of the Governor
Call joint session to hear. HC31
Statehood to the people of Washington, D.C.
Urge Congress to enact legislation that grants. HC36
Stephen Franks
Commend Kosciusko, MS automobile dealer upon nomination for the prestigious
2023 Time Dealer of the Year Award. HC44
Suddenly Sleepy Saturday
Designate Saturday, March 11, 2023, as. HR93
Swan Lake Missionary Baptist Association
Commend upon occasion of 150th anniversary. HR100
T.C. Taylor
Commend for being named head coach for the Jackson State University football
team. HR77
Taiwan:
Commend friendship with the State of Mississippi and encourage further
economic ties. HC42
Commend friendship with the State of Mississippi and encourage further
economic ties. HR115
Team "Wait For It..."
Commend and congratulate upon winning the 2023 Mississippi FIRST Tech
Challenge Competition. HR135
The Essie B. and William Earl Glenn Foundation
Commend on occasion of its fourth symposium for Adverse Childhood
Experiences Trauma Awareness Day. HC47
The Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health
Recognize and commend its efforts to reduce health disparities. HR154
The Phillip Cameron Hendry Mississippi Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness Week
Designate the second week in April annually as. **HB559**
Tombigbee Chapter of the National Society of the DAR and Seth Burnett and Levi Burnett
Commend. HR179

Tommy Aldridge
Commend for outstanding musical artistry and accomplishments. HR52

Tougaloo College "Bulldogs" Men's Basketball Team
Commend on winning back-to-back GCAC Regular Season and Tournament
Championships. HR172

Verbia Cooper Harden
Commend outstanding career in radio broadcasting. HR55

Viola Allen
Commend career success of. HR189

West Harrison High School Hurricanes Cheerleading Team
Commend upon winning MHSAA Class 5A State Championship and placing 2nd
at UCA Nationals. HR149

West Lauderdale High School Knights Boys Golf Team
Commend on winning 2022 MHSAA Class 4A State Championship. HR137

West Lauderdale High School Lady Knights Soccer Team
Commend on winning 2023 Class 4A State Championship. HR76

Will Lummus
Commend extraordinary rodeo success and accomplishments. HR80

Willis Joe Barnes
Commend his life and legacy upon his passing. HR40

Women's Veterans' Day
Designate as a legal holiday in the State of Mississippi. HB180

TOURISM

Blue
Designate as the state color of Mississippi. HB565

Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund
Use portion of monies in to advertise for state parks. HB617

Mississippi Gospel Music Trail
Authorize MDA Division of Tourism to establish program and historical markers
for. HB775

Mississippi Opal
Designate as official state gemstone. HB772

Mississippi USA Semiquincentennial Commission and Mississippi Semiquincentennial
Celebration Fund
Create. HB1266

State Fruit
Designate the blueberry as. **HB1027**

Television series production
Provide incentives for certain. **HB704**

Tourism
Provide assistance to destination marketing organization. **HB419**

TRANSPORTATION

Appeals Board of the Mississippi Transportation Commission
Bring forward provision related to for purpose of possible amendment. HB1001

CDL:
Exempt church-owned vehicles equipped to transport 30 or less passengers from
requirement of. HB411
Exempt county and municipal employees who operate vehicles and equipment in
the performance of their job. HB553

Driver's license:
Prescribe information to be included on and authorize discretionary inclusion of
blood type. HB666
Revise certain requirements and create certificate for driving. HB828

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Harvest permit
Increase fee for issuance and extend repealer. HB1475

Harvest permits
Extend repealer on authority of MDOT to issue. HB1477

Headlights
Require to be used whenever windshield wipers necessitated. HB566

Highways, roads and bridges
Designate segment of I-55 South in Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi in honor of Representative Alyce Griffin Clarke. HB1147

Joint Legislative Study Committee on Electrification of Transportation
Create. HB149

MDOT
Authorize to assist publicly owned gas and water districts with certain removal and relocation projects. HB824

Medal of Honor Trail
Designate portion of Interstate 22 and U.S. Highway 78 within the State of Mississippi as. HB703

Memorial highway:
Designate a portion of U.S. Highway 45 in Wayne County, MS, as the "Army Sergeant Eric C. Newman Memorial Highway". **HB691**
Designate a segment of MS Highway 364 in Prentiss County as the "James Millard Jourdan Memorial Highway". **HB1245**
Designate a segment of MS Highway 365 in Prentiss County as the "Howard Tillman Bobo Memorial Highway". **HB1244**
Designate a segment of MS Highway 365 in Prentiss County as the "Leland L. Holland Memorial Highway". **HB1246**
Designate segment of MS Hwy 8 in Chickasaw County as the "Deputy Jeremy Allen Voyles Memorial Highway". **HB1016**

Memorial intersection
Designate intersection of U.S. 45 and CR 110 in Clarke County as the "Army Spc. Terry Kishaun Dantez Gordon Memorial Intersection". **HB1017**

Mississippi Fully Autonomous Vehicle Enabling (MS FAVE) Act of 2023
Establish to regulate operation of autonomous vehicle on public roads. **HB1003**

Mississippi Security Drone Act of 2023
Enact to prohibit the purchase of unmanned aircraft systems from non-U.S. manufacturers. HB1032

Mississippi Transit Corporation
Establish and create study committee. HB723

Motor vehicle combined weight total
Bring forward provisions related to. HB1473

Motor vehicle lien
Authorize mechanic to seek title from title loan company after nonpayment for services. HB72

Operating motor vehicles with certain gross weight limitation without a permit
Bring forward registration and fine provisions. HB1472

Petroleum Products Inspection Law
Extend repealer on. HB1002

Radar:
Authorize sheriff and deputies to use on county roads to enforce speed limits. HB42
Authorize use in Rankin County subject to approval of voters within the county. HB41

Railroad crossings
Require MDOT to review all passive crossings to determine if any are particularly dangerous. HB567

State aid system of roads
Increase maximum total mileage of by 400 miles. HB269

Transportation funding
 Authorize public-private partnerships to include naming rights. HB618

Transportation
 Allow public and private partnerships to establish electric vehicle charging stations. HB986

U.S. Highway 49/49E/49W
 Designate segment from Hinds County to Coahoma County as an historic memorial blues highway. HB592

Utility-type vehicles and side-by-sides
 Authorize operation of on public county and municipal roads and streets. HB1122

Utility-type vehicles
 Regulate operation of on public roads and highways. HB1240

Vehicles transporting certain agricultural products or timber
 Clarify maximum length cannot exceed requirements for day time operation. HB1474

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

2023 Mississippi Youthbuild Pilot Program Act
 Create with programs at Coahoma and Jones County Community Colleges. HB1462

Alcorn State University
 Update references to in code to reflect current name designation. **HB922**

Collegiate Computerized Educational Device (C-CompED) Act
 Authorize public postsecondary educational institutions to purchase wireless communication devices for students. HB614

Community and junior colleges
 Waive all tuition and costs for graduates of Mississippi high schools. HB1448

Contract lobbyists
 Prohibit agencies, universities and colleges from hiring with public funds. HB862

Engineering Studies Scholarship Program
 Establish. HB1416

Former collegiate athlete scholarship program
 Create to attract former athletes back to school for teaching degree. HB1461

HELP Grant and MTAG Programs
 Revise level of funding provided to eligible students. HB771

IHL board:
 Delete repealer on authority to oversee certain construction projects funded by state general obligation bonds. HB350
 Delete repealer on authority to oversee certain construction projects funded by state general obligation bonds. HB578

IHL
 Continue annual deposits into Ayers Settlement Fund for 10 years and end reductions to Ayers Endowment Trust. HB1469

In-state tuition
 Provide that 12 months of residency in MS shall constitute eligibility for. HB230

Military education credits and certifications
 Require IHL, MCCB and SWIB to develop policy for acceptance of toward academic credit. HB176

Mississippi Office of Space and Technology
 Create to be administered by MDA, which shall staff. **HB770**

Mississippi Promise Scholarship Act of 2023
 Establish to provide tuition assistance for tuition-free community college attendance. HB201

Mississippi Tuition Subsidy Forgivable Loan
 Create. HB155

MS Commission on College Accreditation

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Authorize IHL Board to provide staff, facilities and other means of support to.
HB443

MSU

Amend authority to enter into a long-term lease for housing and retail purpose to
extend the original lease term to 65 years. HB536

Paramedics Recruitment and Retention Scholarship Grant Program

Create. HB1207

Postsecondary educational institutions

Require to provide certain information to students upon declaration of a major.
HB361

Spouse and children of first responders killed in the line of duty

Provide scholarship for attendance at postsecondary institutions. HB740

State Institutions of Higher Learning

Authorize program to provide devices to students when necessary for remote
learning. HB351

Tuition waiver

Provide for certain foster and adopted children and wards of the state to attend a
state-supported IHL. HB127

Universities and colleges:

Require to allow MS residents to register for classes before nonresident students.
HB17

Require to provide mental health assessments to members of school athletic
teams. HB172

WAYS AND MEANS

Ad valorem tax levy for school districts

Provide levying authority with discretion to approve request by school board.
HB1052

Ad valorem tax:

Exempt certain business personal property from. HB665

Exempt motor homes and trailers. HB377

Exempt motor vehicle owned by unremarried surviving spouse of law
enforcement officer/employee who died while in performance of official
duties. HB1588

Extend time for partial exemption and fee-in-lieu of ad valorem tax agreement for
certain renewable energy projects. HB871

Remove the provision that prescribes the manner in which affordable rental
housing must be appraised. HB236

Revise assessment rate for motor vehicles. HB379

Revise exemption for university, college, community or junior college foundation
property. HB627

Ad valorem taxation:

Exempt real property. HB375

Provide partial exemption for certain business personal property. HB663

Revise types of new enterprises eligible for tax exemption. **HB1561**

Alcoholic beverages

Revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic
Beverage Control Law. HB750

Alcoholic beverage

Allow direct sales and shipment of certain wines to residents in this state. HB1137

Alcoholic beverages:

Allow direct sales and shipments of wine to be made to residents in this state.
HB385

Allow direct sales and shipments of wine to be made to residents in this state.
HB563

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Allow direct sales and shipments of wine to be made to residents in this state.
HB902

Allow holders of package retailer's permits to sell on Sunday. HB340

Authorize local authorities of wet jurisdiction to permit package retail sales on
Sunday. HB384

Authorize the sale of wine at grocery stores. HB561

Increase number of package retailer's permits a person may own. HB381

Require holder of on-premises retailer's permit to have blood alcohol content
testing device available. HB934

Revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic
Beverage Control Law. **HB535**

Revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the local option Alcoholic
Beverage Control Law. HB754

Revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic
Beverage Control Law. HB815

Revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic
Beverage Control Law. HB1064

Revise policy of state regarding prohibition of. HB562

Alternative-fuel fueling station

Impose tax on motor vehicles charged at. HB18

Beer, light wine and light spirit products

Revise manufacturers prohibited from having interest in wholesalers or
distributors. **HB1140**

Bonds:

Authorize additional to assist Chickasaw Inkana Foundation with construction of
Chickasaw Heritage Center in Tupelo. HB1646

Authorize for various purposes. **HB1734**

Authorize issuance for construction of a Department of Mental Health group
housing facility in Madison. HB965

Authorize issuance for construction of a dormitory at Coahoma Community
College. HB1340

Authorize issuance for construction of a new Career Technology Education
building at Forrest County Agricultural High School. HB1537

Authorize issuance for construction of a new elementary school for the Okolona
Municipal Separate School District. HB1294

Authorize issuance for construction of a stadium on or near the campus of
Jackson State University. HB1357

Authorize issuance for construction of building for School of Public Health at
Jackson State University. HB1250

Authorize issuance for construction of new MSU extension office in Greene
County. HB1759

Authorize issuance for improvement of student housing at Jackson State
University. HB1352

Authorize issuance for improvements at Alcorn State University, Jackson State
University and Mississippi Valley State University. HB189

Authorize issuance for improvements to Great River Railroad line in Bolivar
County and Washington County. HB196

Authorize issuance for improvements to Lynn Meadows Discovery Center in
Gulfport. HB1657

Authorize issuance for improvements to Lynn Meadows Discovery Center in
Gulfport. HB1658

Authorize issuance for improvements to Petal School District Central Office
building. HB1538

Authorize issuance for improvements to the Dr. Timothy Burrow Multipurpose
Building in Jonestown. HB1359

Authorize issuance for improvements to the Freedom House in Canton. HB446

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Authorize issuance for improvements to the Jackson Public School District's Career Development Center. HB224

Authorize issuance for improvements to the Jackson Public Schools District's Career Development Center. HB225

Authorize issuance for improvements to the Mississippi Aviation Heritage Museum in Gulfport. HB1656

Authorize issuance for improvements to the Union County Courthouse. HB1534

Authorize issuance for repair and renovation of the Pratts Old School House building in Lee County. HB1344

Authorize issuance for repair and renovation projects at Mississippi Valley State University. HB681

Authorize issuance for repairs, renovations and exhibit upgrades at the Jackson Zoo. HB1673

Authorize issuance for traffic signal at intersection of East Metro Parkway and El Dorado Road in Pearl. HB46

Authorize issuance for various Alcorn State University Agriculture Research and Extension projects. HB1349

Authorize issuance for various Alcorn State University projects. HB1350

Authorize issuance for various projects in Bolivar County. HB1531

Authorize issuance of construction of a separate water system for Jackson State University. HB1353

Authorize issuance to assist Alliance School for Workforce Development with repair of building. HB1337

Authorize issuance to assist Amiable Arts Foundation with increasing access to performing arts instruction for students. HB1526

Authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with certain drainage improvements. HB438

Authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with County Road 167 gas line extension project. HB440

Authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with County Road 170 gas line extension project. HB437

Authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with County Road 6105 water line replacement project. HB441

Authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with improvements to Carrollville Avenue. HB215

Authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with improvements to Carrollville Avenue. HB439

Authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with overlaying certain streets. HB429

Authorize issuance to assist City of Byhalia with relocation of utilities and street paving. HB977

Authorize issuance to assist City of Canton with repair and renovation of City Hall building. HB1698

Authorize issuance to assist City of Canton with road, bridge and drainage improvements. HB1701

Authorize issuance to assist City of Clarksdale with improvements to Martin Luther King Park. HB1652

Authorize issuance to assist City of Clarksdale with improvements to Sasse. HB1651

Authorize issuance to assist City of Greenville in paying costs of improvements to its water and sewer systems. HB195

Authorize issuance to assist City of Greenville in paying costs of repair and renovation of city parks and golf course. HB193

Authorize issuance to assist City of Gulfport wastewater treatment plant project. HB1683

Authorize issuance to assist City of Gulfport with its commerce corridor project. HB1685

Authorize issuance to assist City of Gulfport with widening Dedeaux Road.
HB1687

Authorize issuance to assist City of Guntown with purchase of emergency
equipment for the city's fire department. HB214

Authorize issuance to assist City of Guntown with widening of and other
improvements to Sides Street and Long Street. HB1514

Authorize issuance to assist City of Holly Springs with construction of a wellness
and aquatics center. HB1518

Authorize issuance to assist City of Holly Springs with improvements to
Mississippi Highway 178. HB737

Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with construction of a new Fire
Station 5. HB1677

Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with construction of a park. HB1253

Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with construction of a parking lot for
the Jackson Convention Center. HB1358

Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with demolition and removal of
blighted properties. HB777

Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to senior centers,
community centers and gymnasiums. HB778

Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with making repairs and
improvements to water and sewer systems. HB1254

Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with park improvements. HB1690

Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with removal and demolition of
certain dilapidated and blighted properties. HB1251

Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with renovating the Russell C. Davis
Planetarium. HB1681

Authorize issuance to assist City of Natchez with Concord Avenue drainage
improvement project. HB500

Authorize issuance to assist City of New Albany with central business district
improvements. HB1536

Authorize issuance to assist City of New Albany with signage project. HB1535

Authorize issuance to assist City of Oxford with repair and renovation of building
for city's police department. HB1530

Authorize issuance to assist City of Pearl with construction of a bridge. HB47

Authorize issuance to assist City of Pearl with improvements to city hall. HB43

Authorize issuance to assist City of Pearl with U.S. Highway 80 lighting project.
HB44

Authorize issuance to assist City of Pontotoc with relocating fire station. HB1527

Authorize issuance to assist City of Port Gibson with construction of a new water
treatment plant. HB1579

Authorize issuance to assist City of Port Gibson with construction of a new water
well. HB1576

Authorize issuance to assist City of Port Gibson with improvement to water
department main office. HB1578

Authorize issuance to assist City of Port Gibson with sewage plant improvements.
HB1664

Authorize issuance to assist City of Port Gibson with water and sewer
improvements. HB1577

Authorize issuance to assist City of Rosedale with downtown improvements.
HB1533

Authorize issuance to assist City of Saltillo with construction of a new fire station.
HB1770

Authorize issuance to assist City of Starkville with certain drainage projects.
HB637

Authorize issuance to assist City of Starkville with drainage improvements.
HB638

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Authorize issuance to assist City of Tupelo with a center railroad projects.
HB1647

Authorize issuance to assist City of Tupelo with construction of a new fire station.
HB1516

Authorize issuance to assist City of Tupelo with improvements to Ballard Park.
HB1645

Authorize issuance to assist City of Tupelo with repair and renovation of a building
for the city's police department. HB1515

Authorize issuance to assist City of Verona with site development related to the
Old Town Crossing Project. HB779

Authorize issuance to assist Claiborne County with implementation of a county
stormwater management program. HB1505

Authorize issuance to assist Claiborne County with improvement to recreational
facilities. HB1502

Authorize issuance to assist Claiborne County with improvements to county
library building. HB1504

Authorize issuance to assist Claiborne County with road improvements. HB1501

Authorize issuance to assist Claiborne County with security improvements to
county law enforcement and detention facilities. HB1503

Authorize issuance to assist Clay, Lowndes and Oktibbeha Counties with certain
road projects. HB642

Authorize issuance to assist Coahoma County with restriping and overlay of a
portion of Friars Point Road. HB1522

Authorize issuance to assist George County with drainage and safety
improvements for Crenshaw Road. HB1755

Authorize issuance to assist Greene County overlay of Winborn Chapel Road and
Old Highway 63. HB1766

Authorize issuance to assist Greene County with acquisition of new equipment
for county emergency 911 call center. HB1757

Authorize issuance to assist Greene County with construction of new voting
precinct and community center. HB1761

Authorize issuance to assist Greene County with improvements to the Greene
County Rural Events Center. HB1760

Authorize issuance to assist Greene County with maintenance of Tung Oil Road
and segment of Neely Avera Road. HB1763

Authorize issuance to assist Greene County with overlay and drainage
improvements for Crenshaw Road. HB1758

Authorize issuance to assist Greene County with overlay of a segment of Old
Highway 63. HB1764

Authorize issuance to assist Greene County with overlay of a segment of Old
Highway 63. HB1765

Authorize issuance to assist Helping Hands Food Pantry in Tupelo with repair and
renovation of building. HB84

Authorize issuance to assist Holmes County with improvements to county roads
and buildings. HB123

Authorize issuance to assist Jackson Municipal Airport Authority with construction
of an emergency access road at Hawkins Field. HB1691

Authorize issuance to assist Jefferson County Hospital with operation and
maintenance expenses. HB1507

Authorize issuance to assist Jefferson County with construction of a rodeo arena.
HB1355

Authorize issuance to assist Jefferson County with drainage improvements.
HB1506

Authorize issuance to assist Jefferson County with reconstruction of a segment
of McBride Road/State Route 552. HB1500

Authorize issuance to assist Jefferson County with replacement of a bridge on
Block Foster Road. HB1498

Authorize issuance to assist Jefferson County with replacement of a bridge on Brown Road. HB1548

Authorize issuance to assist Jefferson County with replacement of a bridge on January Road. HB1499

Authorize issuance to assist Lafayette County with certain road and bridge projects. HB1529

Authorize issuance to assist Lee County with rail spur cross drain replacement at Turner Industrial Park. HB1513

Authorize issuance to assist Lee County with repair/replacement of a bridge. HB667

Authorize issuance to assist Marshall County in improving Barringer Road for Chickasaw Trail Industrial Park access. HB299

Authorize issuance to assist Mississippi Minority Farmers Alliance with repair of building and parking lot. HB93

Authorize issuance to assist municipalities of Verona, Plantersville and Shannon and Lee County with certain projects. HB85

Authorize issuance to assist Perry County with construction of infrastructure to provide access to Perry County Industrial Park. HB1737

Authorize issuance to assist Perry County with making upgrades and improvements to three county roadways. HB1736

Authorize issuance to assist Perry County with several projects at Sportsman Lake. HB1739

Authorize issuance to assist Perry County with upgrading Delta Pine Road to MS Hwy 15. HB1738

Authorize issuance to assist Petal Excel by 5 with construction of a playground. HB1557

Authorize issuance to assist Pontotoc County Historical Society with renovation of Pontotoc Town Square Museum and Post Office building and McMackin House. HB1775

Authorize issuance to assist Prentiss County with bridge projects. HB213

Authorize issuance to assist Prentiss County with road and bridge improvements. HB430

Authorize issuance to assist Rail Authority of East Mississippi with certain costs associated with East Mississippi Intermodal Rail Corridor. HB1653

Authorize issuance to assist Refill Jackson Initiative with updating facilities and offering additional training opportunities. HB1525

Authorize issuance to assist the Alfred Alleman VFW Post 2539 in Gulfport with improvements to Post building. HB487

Authorize issuance to assist the Holmes County Consolidated School District with construction of a football stadium. HB134

Authorize issuance to assist the Jackson Resource Center for homeless individuals with infrastructure improvements. HB1336

Authorize issuance to assist Town of Alligator with water and sewer project. HB1338

Authorize issuance to assist Town of Bude with relocation and restoration of the Bude Depot. HB349

Authorize issuance to assist Town of Bude with relocation and restoration of the Bude Depot. HB1570

Authorize issuance to assist Town of Byhalia with infrastructure improvements. HB298

Authorize issuance to assist Town of Duncan with extending the walking trail in the town. HB1772

Authorize issuance to assist Town of Leakesville with infrastructure improvements. HB1762

Authorize issuance to assist Town of Metcalfe in paying costs of repair and renovation of town park. HB194

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Authorize issuance to assist Town of Richton with equipment upgrades for town's police department. HB1756
 Authorize issuance to assist Towns of Pace and Benoit with park improvements. HB1532
 Authorize issuance to assist Towns of Plantersville and Shannon with certain projects. HB94
 Authorize issuance to assist with repair and renovation of the Rosenwald School in Marshall County. HB1351
 Authorize issuance to provide funds for public school capital improvements. HB144
 Authorize issuance to provide funds to assist JSU with Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Program. HB1252
 Authorize to assist Marshall County with construction of emergency response center to serve Chickasaw Trail Industrial Park. HB978
 Create pilot program for grants to certain municipalities for security cameras and equipment and authorize bonds to provide funds. HB705
 Create rural counties and municipalities cellular and broadband grant program and authorize issuance of bonds. HB129
 Create small municipalities security cameras and equipment grant program and authorize bonds to provide funds. HB706
 Mandate election on issue of county or municipal bonds. HB710
 Mandate election on issue of county or municipal bonds. HB711
 Revise purposes for which proceeds of bonds authorized for City of Union.

HB371

Capitol Complex Improvement District courts
 Authorize. **HB1020**

Capitol Complex Improvement District:
 Authorize demolition of slum and blighted properties located within. HB764
 Require 10% of funds be used to compensate City of Jackson for police and fire protection. HB1384
 Revise to include Boling Street. HB1021

Children's Promise Act:
 Revise definition of "eligible charitable organization" under. HB628
 Revise definition of "eligible charitable organization" under. HB655

Cigarettes
 Increase excise tax on. HB746

Counties and municipalities
 Delete requirement for permitting as a condition to construction. HB413

Disabled veterans motor vehicle license tags:
 Revise certain provisions regarding disability rating, provide partial ad valorem tax exemption. HB1202
 Revise certain provisions regarding disability rating. HB238
 Revise certain provisions regarding disability rating. HB631

Distinctive motor vehicle license tag:
 Authorize issuance to supporters of Magnolia Speech School. HB1077
 Authorize issuance to supporters of Mississippi Towing and Recovery Professionals, Inc. HB1063
 Authorize issuance to supporters of Northeast Jones High School. HB52
 Authorize issuance to supporters of the Clinton Public School District. HB1374
 Authorize issuance to supporters of the Mississippi Road Builders Association.
HB1136
 Reauthorize issuance members of the clergy. HB836
 Reauthorize issuance to supporters of former Hinds Agricultural High School. HB358

Electric vehicle tax
 Exempt lowspeed vehicles. HB303

Electric/hybrid vehicles

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Repeal sections of law authorizing. HB378

Emerging Crops Fund
Extend deadline for issuance of general obligation bonds for funding. HB394

Festival wine permits
Extend repealers on authority to issue and certain provisions relating to. **HB252**

Fuel tax
Authorize certain municipalities to impose after an election to be used for road and bridge repair and maintenance. HB1383

Historic property income tax credit
Revise certain provisions regarding. **HB390**

Home Business Prosperity Act
Create. HB1113

Homestead exemption:
Bring forward certain sections of law relating to. HB1038
Increase for persons 65 years of age or older or totally disabled. HB664
Increase for persons retired from military or law enforcement service. HB1659

Hotel construction projects
Authorize sales tax incentive for. HB792

Housing Loan Assistance Pilot Program
Create and authorize issuance of bonds to provide funds for. HB121

Housing repair grant program
Authorize issuance of bonds to provide funds for grants to low-income individuals for home repairs. HB104

Income tax and sales tax liability
Revise method of collecting from public officers or employees. HB76

Income tax refund
Provide check off on individual form to allow contribution to State General Fund. HB751

Income tax:
Allow credit for investments in qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property. HB335
Authorize a credit for certain registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses. HB270
Authorize a credit for contributions made to certain hospitals. HB8
Authorize a credit for costs incurred by certain taxpayers for storm shelter/safe room construction. HB855
Authorize credit for certain child care expenses, child care centers and child care center teachers and directors. HB130
Authorize credit for certain child care expenses, child care centers and child care teachers and directors. HB322
Delete reverter on credit allowed for child adoption expenses. HB243
Exclude active duty military compensation received by a resident while stationed out of state. HB29
Exclude forgiven, cancelled or discharged federal student loan debt from definition of "gross income". HB1508
Exclude forgiven, cancelled or discharged federal student loan debt under the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program from the definition of "gross income". HB1773
Exclude overtime compensation from gross income. HB143
Exempt income of certain mental health professionals providing services in critical mental health services shortage areas. HB684
Extend credit for qualified contributions to an endowed fund at qualified community foundations. **HB261**
Extend reverter on credit allowed for child adoption expenses. HB262
Extend tax years for employer taxpayer to claim credit for employees' blood donations during blood drive. HB392
Increase tax credit allowed for child adoption expenses. HB1268

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Provide a credit for taxpayers allowed to claim federal earned income tax credit.
HB914

Provide a credit for taxpayers that provide paid maternity and paternity leave for employees. HB505

Provide a credit for taxpayers who claim a federal child income tax credit. HB1524

Provide a credit for taxpayers who claim a federal earned income tax credit.
HB321

Provide a credit for taxpayers who claim a federal earned income tax credit.
HB782

Revise certain provisions regarding pass-through entities. **HB1668**

Revise certain provisions relating to electing pass-through entities. HB672

Revise credit allowed for employers providing dependent care for employees.
HB1735

Revise deduction for depreciation for certain expenditures and property. **HB1733**

Revise local governmental entities that may collect debt by a setoff against a debtor's refund. **HB388**

Revise method of collecting delinquent tax from public officers and employees.
HB1169

Revise method of collecting from public officers or employees in arrears. HB1013

Innovate Mississippi:
Authorize issuance of bonds to provide funds for certain programs and revise provisions regarding certain programs. HB1188

Revise provisions of certain programs administered by. HB1189

Legislative Public Project Grant Program
Create. HB164

License plates for disabled individuals
Revise various provisions related to. HB962

Local governments capital improvements revolving loan program
Include municipal natural gas facilities. HB577

Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law
Authorize governing authorities of certain qualified resort areas to allow package retailer's permits. HB339

Medical cannabis
Authorize municipalities to impose an excise tax on cannabis cultivation facilities.
HB1580

Mississippi Development Authority
Require to conduct review of infrastructures in counties with high rates of poverty.
HB1328

Mississippi Digital Asset Mining Act
Create. HB848

Mississippi Main Street Revitalization Grant Act
Create. HB1205

Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission Law
Revise certain provisions relating to a manufacturer's ownership of motor vehicle dealership. **HB401**

Mississippi Small Business Investment Company Act
Increase the amount of tax credits that can be allocated under. HB1648

Mississippi Workforce Training and Education Act
Extend repealer in 2004 chapter law conforming code sections. HB1156

Mobile homes and manufactured homes
Give owner of one year to redeem the property after sold for taxes. HB718

Motor vehicle license plates
Allow reuse from one vehicle to another vehicle under certain conditions. HB650

Motor vehicle license tag
Provide option of black background for certain. HB972

Motor vehicle license tags

- Revise provisions regarding county disposition of surrendered or outdated tags.
HB1014
- Motor vehicle
Revise requirements for scrapping, dismantling or destroying when owner does
not have title in his or her name. HB334
- Motor vehicles and manufactured homes
Authorize Department of Revenue to issue electronic liens and titles. **HB1170**
- MS Major Economic Impact Act
Extend deadline for issuance of bonds for certain automotive parts manufacturing
plant projects. **HB395**
- Municipal annexation/deannexation
Require election be held on the question of in the subject territory to be
annexed/deannexed. HB1377
- Municipal annexation:
Provide temporary moratorium on. HB1378
Require additional services to annexed area to be completed within three years
of annexation decree. HB1375
Require an election be held in the proposed annexed territory. HB1379
Restrict collection of ad valorem taxes until certain services are provided by
municipality. HB1376
- Municipal special sales tax
Revise use of revenue for certain. **HB1168**
- Municipalities and counties trails program
Create and issue bonds to provide funds for. HB234
- One Lake flood control project
Prohibit the Rankin-Hinds Pearl River Flood and Drainage Control District from
implementing. HB993
- Package retail permit holders
Require to have a third-party age verification service available on property.
HB403
- Pregnancy Resource Act
Increase amount of tax credits that may be allocated under during a calendar
year. HB468
- Public purchasing
Require state agencies to give a preference to Mississippi-made drones and
prohibit purchase of drones made in China. HB1293
- Real property
Right of first refusal expires on grantee's death unless specifically stated
otherwise. HB246
- Residential builders and remodelers laws
Revise certain licensing provisions. HB847
- Residential builders and remodelers
Revise license examination for certain license applicants. HB1167
- Retail food establishments
Prohibit from imposing cost-plus pricing formulas. HB966
- Retailer Tax Fairness Act
Create. HB735
- Retirement
Allow certain members of PERS to purchase up to three years of creditable
service. HB1195
- Reverse auction
Revise method of receiving bids through for agencies and governing authorities.
HB702
- Sales of land for nonpayment of ad valorem taxes
Restrict who may purchase at. HB1275
- Sales Tax and use tax

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COMMITTEES

Exempt sales of certain computer software and computer software services.
HB968

Sales tax:

Bring forward certain sections of law authorizing various exemptions. HB1166
Create diversion to counties. HB462
Create sales tax diversion to the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District. HB382
Deposit portion of revenue into the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund.
HB999
Divert certain sales tax revenue to special fund for state park improvements.
HB973
Exempt certain retail sales of electronic devices/educational software and sales
of feminine hygiene products. HB1410

Sales Tax

Exempt certain sales of property transported from this state and first used in
another state. **HB549**

Sales tax:

Exempt certain sales of tangible personal property and services to churches.
HB918
Exempt certain sales of tangible personal property and services to churches.
HB1151
Exempt on retail sales of certain electronic devices. HB1421

Sales Tax

Exempt retail sales of baby/toddler clothing, diapers, diaper bags and rash cream
and baby wipes. HB1090

Sales tax:

Exempt retail sales of certain food. HB418
Exempt retail sales of severe weather preparedness items. HB919
Exempt sales of books at the Mississippi Book Festival, exempt certain computer
sales. HB1702
Exempt sales of certain equipment and items to volunteer fire departments.
HB1559
Exempt sales of coins, currency and bullion. HB508
Exempt sales of coins, currency and bullion. HB1661
Exempt sales of feminine hygiene products. HB1333
Exempt sales of groceries. HB964
Exempt sales of perishable food items to certain charitable organizations. HB461
Exempt sales of platinum, gold, silver bullion and numismatic coins. HB23
Exempt sales of tangible personal property and services to 5th squad. HB1145
Exempt sales of tangible personal property and services to local chapters of Lions
Club International and churches. HB1558

Sales Tax

Exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to Foundation for
Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. HB1724

Sales tax:

Exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to Lamar County
Education Foundation, Inc. HB1182
Exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to the Lincoln Civic Center
Foundation. HB317
Exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to the Mississippi
Aquarium. HB1178
Exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to Veterans Outreach.
HB242
Extend time for exemption on retail sales of school supplies during the last
weekend in July. HB372
Increase diversion to municipalities and create diversion to counties. HB1233
Phase out on sales of certain food. HB610
Reduce rate on retail sales of certain food. HB1562

Reduce rate on retail sales of motorcycles. HB629
Revise definition of "installation charges" to exclude labor services in connection with residential roofing. HB504
Revise definition of "gross proceeds of sales" and "installation charges" and exempt certain services. HB1669
Withhold diversion to a municipality that violates state law. HB48
School ad valorem tax levy
Authorize levying authority for certain districts to approve/disapprove request for certain increases. HB850
Securities laws
Provide certain exemptions regarding blockchain tokens. HB849
State of Mississippi
Require to pay fee-in-lieu of taxes to City of Jackson for fire protection services provided to state facilities. HB959
Tax Credits
Authorize for business contributions to certain organization supporting food pantries or soup kitchens. HB1015
Tax credits:
Authorize for business contributions to certain organizations supporting food pantries or soup kitchens. HB852
Authorize for business contributions to certain organizations supporting food pantries or soup kitchens. **HB1723**
Revise certain existing and authorize additional. **HB1671**
Taxes levied by commissioners of master water management districts
Remove requirement that boards of supervisors must implement. HB217
Taxes
Increase certain and use revenue to assist hospitals for uncompensated medical treatment services. HB1728
Tobacco
Increase excise tax on all products except cigarettes. HB755
Tourism Project Sales Tax Incentive Program
Extend authority of MDA to approve participants for projects. HB396
Tourism project sales tax incentive program
Extend authority of MDA to approve participants for projects. HB1192
Trailers and semitrailers
Revise alternative highway privilege tax for. HB776
Urban Flood and Drainage Control Law
Authority for assessment on property benefitted by certain projects. HB1291
Use tax
Require PEER to provide certain reporting concerning expenditures of tax by municipalities and counties. HB545

WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS

Antique boats
Exempt from three year registration renewal requirement. HB654
Boats
Require validation decal certifying the awarded number to be displayed on each side of vessel. HB976
Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks
Expand to nine members. HB1284
Conservation officer
Decrease minimum years of law enforcement experience required to be appointed a. **HB516**
Department of Wildlife
Authorize reimbursement for discounts relating to hunting and fishing licenses and other fees. HB1012

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Guide and outfitter services licenses

Revise annual fee for both residents and nonresidents. HB517

Hunting and fishing license fees

Include training facilities in list of designated purposes for use of. HB289

Hunting and fishing license:

Authorize Native Americans to receive free of charge upon providing a tribal identification card. HB312

Nonresident not required to have if on land that he or she owns. HB804

Waive requirement for residents who are honorably discharged veterans. HB542

Hunting:

Authorize hunters to wear fluorescent pink as an alternative to fluorescent orange. HB373

Provide exception for recovering mortally wounded animals at night with use of light. **HB979**

Mississippi All-Terrain/Off-Road Vehicle Numbering Act

Create to establish certificate of number system for operating on public lands. HB122

Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund

Remove requirement that projects that acquire property shall not be considered until July 1, 2024. HB1066

Nonresident native hunting and fishing license

Authorize issuance for nonresident natives of Mississippi. HB786

Resident lifetime hunting and fishing license

Authorize Department of Wildlife to issue if parent was born in the state and was on active military service at the time of applicant's birth. **HB49**

Sale of game animals

Prohibit unless permitted by an act of the Legislature. HB1026

State park fee

Authorize MDWFP to provide discount to senior citizens age 65 and older. HB310

State parks

Exempt veterans and active duty from paying entry fee and provide discount for campsite rental. HB32

Training facilities

Include in categories eligible for license fee increase proceeds. HB515

Wildlife management areas

Authorize use of mobility-related devices on trails for certain individuals. HB1221

Wildlife

Provide that the state has a duty to protect and sustain for the public's benefit. HB998

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Career coaching program:

Modify directive of Office of Workforce Development from piloting to implementing long term. HB1301

Modify directive of Office of Workforce Development from piloting to implementing long term. HB1393

Career pathways initiative

Provide for development of to increase access to educational credentials for higher-paying jobs. HB328

Community and junior colleges

Expand workforce development partnerships. HB801

Employment

Prohibit denial of solely because a person has been convicted of a felony. HB813

Employment-at-will doctrine

Abolish and create "Good Faith in Employment Act. HB743

Fair Minimum Wage Act

Create. HB810
General experience rate
Provide that noncharges caused by COVID-19 pandemic shall not impact. HB916
Income tax
Authorize credit for employers of convicted felons, prohibit certain criminal record/history checks. HB738
Jobs for Mississippi Graduates, Inc.
Establish funding for. HB721
Minimum wage
Establish at \$10.00 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. HB96
Minimum Wage
Establish at \$10.00 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. HB323
Minimum wage
Establish at \$8.50 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. HB583
Mississippi Department of Employment Security
Authorize to conduct background investigations on certain employees. HB843
Mississippi Department of Labor:
Create. HB91
Create. HB206
Mississippi New Economic Development Training Assistance Grant Program
Create. HB845
Mississippi Skill Standards Board
Create an advisory board on industry standards. HB105
Mississippi State Workforce Investment Board
Bring forward code sections related to. HB807
Mississippi Youth Career and Workforce Preparation Grant Program
Create. HB988
MS Comprehensive Workforce Training and Education Consolidation Act of 2004
Extend repealer on statutes making up. HB399
MS Workforce Training and Education Act:
Extend repealer and codify repealers on conforming statutes. HB564
Extend repealer on act and delete repealer on sections amended to conform in 2004. HB892
Extend repealer on the act and in 2004 chapter law for conforming code sections.
HB588
Office of Workforce Development:
Authorize to work with MS Alliance of Nonprofits and Philanthropy to create an accountability system for certain nonprofits. HB842
Revise funding mechanism for and create Mississippi K-12 Workforce Development Grant Program. HB844
Overpayment of unemployment benefits
Prohibit interest accrual or fees assessed by MDES when overpayment results from no fault of person receiving overpayment. HB98
SkillPath 2030 Program
Authorize Office of Workforce Development to create pilot program for. HB893
The Crown Act:
Create to include property sales. HB1324
Create to prohibit discrimination based on hairstyles in workplace and schools.
HB57
Unemployment compensation
Revise weekly benefit amount for. HB182
Youth Employment Grant Program
Create. HB928

YOUTH AND FAMILY AFFAIRS

Youth and Community Safety Act

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COMMITTEES

Create. HB171
Youth court services fees and fines
Exclude parents and children from payment of. HB808

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Districts

1 – Alcorn, Tishomingo

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2 – Alcorn

(R) Nick Bain, 516 N Filmore St, Corinth, MS 38834

3 – Alcorn, Prentiss

(R) William Tracy Arnold, 301 Wyninegar Rd, Booneville, MS 38829

4 – Alcorn, Tippah

(R) Jody Steverson, 125 Woodridge, Ripley, MS 38663

5 – Benton, Lafayette, Marshall, Tate

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6 – DeSoto

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7 – DeSoto

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8 – Lafayette, Tate

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9 – Coahoma, Quitman, Tate, Tunica

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10 – Lafayette, Panola, Tallahatchie

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12 – Lafayette

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13 – Benton, Lafayette, Marshall, Union

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14 – Union

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15 – Pontotoc

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16 – Lee, Monroe

(D) Rickey W. Thompson, 191 County Rd 301, Shannon, MS 38868

17 – Lee

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18 – Lee, Prentiss, Union

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20 – Itawamba, Lee, Monroe

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21 – Itawamba, Tishomingo

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22 – Chickasaw, Pontotoc

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24 – DeSoto

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25 – DeSoto

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27 – Attala, Leake, Madison, Yahoo

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28 – DeSoto

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29 – Bolivar, Sunflower

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30 – Bolivar, Quitman, Sunflower, Tallahatchie

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31 – Bolivar, Humphreys, Sunflower, Washington

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32 – Leflore

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33 – Grenada, Tallahatchie, Yalobusha

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35 – Attala, Choctaw, Webster, Winston

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36 – Clay, Monroe

(D) Karl Gibbs, 5545 George Walker Rd, West Point, MS 39773

37 – Clay, Lowndes, Oktibbeha

(R) Andy Boyd, 129 Whispering Trees, Columbus, MS 39702

38 – Clay, Lowndes, Oktibbeha

(D) Cheikh Taylor, 383 Steele Rd, Starkville, MS 39759

39 – Lowndes, Monroe

(R) Dana Underwood McLean, 332 Williamsburg Rd, Columbus, MS 39705

40 – DeSoto

(D) Hester Jackson-McCray, 3420 Laurelwood St, Horn Lake, MS 38637

41 – Lowndes

(D) Kabir Karriem, 1326 15th St N, Columbus, MS 39701

42 – Lowndes, Noxubee, Winston

(D) Carl L. Mickens, P.O. Box 427, Brooksville, MS 39739

43 – Oktibbeha, Winston

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44 – Leake, Neshoba

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45 – Kemper, Lauderdale, Neshoba, Winston

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46 – Carroll, Grenada, Leflore, Montgomery, Webster

(R) Karl Oliver, P.O. Box 95, Winona, MS 38967

47 – Attala, Holmes, Yazoo

(D) Bryant W. Clark, 271 Clark Rd, Pickens, MS 39146

48 – Attala, Carroll, Holmes, Leake

(R) Jason White, P. O. Box 246, West, MS 39192

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50 – Bolivar, Issaquena, Washington

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51 – Humphreys, Sharkey, Yazoo

(D) Rufus Straughter, 107 Van Buren St, Belzoni, MS 39038

52 – DeSoto, Marshall

(R) Bill Kinkade, 71 Peachtree Rd, Byhalia, MS 38611

53 – Franklin, Jefferson Davis, Lawrence, Lincoln, Pike

(R) Vince Mangold, 1276 Wellman Drive SE, Brookhaven, MS 39601

54 – Issaquena, Warren, Yazoo

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55 – Warren

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57 – Madison

(D) Edward Blackmon, Jr., P.O. Drawer 105, Canton, MS 39046

58 – Madison

(R) Joel Bomgar, P.O. Box 1998, Madison, MS 39130

59 – Rankin

(R) Brent Powell, P. O. Box 5454, Brandon, MS 39047

60 – Rankin

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61 – Rankin

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62 – Copiah, Rankin, Simpson

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63 – Hinds, Warren, Yazoo

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64 – Hinds, Madison

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65 – Hinds

(D) Christopher Bell, 510 George St, Ste 239, Jackson, MS 39202

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66 – Hinds

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67 – Hinds

(D) Earle S. Banks, P.O. Box 2539, Jackson, MS 39215

68 – Hinds, Rankin

(D) Zakiya Summers, P.O. Box 21210, Jackson, MS 39289

69 – Hinds

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70 – Hinds

(D) Bo Brown, P.O. Box 3434, Jackson, MS 39207

71 – Hinds

(D) Ronnie C. Crudup, Jr., P.O. Box 7003, Jackson, MS 39282

72 – Hinds, Madison

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73 – Madison

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74 – Rankin

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75 – Rankin, Scott

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76 – Claiborne, Copiah, Hinds

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77 – Rankin, Simpson

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78 – Leake, Newton, Scott

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79 – Jasper, Smith

(R) Mark K. Tullos, P.O. Box 505, Raleigh, MS 39153

80 – Clarke, Jasper, Jones

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81 – Clarke, Lauderdale

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82 – Lauderdale

(D) Charles Young, Jr., P.O. Box 5393, Meridian, MS 39302

83 – Lauderdale

(R) Billy Adam Calvert, P.O. Box 5774, Meridian, MS 39302

84 – Clarke, Jasper, Newton

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85 – Claiborne, Franklin, Jefferson, Warren

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86 – Greene, Perry, Wayne

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87 – Forrest, Lamar

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88 – Jasper, Jones

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89 – Jones

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90 – Covington, Jefferson Davis, Simpson

(R) Noah Sanford, P.O. Box 1900, Collins, MS 39428

91 – Copiah, Covington, Jefferson Davis, Lawrence, Simpson

(D) Bob Evans, P.O. Box 636, Monticello, MS 39654

92 – Copiah, Lawrence, Lincoln

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93 – Hancock, Pearl River, Stone

(R) Timmy Ladner, 6 Michael D. Smith Rd, Poplarville, MS 39470

94 – Adams, Franklin, Jefferson

(D) Robert L. Johnson, III, P.O. Box 1678, Natchez, MS 39121

95 – Hancock, Harrison

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96 – Adams, Amite, Pike, Wilkinson

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97 – Adams, Amite, Franklin, Pike

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98 – Pike, Walthall

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100 – Lamar, Marion

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101 – Lamar

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102 – Forrest, Lamar

(R) Missy Warren McGee, P.O. Box 19089, Hattiesburg, MS 39404

103 – Forrest

(D) Percy W. Watson, P.O. Box 1767, Hattiesburg, MS 39403

104 – Forrest

(R) Larry Byrd, 17 Byrd Rd, Petal, MS 39465

105 – George, Greene, Perry

(R) Dale Goodin, 72 Memorial Church Rd, Richton, MS 39476

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107 – George, Stone

(R) Doug McLeod, 1211 Bexley Church Rd, Lucedale, MS 39452

108 – Pearl River

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109 – George, Jackson

(R) Manly Barton, 7905 Pecan Ridge, Moss Point, MS 39562

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110 – Jackson

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111 – Jackson

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112 – Jackson

(R) John Read, 2396 Robert Hiram Drive, Gautier, MS 39552

113 – Jackson

(R) Henry Zuber, III, 503 Minor Lane, Ocean Springs, MS 39564

114 – Harrison, Jackson

(R) Jeffrey S. Guice, P.O. Box 549, Ocean Springs, MS 39566

115 – Harrison

(R) Randall Patterson, 1352 Kensington Drive, Biloxi, MS 39530

116 – Harrison

(R) Casey Eure, 11839 Sleeping Deer Lane, Saucier, MS 39574

117 – Harrison

(R) Kevin Felsher, P.O. Box 4721, Biloxi, MS 39535

118 – Harrison

(R) Greg Haney, 104 45th St, Gulfport, MS 39507

119 – Harrison

(D) Jeffrey Hulum, III, P. O. Box 1387, Gulfport, MS 39502

120 – Harrison

(R) Richard Bennett, 20108 Daugherty Rd, Long Beach, MS 39560

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121 – Harrison

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122 – Hancock

(R) Brent Anderson, 19033 Highway 603, Kiln, MS 39556

PART VII
BIOGRAPHICAL DATA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SPEAKER

Gunn, Philip; P. O. Box 1018, Jackson, 39215. 56 - Hinds, Madison. Representative Gunn was born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and is married to the former Lisa Watkins. He is of Baptist faith. Representative Gunn is a member of the Clinton Chamber Commerce, Hinds County Bar Association and the Mississippi Bar Association. House 2004-Present. Speaker 2012-Present. Republican.

SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

White, Jason; P.O. Box 246, West, 39192. 48 - Attala, Carroll, Holmes, Leake. Representative White was born December 28, 1972 and married to the former Jolynn McLellan. They are of the Baptist faith. Mississippi College School of Law, Mississippi College; Attorney; Representative White is a member of the MS BAR Assoc.(President), Attala County BAR Assoc.(President), West Historical & Preservation Society, Board of Dir., Attala County Forestry Assoc., and Attala County Farmers Co-op. House 2012-Present. Speaker Pro Tempore 2020-Present. Republican.

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Aguirre, Shane Michael; 709 Highland Cir., Tupelo, 38804. 17 - Lee. Representative Aguirre was born December 11, 1972 in Tupelo, MS. He is of the Methodist faith. Mississippi State University of Mississippi; Accountant. House 2016-Present. Republican.

Anderson, Jeramey; P. O. Box 311, Escatawpa, 39562. 110 - Jackson. Representative Anderson was born December 6, 1991 in Pascagoula, MS. He is of the Roman Catholic faith. Tulane University, Pearl River Community College, Moss Point High School. Executive Director. Representative Anderson is a member of the Boys and Girls Club of Jackson County Alumni, Foundation For a Brighter America (ED), Real South United FC (CEO), the Knights of Peter Clover and Let America Vote Advisor. House 2014-Present. Democrat.

Anderson, Brent; P. O. Box 4601, Bay St. Louis, 39521. 122 - Hancock. Representative Anderson was born October 17, 1972 in Gulfport, MS and is married to Maureen Hennessey Anderson. They are of the Catholic Faith. MS Dept. of Health, MS Fire Academy. Bay High School. Public Works Administration. Representative Anderson is affiliated with Knights of Columbia, Coastal Conservation Association, Hancock Co. Sportsman Club, GOP, and St Clare Church. House 2020-Present. Republican.

Anthony, II, Otis; P. O. Box 962, Indianola, 38751. 31 - Bolivar, Humphreys, Sunflower, Washington. Representative Anthony was born on July 12, 1979 in Indianola and is married to the former Porchia Caldwell. They are of Christian Baptist denomination. Tougaloo College, Political Science Pre law, Agape Bible College, Theology. Pastor,

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Financial Advisor, and Insurance. Representative Otis is a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated and Cutting Edge Gentlemen's Club. House 2019-Present. Democrat.

Arnold, William Tracy; 3 - Alcorn, Prentiss. Representative Arnold was born February 14, 1969 in Prentiss County and married to the former Neecey Shook. They are of the Christian faith. Logos Bible College and New Site High School. Senior Pastor of The Vineyard Church. Representative Arnold is a member of the Farm Bureau, NRA, and Pro-life. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Bailey, Perry; 187 CR 418, Calhoun City, 38916. 23 - Calhoun, Grenada, Lafayette, Webster. Representative Bailey was born on December 17, 1963, in Vardaman. Representative Bailey is married to the former Tyanne Suber and they are of the Baptist faith. Representative Bailey is affiliated with Farm Bureau, Derma Baptist Church, and Calhoun County National Wild Turkey Federation. House 2023-Present. Republican.

Bailey, Willie; P. O. Drawer 189, Greenville, 38702. 49 - Washington. Representative Bailey was born April 25, 1946 in Isola and is of the Methodist faith. Tougaloo College, George Washington University, Law School; Attorney; Representative Bailey is affiliated with the Tougaloo College National Alumni Association and the Magnolia and Mississippi Bar Associations. He is a former judge. House 1995-Present. Democrat.

Bain, Nick; 516 N. Fillmore St, Corinth, 38839. 2 - Alcorn. Representative Bain was born September 18, 1979 in Corinth, Mississippi and is married to the former Lesley Lewis. They have three children, Baylee Anna, Brooks, and Baker and they are of the Baptist faith. Mississippi College School of Law, University of Mississippi, Alcorn Central High School; Attorney; Representative Bain is a member of the Rotary Club, Mississippi Bar Assoc., Mississippi Municipal Assoc., Oakland Baptist Church, the Alliance and a board member of the Boys and Girls Club of Corinth. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Banks, Earle S.; P. O. Box 2539, Jackson, 39207. 67 - Hinds. Representative Banks was born June 25, 1954 in Jackson. He is of the Catholic faith. Jackson State University (JSU) and Mississippi College School of Law. Occupation: Attorney, Funeral Director. Representative Banks is associated with the Mississippi and National Funeral Directors & Morticians Association and Magnolia and Mississippi Bar Associations. He is active in the JSU Foundation and many other community organizations. House 1993-Present. Democrat.

Barnett, Shane; 86 - Greene, Perry, Wayne. Representative Barnett was born July 4, 1986 in Laurel, MS. He is of the Roman Catholic faith. Jones County Junior College; Real Estate Appraiser; Representative Barnett is affiliated with the Rotary Club; House 2016-Present. Republican.

Barton, Manly; 7905 Pecan Ridge, Moss Point, 39562. 109 - George, Jackson. Representative Barton was born March 14, 1949 in Mobile, Alabama, and is married to the former Sarah Thornton. They are of the Methodist faith. Alabama Christian College, Vancleave High School. Retired, Systems Analyst, Chevron. Representative Barton is a member of the Military Order Purple Heart, American Legion, VFW, NRA, and East Central Civic Association. He was also a Jackson County Supervisor for 12 years. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Bell, Donnie; 836 Tucker Rd, Fulton, 38843. 21 - Itawamba, Tishomingo. Representative Bell was born March 3, 1963 in Tupelo Mississippi. He is married to the former Nelda Higginbotham. Itawamba Community College, Mississippi State University, B.S.; Teacher; Representative Bell is a member of the Farmhouse Fraternity. House 2008-Present. Republican.

Bell, Christopher; 510 George St Suite 239, Jackson, 39202. 65 - Hinds. Representative Bell was born in Chicago, Illinois and is of the United Methodist faith. Jackson State University; Insurance Broker; Omega Psi Phi, Board of Trustees Leadership Greater Jackson, Anderson United Methodist Church, Sunrise Rotary Club, Jackson Chamber of Commerce, and Anderson Outreach CDC Board. House 2016-Present. Democrat.

Bennett, Richard; 20108 Daugherty Rd, Long Beach, 39560. 120 - Harrison. Representative Bennett was born June 25, 1957 and is married to the former Tricia Clark. He is of the Catholic Faith. Gulf Coast Jr. College, University of Southern Miss; Retired - 29 years DuPont. Representative Bennett is a member of the Foreign Trade Zone, Gulf Coast Council of Governments, Long Beach Drug Task Force, and Hazard Mitigation Council. House 2008-Present. Republican.

Blackmon, Jr., Edward; P. O. Drawer 105, Canton, 39046. 57 - Madison. Representative Blackmon was born in Canton and is married to the former Barbara Martin. He is of the Baptist faith. Tougaloo College, George Washington University, Tuskegee Institute, Emory University. Attorney. Representative Blackmon is affiliated with the NAACP, the Magnolia and American Bar Associations, and the Mississippi Trial Lawyers Association. House 1979-1980, 1984-Present. Democrat.

Bomgar, Joel; P. O. Box 1998, Madison, 39130. 58 - Madison. Representative Bomgar was born February 6, 1980. He is married to the former Rachel Roberts. He is of the Presbyterian faith. Belhaven University. Entrepreneur. Representative Bomgar is Founder of Bomgar Corporation. He served in the Mississippi Air National Guard and on the Steering Council of Mississippi Economic Council's Blueprint Mississippi. He is a former board member of the Madison County Foundation and Belhaven University. House 2016-Present. Republican.

Bounds, C. Scott; 45 Carla Drive, Philadelphia, 39350. 44 - Leake, Neshoba. Representative Bounds was born February 12, 1962 in Philadelphia and is married to the former Jennifer Cheatham. He is of the Baptist faith. Philadelphia High School, Mississippi State University. Territory Manager - Working Solutions, LLC. Representative Bounds is a member of the NRA, Wildlife Mississippi, the Mississippi Wildlife Federation, Neshoba County Forestry Assn., Neshoba County Farm Bureau, the Community Development Partnership and is Vice-President and Program Director of the Neshoba County Fair Association. Representative Bounds also serves on the National Association of Sportsmen's Caucus Executive Council and serves as Co-Chair of the Mississippi Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus. House 2004-Present. Republican.

Boyd, Andy, 129 Whispering Trees, Columbus, MS 39702. 37 - Clay, Lowndes, Oktibbeha. Representative Boyd is affiliated with Fairview Baptist Church, Kiwanis Club and YMCA. Representative Boyd was born June 26, 1957, in Columbus, Mississippi. He is married to Sherry Lee Boyd and they are of Baptist Faith. House 2023-Present. Republican.

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Boyd, Randy P.; P.O. Box 157, Mantachie, 38855. 19 - Itawamba, Lee. Representative Boyd was born March 23, 1954 in Russellville, Alabama, and married to the former Sherry Holland. They are of the Baptist faith. Mississippi State University, Itawamba Community College, Tremont High School. Forester, Land Surveyor. Representative Boyd is a member of the Mantachie Lion's Club, M.A.P.S., S.A.F., M.F.A., and Deacon's Board. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Brown, Chris; 33112 Highway 45 N, Nettleton, 38858. 20 - Itawamba, Lee, Monroe. Representative Brown was born March 5, 1971 and is the father of five children: Caleb, Joshua, Virginia, Elijah and Gabriel. They are of the Primitive faith. University of Memphis, Northeast MS CC. Business Owner. Representative Brown is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Gideon's International, NRA, Republican Executive Committee, Monroe County Republican Executive Committee, Leadership Monroe and AOPA. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Brown, Bo; P.O. BOX 3434, Jackson, 39207. 70 - Hinds. Representative Brown was born November 8, 1949, and is married to the former Imelda Anderson. They are of the Baptist denomination. Tennessee State University B.A.; Political Science; Jackson State University M.P.P.A Public Policy and Administration; , Post Graduate, University of Santa Clara (CA) Urban Affairs. Insurance Broker. New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church and Board of Trustees, BelAir Homeowners' Association, Tennessee State University Alumni Association , Jackson State University Alumni Association, YMCA, Jackson Association of Life Underwriters and Financial Planners , National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Member of Lodge #242- Prince Hall Masons- M W Stringer Grand Lodge, F&AM State of Mississippi. House 2020-Present. Democrat.

Burnett, Cedric; 9 - Coahoma, Quitman, Tate, Tunica. Representative Burnett was born February 24, 1966 in Sardis and is married to the former Tishia Holloway. They are of the Methodist denomination. Northwest Community College, University of Memphis. Mortician. House 2016-Present. Democrat.

Busby, Charles; 901 Beach Blvd, Pascagoula, 39567. 111 - Jackson. Representative Busby was born July 24, 1963, in Laurel, Mississippi, and married to the former Felicia Hillman. They are of the Episcopal faith. University of South Alabama, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. Engineer, Business Owner. Representative Busby is a member of the Pascagoula Rotary Club, Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, Jackson County Economic Development FDN, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, American Council of Engineering Companies, and the NRA. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Byrd, Larry; 17 Byrd Rd, Petal, 39465. 104 - Forrest. Representative Byrd was born August 1, 1948 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and is married to the former Karen Devereaux. He is of the Southern Baptist faith. Petal High School. Contractor. Representative Byrd is a member of the Petal Chamber of Commerce, Macedonia Baptist Church, Petal Masonic Lodge no. 516 Hattiesburg York, K.Y.C.H. & Scottish Rite 32 degrees Bodies, K.C.C.H., V.F.W. Life Member, and U.S. Army Veteran of the 82nd Airborne Division. House 2008-Present. Republican.

Calvert, Billy Adam; P.O. Box 5774, Meridian, 39302. 83 - Lauderdale. Representative Calvert was born in Meridian and is married to the former Jessica Courville. They are of the Christian faith. University of Mississippi 2002; East Central Community College;

Kemper Academy. CEO of Southern Business Supply; Farmer. Representative Calvert is a member of the NRA; Gun owners of America; U of M (Mclub). House 2020-Present. Republican.

Carpenter, Lester; 8 Carpenter Drive, Burnsville, 38833. 1 - Alcorn, Tishomingo. Representative Carpenter was born on September 1, 1970 and is married to Niesha Carpenter. They have one son, Noah Carpenter. They are of the Methodist faith. Burnsville High school, Northeast Mississippi Community College, Paramedic School, Wallace State Community College. Paramedic. Representative Carpenter is the current chairman of the Mississippi House of Representatives Conservative Coalition, Burnsville area Chamber of Commerce, Tishomingo Economic Foundation, and affiliated with Boy Scouts of America. House 2008-Present. Republican.

Clark, Bryant W.; 271 Clark Road, Pickens, 39170. 47 - Attala, Holmes, Yazoo. Holmes Community College; AA, Mississippi Valley State; BS, Mississippi college School of Law; JD; Attorney. Representative Clark is a member of the Mississippi Bar Association and the Magnolia Bar Association. He is the President of the Holmes County NAACP. He was born October 31, 1974 in Jackson and is of the Baptist faith. House 2004-Present. Democrat.

Clarke, Alyce G.; 1053 Arbor Vista Boulevard, Jackson, 39209. 69 - Hinds. Representative Clarke was born in Yazoo City and was married to the late Lee William Clarke, Jr. She is of the Baptist faith. Alcorn State University, Tuskegee University. Nutritionist. Representative Clarke is affiliated with Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alcorn Alumni, Jack and Jill of America, Inc., MS Public Health Association, Regional Association of Drug Free Schools and Communities and State PTA. House 1985-Present. Democrat.

Cockerham, Angela; Post Office Box 613, Magnolia, 39652. 96 - Adams, Amite, Pike, Wilkinson. Ms. Cockerham was born in Jackson, Mississippi. She is of the Baptist faith. Jackson State University; B. A., Loyola University-New Orleans; J. D., Tufts University, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, M.A. Attorney. Adjunct Professor for MS College School of Law; Representative Cockerham is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha and is a member of the Mississippi and Louisiana Bar Associations. House 2005-Present. Independent.

Crawford, Carolyn; 26339 Camille Drive, Pass Christian, 39571. 121 - Harrison. Representative Crawford is married to Mike Crawford; they have three children: Marly, Emily, and Jackson, and they are of the Catholic faith. University of South Alabama, Long Beach High School. Former Social Worker. Representative Crawford is a member of the Harrison County Republican Women, Harrison County Republican Club, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, L. B. Youth Recreation League and lifetime member of the NRA. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Creekmore, Samuel; 1315 South Central Ave., New Albany, 38652. 14 - Union. Representative Creekmore was born on September 24, 1966, in Starkville and is married to the former Warner Poindexter. They are of the Methodist denomination. Mississippi State University. Landscape Architect. Representative Creekmore is a member of the following: America Society of Landscape, National Federation of Independent Business, New Albany Sustainability Advisors, and New Albany Main Street. House 2020-Present. Republican.

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Criswell, Dana; P. O. Box 1321, Olive Branch, 38654. 6 - DeSoto. Representative Criswell was born October 9, 1963, in Pascagoula, Mississippi and is married to the former Julie Strum. They are of the Christian faith. University of Louisiana Monroe, M. A., Delta State University, BAvn. Pilot. Representative Criswell is affiliated with Airline Pilots Association, National Rifle Association, National Association for Gun Rights, and Desoto County Conservative Coalition. House 2016-Present. Republican.

Crudup, Ronnie C.; P. O. Box 7003, Jackson, 39282. 71 - Hinds. Representative Crudup was born June 12, 1977, and he is married to the former Andrea Davis. They are of the Christian faith. Murrah High School 1995, Belhaven University 2006. Executive Director Administrator. House 2019-Present. Democrat.

Currie, Becky; 407 Oliver Dr, Brookhaven, 39601. 92 - Copiah, Lawrence, Lincoln. Representative Currie was born on May 2, 1957. She is married to Bruce Currie. She is of the Episcopal faith. Southwest Community College, A.S., University of Southern Mississippi. Registered Nurse. Representative Currie is a member of the Mississippi Nurses' Association. House 2008-Present. Republican.

Darnell, Jerry; 4250 Green Village Drive, Hernando, 38632. 28 - DeSoto. Representative Darnell was born on November 27, 1962, in Memphis, Tennessee, and is married to the former Fay Wright. They are of the Baptist denotation. University of Mississippi M.A.; B.A., Northwest Mississippi Community College A. A., Coldwater High School. Retired District Office Administrator/ Principal. Representative Darnell is a member of the following: Mississippi Association of School Administrators, Farm Bureau member, and Mississippi State Extension Service Board Member. House 2020-Present. Republican.

Denton, Oscar; 5024 Rollingwood E. Drive, Vicksburg, 39180. 55 - Warren. Representative Denton was born July 30, 1953, in Vicksburg. He is married to the former Margaret C. Naylor. They are of the Baptist faith. Rosa A. Temple High School, Utica Jr. College, George Meany Institute; AT & T, Businessman. Representative Denton is a member of AFL-CIO, CWA, Local 3518, and the NAACP. House 2014-Present. Democrat.

Deweese, Clay; 5006 Bluff Cove, Oxford, 38655. 12 - Lafayette. Representative Deweese was born November 13, 1981, in Clarksdale and is married to the former Katie Qaaka. They are of the Presbyterian denomination. Business Administration from University of Mississippi 2004. Real Estate Broker. House 2020-Present. Republican.

Eubanks, Dan; P. O. Box 184, Walls, 38680. 25 - DeSoto. Representative Eubanks was born June 11, 1970, in Hicksville, OH, and is married to the former Corey Moore-Luckhardt. They are of the Christian faith. North Little Rock Northeast (HS), Kilgore College (CGP), Univ. of Arkansas (B.B.A. Finance), Karl Franzens Univ, Universidad de Autodenama, Mid America Baptist Seminary; Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries. Representative Eubanks is affiliated with Desoto Co. Republican Club and Desoto Co. Conservative Coalition. House 2016-Present. Republican.

Eure, Casey; 11839 Sleeping Deer Lane, Saucier, 39574. 116 - Harrison. Representative Eure was born March 1, 1978, in Jackson, MS. He is married to the former Jill Gary and they have two children, Kennedy and Gunner. He is of the Catholic faith. MS Gulf Coast Community College, USM Law Enforcement Academy; Self-employed - Eure Properties. Representative Eure is a member of the National Rifle Association, Coast Young Professionals, Harrison County Republican Club and Woolmarket Little League

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Association. He was previously affiliated with the Harrison County Sheriff's Department, MS Bureau of Narcotics and MS Public Service Commission. House 2011-Present. Republican.

Evans, Michael T.; 1147 Mount Harmony Rd, Preston, 39354. 45 - Kemper, Lauderdale, Neshoba, Winston. Representative Evans was born September 16, 1975, and is married to the former Heather Luke. They are of the Baptist faith. Mississippi Fire Academy, Nanih Waiya High School. Fireman, Farmer. Representative Evans is a member of the Mississippi Fire Chiefs' Association, Mississippi Farm Bureau, Rotary, Mason, and Mississippi Poultry Association. House 2012-Present. Independent.

Evans, Bob; P.O. Box 636, Monticello, 39654. 91 - Copiah, Covington, Jefferson Davis, Lawrence, Simpson. Representative Evans was born on February 3, 1950, and is married to the former Jane Allen. He is of the Baptist faith. Monticello High School, Mississippi State University, B.A. , Mississippi College School of Law, J.D. Attorney. Representative Evans is a member of Habitat for Humanity, Southern Poverty Leadership Council, American Bar Association, and Mississippi Public Defenders' Association. House 2008-Present. Democrat.

Faulkner, John G.; P.O. Box 5955, Holly Springs, 38634. 5 - Benton, Lafayette, Marshall, Tate. Representative Faulkner was born August 20, 1965, and is of the Baptist faith. Holly Springs High School, Army School of Nursing, Strayer University. Youth Counselor. Representative Faulkner is the chairman of Crime Stoppers for Marshall/Panola Counties, a member of Marshall County IDA Board of Directors, 32nd Degree Mason (Shriners) Prince Hall Affiliated, and NAACP. House 2014-Present. Democrat.

Felsher, Kevin; P. O. Box 4721, Biloxi, 39535. 117 - Harrison. Representative Felsher was born October 10, 1975, in Biloxi, MS. He is married to Crystal Lucas Felsher and they are of the Catholic faith. USM, Sports Coaching and Education, B.S. Real Estate Broker. Representative Felsher is affiliated with MS Coast Crime Stoppers, Catholic Charities of South MS, Main Street Biloxi board member, City of Biloxi Architectural and Historic Commission, and Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree. House 2020-Present. Republican.

Ford, Kevin; 206 Willow Way, Vicksburg, 39183. 54 - Issaquena, Warren, Yazoo. Representative Ford was born March 8, 1979, in Jackson, Mississippi. He is married to the former Julie Alberts and they are of the Methodist faith. University of Alabama at Birmingham, Hinds Community College, Warren High school. Insurance Agent. Representative Ford is affiliated with Red Carpet Bowl. House 2018-Present. Republican.

Ford, Jill; 73 - Madison. Representative Ford was born February 18 and is married to Mike Ford. They have two sons, Patton and Crockett and are of the Baptist faith. Northeast Community College, Mississippi State University. Broker/Ford & Company, LLC. Representative Ford is affiliated with MS Assoc. of Realtors (MAR), Nat'l Assoc. of Realtors (NAR), Madison Co Business League and Foundation (MCBLF), NRA, American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), Madison Republican Women, MS Blood Services (board member), Life Teacher at Broadmoor Baptist, and Founder of Inherit Movement and Gutherings Design. House 2020-Present. Republican.

Foster, Stephanie; 120 Western Hills Drive, Jackson, 39212. 63 - Hinds, Warren, Yazoo. Representative Foster was born March 8 and is married to the late Jimmie Foster. They are of the Baptist faith. Mississippi College, Hinds Community College, Raymond High

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school. Representative Foster is president of Western Hills Homeowners Association, Association of South Jackson board member, PTSO, PTA member of Utica Elementary Middle school, and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. House 2020-Present. Democrat.

Gibbs, Karl; 543 George Walker Rd., West Point, 39773. 36 - Clay, Monroe. Representative Gibbs is married to the former Sonya Deanes and they are of the Baptist faith. Alcorn State, B.S., Educational Psychology. Police Officer. Representative Gibbs is affiliated with The American Legion. House 2013-Present. Democrat.

Goodin, Dale; 72 Memorial Church Rd, Richton, 39467. 105 - George, Greene, Perry. Representative Goodin was born October 13, 1958, in New Orleans, LA. He is married to the former Jeanette Francis and they are of the Baptist faith. USM-Educational Leadership, M.S. Vo-Tech Director (Retired). Representative Goodin is affiliated with Disciples Chapel, Exchange Club, Farm Bureau, MS Forestry Assn, MOAA, Retired Army, METLA, and MSACTE. House 2020-Present. Republican.

Guice, Jeffrey S.; P. O Box 549, Ocean Springs, 39566. 114 - Harrison, Jackson. Representative Guice was born December 22, 1959, in El Paso, Texas, and is married to the former Belinda Gryder. He is of the Presbyterian faith. University of Southern Mississippi. Real Estate Broker. Representative Guice is a member of the National Association of Realtors and the Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Club of the Gulf Coast. House 2008-Present. Republican.

Gunn, Philip; P. O. Box 1018, Jackson, 39215. 56 - Hinds, Madison. Representative Gunn was born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and is married to the former Lisa Watkins. He is of Baptist faith. Representative Gunn is a member of the Clinton Chamber Commerce, Hinds County Bar Association and the Mississippi Bar Association. House 2004-Present. Speaker of the House 2012-Present. Republican.

Hale, Jeff; 2303 Westwind Drive, Nesbit, 24 - DeSoto. Representative Hale was born August 8, 1966, in Corinth, MS, and is married to the former Traci Sims. They are of the Cornerstone Assembly faith. MS Fire Academy, Northwest College; Public Safety/Sales. Representative Hale is affiliated with the Southern Rotary Club, Bridgetown Fire Dept., and MS Firefighters Assoc. House 2016-Present. Republican.

Haney, Greg; 104 45th St, Gulfport, 39507. 118 - Harrison. Representative Haney was born in Clarksdale, Mississippi. Greg and his wife, Rhonda, are longtime residents of Gulfport and have raised three sons on the Coast. They are of the Baptist faith. University of Southern Mississippi. Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Gulfport East High School. Real Estate Broker. Representative Haney is a member of the Nat'l Assoc. of Realtors, MS Assoc. of Realtors, MS Gulf Coast Realtors, MS Gulf Coast MLS, Harrison County Republican Club. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Harness, Jeffery; P.O. Box 758, Fayette, 39069. 85 - Claiborne, Franklin, Jefferson, Warren. Representative Harness was born April 8, 1978, in McComb, Mississippi. He is married to the former LeCourtney Young. They are of the Baptist faith. Southern Univ. School of Law, Alcorn State Univ., M.A., Alcorn State Univ., B.S., Jefferson County High. Attorney. Representative Harness is affiliated with the Magnolia Bar Association, Mississippi Bar Association, and Citizens for Progress. House 2019-Present. Democrat.

Hines, Sr., John W.; P. O. Box 114, Greenville, 38701. 50 - Bolivar, Issaquena, Washington. Representative Hines was born in Greenville. He has three children and is

of the non-denominational faith. Greenville High School, Mississippi Valley State University. Insurance Agent and Investigator. Representative Hines is member of 100 Black Men of the Mississippi Delta, a member of the NAACP, a member of Young Men Making a Difference, a member of the FEMA National Advisory Council, youth mentor and Little League coach. House 2001-Present. Democrat.

Hobgood-Wilkes, Stacey; P. O. Box 1165, Picayune, 39466. 108 - Pearl River. Representative Hobgood-Wilkes was born August 9, 1968, and is of the Baptist faith. University of Southern MS, Pearl River Community College, Picayune Memorial High school. Insurance/Public Relations, Business Owner. Representative Hobgood-Wilkes is affiliated with MS Republican State Executive Committee, Pearl River County Republican Executive Committee, Pearl River County Republican Women Rotarian, Paul Harris Fellow recipient, Picayune Junior Auxiliary - lifetime member, and Senior Center of South Pearl River County board member. House 2017-Present. Republican.

Holloway, Sr., Gregory; 115 Edgewood Drive, Hazlehurst, 39083. 76 - Claiborne, Copiah, Hinds. Representative Holloway was born in Hazlehurst. He is married to the former April Singleton. They have two children, Gregory L. Holloway, II and Joshalyn Holloway. He is a member of the Church of Christ Holiness, U.S.A. Hazlehurst High School, Alcorn State University, B.A., Jackson State University, M.P.P.A. Legislator. Representative Holloway is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and a Master Mason F&AM and Past Worshipful Master. He is affiliated with the NAACP, the National Association of Student Affairs Professionals, Outstanding Young Men of America, and National Selection Committee for Outstanding Young Men of America. He is a member of the Executive Council for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission of Colleges (S.A.C.S.C.O.C). He is a former employee of Jackson State University. He is also a member of the board of directors for the Mississippi Headstart Association. House 2000-Present. Democrat.

Hood, Joey; P.O. Box 759, Ackerman, 39735. 35 - Attala, Choctaw, Webster, Winston. Representative Hood was born December 11, 1976, in Amory, Mississippi, and married to the former Cynthia Oswald. They are of the Presbyterian faith. Mississippi State University, B.A., Mississippi College School of Law, J.D. Attorney. Representative Hood is a member of the Mississippi Bar Association, Choctaw County Medical Foundation, and Simpson Volunteer Fire Department. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Hopkins, Steve; 1205 Worthington Drive, Southaven, 38671. 7 - DeSoto. Representative Hopkins is married to Beckie Hopkins and they are of the Christian faith. University of Mississippi. FedEx/Service and Quality Assurance. Representative Hopkins is affiliated with the Conservative Coalition of Mississippi and Desoto County Conservative Coalition. House 2016-Present. Republican.

Horan, Kevin; P.O. Box 2166, Grenada, 38901. 34 - Carroll, Grenada, Holmes, Leflore, Tallahatchie. Representative Horan was born October 29, 1961, in Water Valley, Mississippi, and is married to the former Clarissa DeHart. Mississippi College School of Law, University of Mississippi, Water Valley High School. Attorney; Chief Financial Officer-Milestone Hospice, Inc. Representative Horan is a member of the Milestone Hospice, Inc. and Mississippi Bar Association. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Horne, Stephen A.; 5904 Causeyville Road, Meridian, 39301. 81 - Clarke, Lauderdale. Representative Horne was born June 10, 1958 in Meridian and is married to the former Suzy Coker. They have three children; Lauren (deceased), Tommy and Hunter. They are

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of the Southern Baptist faith. Jefferson Davis Academy, University of Southern Mississippi, B.S.; Insurance; Representative Horne is a member of the National Rifle Association, Pi Kappa Alpha and is a mason. House 2004-Present. Republican.

Huddleston, Mac; P.O. Drawer 300, Pontotoc, 38863. 15 - Pontotoc. Representative Huddleston was born on September 16, 1943, and is married to the former Flavia Hutchinson. He is of the Baptist faith. Durant High School, Mississippi State University, B.S., Auburn University, D.V.M, U.S. Army Rotary Wing Aviator Course, North Mississippi Law Enforcement Academy, Certified Investigator Program, MDPS. Veterinarian, Criminal Investigator. Representative Huddleston is a member of the Pontotoc Chamber of Commerce, Farm Bureau, Pontotoc Band Boosters, and Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association. House 2008-Present. Republican.

Hulum, III, Jeffrey; P. O. Box 1387, Gulfport, 39502. 119 - Harrison. Representative Hulum was born on July 23, 1976, and is the C. E. O. of Extend a Hand, Help a Friend Foundation. Representative Hulum is affiliated with the City of Gulfport Initiative of Nonprofits in Partnership, West Gulfport Civic Club, North Gulfport Civic Club and Prince Hall Freemasonry. Representative Hulum is of the Baptist faith. House 2022-Present. Democrat.

Jackson, Lataisha; P.O. Box 358, Como, 38619. 11 - Panola, Tate. Representative Jackson was born August 4, 1983, in Fort Ord, California, and is of the Baptist faith. North Panola High School, Alabama State University; B.A. English Language Arts Education, Alabama State; M.A. Education Leadership. Executive Director of E.D.V.C.A.T.E Inc. Representative Jackson is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and an active member of Askew Grove Baptist Church. House 2013-Present. Democrat.

Johnson, III, Robert L.; P. O. Box 1678, Natchez, 39121. 94 - Adams, Franklin, Jefferson. Representative Johnson was born November 29, 1958, in Natchez. He is married to the former Evelyn Joiner and is a member of the African Methodist Episcopal faith. Washington University (St. Louis), University of Illinois, University of Illinois College of Law. Attorney. Representative Johnson is a member of the Mississippi Bar Association and the Mississippi Trial Lawyers Association. He is President of the Adams County Voters League. Senate: 1993-2003, House of Representatives: 2004-Present. Democrat.

Karriem, Kabir; P. O. Box 255, Columbus, 39703. 41 - Lowndes. Representative Karriem is married to the former Carolyn Turner. They have five children. Mississippi State University, Hinds Community College. Business Owner. Representative Karriem is affiliated with various organizations in his community and through out the state. House 2016-Present. Democrat.

Kinkade, Bill; 71 Peachtree Rd, Byhalia, 38611. 52 - DeSoto, Marshall. Representative Kinkade is married to the former Debra Sue Pritchard. They are of the Baptist faith. Orange High School, Orange, California. V.P. Operations/Sales. Representative Kinkade is a member of the Byhalia Chamber of Commerce, Olive Branch Chamber of Commerce, Byhalia Lions Club, and the AutoZone Liberty Bowl Board of Directors. House 2013-Present. Republican.

Ladner, Timmy; 6 Michael D. Smith Rd, Poplarville, 39470. 93 - Hancock, Pearl River, Stone. Representative Ladner was born July 4, 1963, in Gulfport, Mississippi, and is married to the former Carrie Smith. They are of the Baptist faith. Mississippi Realtors Institute, Pearl River Community College. Realtor, Business Owner. Representative

Ladner is a member of the Gulf Coast Association of Realtors, MS Association of Realtors, and National Association of Realtors. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Lamar, III, John Thomas (Trey); 214 South Ward Street, Senatobia, 38668. 8 - Lafayette, Tate. Representative Lamar was born August 5, 1980, in Memphis, Tennessee, and is married to the former Jill Anthony. They are of the Christian faith. Washington University (St. Louis), Mississippi College School of Law, University of Mississippi, Magnolia Heights School. Attorney. Representative Lamar is a member of First Baptist Church of Senatobia, Senatobia Rotary Club, Tate County Economic Development Foundation, MS BAR Association, and Ole Miss M-Club. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Lancaster, Johnathan Ray; 22 - Chickasaw, Pontotoc. Representative Lancaster was born in Amory, MS. He is married to the former Kelly Porter and they are of the Christian faith. Houston High school. Farmer. Representative Lancaster is affiliated with NRA, MS Cattlemen's Assn, Mason, and Deacon of Arbor Grove Baptist Church. House 2020-Present. Republican.

Mangold, Vince; P. O. Box 1018, Jackson, 39201. 53 - Franklin, Jefferson Davis, Lawrence, Lincoln, Pike. Representative Mangold was born July 22, 1964, in the Clark Air force Base, Republic of the Philippines, and is married to the former Michelle Lofton. They are of the Baptist faith. University of Southern Miss, B.A., Copiah-Lincoln CC, A. A, Hazlehurst High School. Self-employed farmer. Representative Mangold is affiliated with the Mississippi Cattleman's Association, Mississippi Association of Independent Schools, and the Referees Association. House 2016-Present. Republican.

Massengill, Steve; 424 Massengill Road, Hickory Flat, 38633. 13 - Benton, Lafayette, Marshall, Union. Representative Massengill was born November 21, 1966 and married to the former Dina Whiteside. They are of the Methodist faith. Hickory Flat High School. Big M Transportation. Representative Massengill is a member of Ebenezer Men's Club (President) and Pott's Camp Booster Club. House 2012-Present. Republican.

McCarty, Kent; 13 Leaf Lane, Hattiesburg, 39402. 101 - Lamar. Representative McCarty was born January 1, 1993, in Hattiesburg, MS. He is of the Baptist faith. USM-Banking and Finance, OGHs. Small business owner (Java Moe's Coffee Co.). Representative McCarty is affiliated with the Pine Belt Foundation, Development Committee and Area Development Partnership. House 2019-Present. Republican.

McCray, Hester Jackson; 3420 Laurel Wood Street, Horn Lake, 38637. 40 - DeSoto. Representative Jackson-McCray was born May 19 in Drew, MS. She is of the Baptist faith. Triton College, River Forest, IL., Westinghouse Vocational High school. Nurse-Certified Dementia Practitioner. Representative Jackson-McCray is affiliated with Desoto Marshal County Federation of Democratic Women, NAACP, AARP Chapter 5371, and Brown Baptist MB Church in Southaven, MS. House 2020-Present. Democrat.

McGee, Missy; P. O. Box 19089, Hattiesburg, 39404. 102 - Forrest, Lamar. Representative McGee was born March 31, 1966, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. She is married to Sean McGee and they are of the Methodist faith. University of Southern Miss, Speech Communication, BS/MS, Hattiesburg High School. Former Instructor of Speech Communication-USM, Former Legislative Asst. to Sen. Trent Lott. Representative McGee is a lifetime member of USM Alumni Association, former board member of the USM Athletic Foundation, life member of the Hattiesburg Jr. Auxiliary Leadership Pine Belt;

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Area Development Partnership, Hattiesburg Dixie Youth baseball, and member of Main Street United Methodist Church. House 2017-Present. Republican.

McKnight, Jay; 22160 Hwy 53, Gulfport, 39503. 95 - Hancock, Harrison. Representative McKnight was born December 16, 1974, in Gulfport, MS. He is married to the former Melinda Parker and they are of the Catholic faith. MS Gulf Coast CC; Real Estate/Broker. Representative McKnight is affiliated with the NRA, Hancock and Gulf Coast chamber, Nat'l Assoc. of Realtors, Harrison Co. Representative Club, Hancock Co. Representative Club, and Knights of Columbus. House 2020-Present. Republican.

McLean, Dana; 332 Williamsburg Rd, Columbus, 39705. 39 - Lowndes, Monroe. Representative McLean was born July 9 in Russellville, AL. She is of the Christian faith. Stetson University College of Law, JD and LLM, University of Alabama, BA, Stephen D. Lee High school. Realtor, Attorney (licensed in FL). Representative McLean is affiliated with the Florida Bar Assn., Nat'l Assn. of Realtors, Greater Golden Triangle Realtor Assn., Columbus-Lowndes Chamber of Commerce, and Exchange Club Columbus Arts Council. House 2020-Present. Republican.

McLeod, Doug; 1211 Bexley Church Rd, Lucedale, 39452. 107 - George, Stone. Rep McLeod was born December 15, 1960, in Lucedale, Mississippi, and is married to the former Michele R. Fontenelle. They are of the Presbyterian faith. Hinds Community College, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, George County High School. Business Owner. Representative McLeod is a member of the George Co. Economic Development Board of Directors, Academic Board, and Farm Bureau. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Mickens, Carl L.; P.O. Box 427, Brooksville, 39739. 42 - Lowndes, Noxubee, Winston. Representative Mickens was born August 8 in Noxubee County, Mississippi, and is married to the former Cheryl Richardson. They are of the Baptist faith. Kentucky State University, B.S. Retired Circuit Court Clerk, Funeral Services. Representative Mickens is affiliated with the Kentucky State University alumni chapter, NAACP, Prince Hall Mason, MS Farm Bureau, Earl Nash PTO, and NCHS Booster. House 2016-Present. Democrat.

Miles, Tom; 807 Hwy 35 South, Forest, 39074. 75 - Rankin, Scott. Representative Miles was born November 3, 1979, in Morton, Mississippi. He is of the Baptist faith. Mississippi State University, Morton High School. Business Owner. Representative Miles is a member of Forest Baptist Church. Morton, Rankin, and Forest County Chambers of Commerce, Forest Rotary and Lion's Club, lifetime member of the NRA, Scott County Dive Team, Habitat for Humanity and Relay for Life, and MSU Alumni Assoc. House 2012-Present. Democrat.

Mims, Sam C.; 605 Lakeshore Drive, McComb, 39648. 97 - Adams, Amite, Franklin, Pike. He was born in McComb and is married to the former Amy Legg of Summit. They are the parents of two daughters and one son and are members of Centenary United Methodist in McComb. McComb High School, Delta State University, B.B.A.; Marketing and Business Developer; National Rifle Association, the McComb Rotary Club, former member of the Pike County Republican Executive Committee, and former chairman of the City of McComb Republican Executive Committee. House 2003-Present. Republican.

Morgan, Ken; 1640 Highway 587, Morgantown, 39483. 100 - Lamar, Marion. Representative Morgan was born September 10, 1951, in Columbia, Mississippi, and is married to the former Wanda G. Stringer. He is of the Baptist faith. Mississippi Law

Enforcement Academy. Small business owner. Representative Morgan is the former Marion County Representative for the Pearl River Basin Development District; Marion County Forestry Association, National Wild Turkey Federation, and NRA. He is also the past president of the Cattleman's Association, Pearl River Land and Conservation Association, Chief, Morgantown Vol. Fire Department, and a Mason and a Shriner. House 2007-Present. Republican.

Newman, Gene; 801 Country place Drive, Pearl, 39208. 61 - Rankin. Representative Newman was born December 12, 1955, in Brookhaven, MS. He is married to the former Betty Miles, and they are of the Baptist faith. University of Cincinnati, (M.S.), University of Southern Miss, (B.S. in Economics), Copiah Lincoln Jr. College, Pearl High school. Bail Agent/Insurance Agent. Representative Newman is affiliated with the Pearl Chamber of Commerce and Pearl Kiwanis. House 2020-Present. Republican.

Oliver, Karl; P.O. Box 95, Winona, 38967. 46 - Carroll, Grenada, Leflore, Montgomery, Webster. Representative Oliver was born in Winona, Mississippi, and is married to the former Lynn Kellum Glenn. They are of the Baptist faith. Representative Oliver is a member of the MS Funeral Directors Assoc., the National Funeral Directors Association, Nat'l Rifle Assoc., and The Boone and Crockett Club. House 2016-Present. Republican.

Osborne, Solomon C.; P.O. Box 8175, Greenwood, 38935-8175. 32 - Leflore. Representative Osborne was born May 26, 1948, in Minter City, Mississippi, and is married to the former Deborah Brock. They are of the Baptist faith. Amanda Elzy High School, BA Tougaloo College Political Science, Juris Doctorate University of Illinois College of Law. Attorney. Representative Osborne is affiliated with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, NAACP, American Bar Association, Magnolia Bar Association, National Bar Association and the National Conference of Black Lawyers. House 2019-Present. Democrat.

Owen, Jansen T.; P.O. Box 249, Poplarville, 39470. 106 - Lamar, Pearl River. Representative Owen was born July 2, 1993, in Hattiesburg, MS, and is married to the former Colbie Marshall. They are of the Baptist denomination. Tulane Law School J.D., University of Southern Mississippi B.A., Pearl River Community College A.A. Attorney; Business Owner. Representative Owen is a member of: National Rifle Association; Poplarville Area Chamber of Commerce; Pearl River County Bar Association; Mississippi Bar Association; American Bar Association; and The Federalist Society. House 2020-Present. Republican.

Paden, Orlando; 3731 Stovall Rd, Clarksdale, 38614. 26 - Bolivar, Coahoma. Representative Paden was born June 5, 1984, in Clarksdale, Mississippi, and is of the C.O.G.I.C. faith. Belhaven University, Alcorn State University, Coahoma Community College, Coahoma Agricultural High School. College Administrator. Representative Paden is affiliated with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Aaron E Henry Health Service Board, NAACP, Nat'l and Southern Assoc. of Student Employment Administrators, ASPIRE, Clarksdale Revitalization Inc., and Jonestown Family Center of Education and Wellness Church of God in Christ. House 2016-Present. Democrat.

Patterson, Randall; 1352 Kensington Drive, Biloxi, 39530. 115 - Harrison. Representative Patterson was born February 4, 1948, in Biloxi, Mississippi, and is married to the former Vickie Lackey. He has one son, Grant, and a daughter, Randi. He is of the Methodist faith. Biloxi High School, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, A.A. (PERK Campus), University of Southern Mississippi, B.S., William Carey College, M. Ed.

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Contractor. Representative Patterson is a member of the American Legislative Exchange Council, Biloxi Chamber of Commerce, Biloxi Bay Chamber of Commerce, Association of General Contractors of Mississippi, City of Biloxi Plumbing and Mechanical Board and the Biloxi Elks' Lodge #606. House 2004-Present. Republican.

Pigott, Bill; 92 Pigott Easterling Rd, Tylertown, 39667. 99 - Lamar, Marion, Walthall. Representative Pigott was born on October 13, 1946, in Tylertown, Mississippi, and is married to the former Doris Revette. He is of the Baptist faith. Dexter High School, Pearl River Community College, Mississippi State University, B.S. Farmer. Representative Pigott is a member of the Farm Bureau, Mississippi Cattlemen's Association, Mississippi Beef Council, and the ADA of Mississippi. House 2008-Present. Republican.

Porter, Daryl; P. O. Box 772, Summit, 39666. 98 - Pike, Walthall. Representative Porter was born September 30, 1990, in McComb, MS. He is of the Baptist faith. Mississippi College of Law-2018, University of MS-2013, McComb High school-2009. Attorney. Representative Porter is affiliated with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Founder of Yancy Men's Mentoring, a member of Summit Missionary Baptist Church, and a church trustee. House 2020-Present. Democrat.

Powell, Brent; P.O. Box 5454, Brandon, 39047. 59 - Rankin. Representative Powell was born February 8, 1969, in Oklahoma City, OK, and is married to the former Natasha Goff. He is of the Methodist faith. Northwest Rankin High School, Mississippi State University. Realtor; Forester. Representative Powell is affiliated with the National Association of Realtors. House 2013-Present. Republican.

Read, John; 2396 Robert Hiram Drive, Gautier, 39553. 112 - Jackson. Representative Read was born July 8, 1941, in Bunkie, Louisiana, and is of the Baptist faith. Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, North East Louisiana University. Pharmacist. Representative Read was previously a City Councilman and Mayor of the City of Gautier. House 1993-Present. Republican.

Reynolds, Thomas U.; P. O. Drawer 280, Charleston, 38921. 33 - Grenada, Tallahatchie, Yalobusha. He was born November 15, 1954, in Charleston and is married to the former Elizabeth Fedric. He is a deacon, and of the Baptist faith. University of Mississippi, University of Mississippi School of Law. Attorney. Representative Reynolds is affiliated with Phi Kappa Phi and Rotary. House 1980-Present. Democrat.

Roberson, Rob; 212 East Main Street, Starkville, 39759. 43 - Oktibbeha, Winston. Representative Roberson was born August 8, 1968, in Greenville, Mississippi, and is married to the former Karen Shurden. Mississippi College School of Law, J.D., Mississippi State University, B.B.S., Starkville High school. Attorney. Representative Roberson is affiliated with the Greater Starkville Partnership and is the board attorney for the town of Sturgis. House 1998-2003; 2016-Present. Republican.

Robinson, Robin; 1179 Township Road, Laurel, 39443. 88 - Jasper, Jones. Representative Robinson was born September 12, in Laurel, Mississippi. She is married to Sam Britton and she is of the Pentecostal faith. USM; B.S., Jones C.C.; A.A., N.E. Jones High school. Sanderson Farms, Retired. Representative Robinson is presiding President of the Institution of Higher Learning Board of Trustees; Chairman of Leadership Mississippi, a member of the Board of Directors for the USM Foundation, Mississippi Center for Obesity Research at UMMC Neuro Institute, and Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi board member. House 2020-Present. Republican.

Rosebud, Tracey T.; P.O. Box 236, Tutwiler, 38963. 30 - Bolivar, Quitman, Sunflower, Tallahatchie. Representative Rosebud was born February 27, 1976, in Charleston, Mississippi. He is married to the former Nichole G. Harris and they are of the Baptist faith. Mississippi Delta C.C., Tennessee Valley Public Power Academy. Consulting. House 2018-Present. Democrat.

Rushing, Randy; 672 North 8th Ave, Decatur, 39327. 78 - Leake, Newton, Scott. Representative Rushing was born September 9, 1963, in Carthage, Mississippi, and is married to the former Lea Ann Kline. He is of the Methodist faith. Mississippi Fire Academy, Mississippi Law Enforcement Minimum Standards, Community College of the Air Force, East Central Community College, Newton County Academy. Business Owner. U.S. Air Force, Mississippi Air National Guard, Retired. Representative Rushing is a member of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce, American Legion Post 89, NRA, and North Decatur Water Assoc. Board. Representative Rushing previously served as Alderman and Mayor in Decatur, police officer, and served over 21 years as a Volunteer Firefighter and EMT. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Sanford, Noah; P. O. Box 1900, Collins, 39428. 90 - Covington, Jefferson Davis, Simpson. Representative Sanford lives in Collins, MS, and is of Southern Baptist faith. University of MS School of Law, J.D., University of MS, B.A., Jones County Jr. College, A.A., Seminary High school. Attorney. Representative Sanford is affiliated with the Chamber of Commerce, MS Bar Assoc., Cattleman's Assoc., and the Covington County Historical Society. House 2016-Present. Republican.

Sanders, Robert L.; 925 S Martin Luther King, Cleveland, 38732. 29 - Bolivar, Sunflower. Representative Sanders was born December 20, 1961, in Shaw, Mississippi. He is married to the former Tracey Boddie, and they are of Baptist faith. Representative Sanders is a member of the Mississippi Association of Police, MML Executive Board, Salvation Army Executive Board, Chamber of Commerce, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, and the Mississippi Valley State University Hall of Fame. House 2021-Present. Democrat.

Scoggin, Donnie; 1203 Pine Street, Ellisville, 39437. 89 - Jones. Representative Scoggin was born August 12, 1962, and is married to the former Donna Grantham. They are of the Baptist faith. M.U.W MS, U.S.M. BS, J.C.J.C. AA. Nurse Practitioner. Representative Scoggin is affiliated with Jones County E.D.A., Jones County Republican, a Member of the Mississippi Nurse Practitioner's Assoc. and Mississippi Nurses Association. House 2017-Present. Republican.

Scott, Omeria; 615 East 19th Street, Laurel, 39440. 80 - Clarke, Jasper, Jones. Representative Scott was born November 21, 1956, in Laurel and is married to the late Charles Scott. She is of the Baptist faith. University of Southern Mississippi. Nursing Home Administrator. Representative Scott is affiliated with the Order of the Eastern Star, National Council of Negro Women, Federated Women of America, Association for Excellence in Education and Beacon of Hope Mississippi Scholarship Foundation. House 1993-Present. Democrat.

Shanks, Fred; 107 Lori Circle, Brandon, 39042. 60 - Rankin. Representative Shanks was born on December 26, 1977, in Flowood. He is of the Baptist faith. University Christian School, Hinds Community College, Mississippi State University. Businessman. Representative Shanks is a member of the following: Rankin County Republican Executive Committee, Reserve Police Officer of Brandon, NRA Member, Former Alderman of Brandon. House 2018-Present. Republican.

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Smith, Troy; 320 Smith Ridge Lane, Enterprise, 39330. 84 - Clarke, Jasper, Newton. Representative Smith is born June 29, 1965 and is married to the former Michell Ballard. They are of the Baptist faith. Jones County Jr. College, Quitman High school. Clarke County District 3 Supervisor, Owner of Long's Fish Camp. Representative Smith is affiliated with the MS Assoc. of Sup. Education Committee, NRA, and NWTf. House 2020-Present. Republican.

Stamps, De'Keither, 396 Woodcliff Drive, Jackson, 39212. 66 - Hinds. Representative Stamps was born November 21, 1976, in Learned, MS, and is married to the former Shonda Scott. They are of the Southern Baptist faith. Representative Stamps is affiliated with VFW, CMPDD, and CMDC. House 2020-Present. Democrat.

Steverson, Jody; 125 Woodridge, Ripley, 38663. 4 - Alcorn, Tippah. Representative Steverson was born August 21, 1968, in Tupelo, Mississippi, and is married to the former Lauren Bailey. They have one son, Bailey, and are of the Presbyterian faith. Mississippi State University, Northeast Mississippi Community College. Cable TV Operator/High Speed Internet provider. Representative Steverson is a member of the Ripley Main Street Assoc., Tippah County MSU Alumni Assoc., Tippah County Dev. Assoc., and Career Pathway Experience Advisory Comm. of the Tippah County Career and Tech. Center. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Straughter, Rufus; 107 Van Buren Street, Belzoni, 39038. 51 - Humphreys, Sharkey, Yazoo. Representative Straughter was born May 4, 1937, and is married to the former Mattie B. Banks. He is of the Protestant faith. Tougaloo College, Delta State University, Jackson State University. Educator. Representative Straughter is affiliated with Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Elks, NEA, MAE, HCAE, NCTM and the NAACP. House 1996-Present. Democrat.

Summers, Zakiya; P. O. Box 21210, Jackson, 39289. 68 - Hinds, Rankin. Representative Summers was born January 14, in Houston, Texas. She is married to Andra Harlee and they are of the Church of Christ (Holiness) faith. University of Missouri-Columbia, Bachelor's in Journalism. Former Director of Communication and Advocacy for the ACLU of MS, Owner/operator of Lady Godiva Productions, LLC. Representative Summers is affiliated with Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., MS Sickle Cell Foundation-Vice chair, Jayne Ave. Neighborhood Assn-secretary, NAACP, ACLU, Women For Progress, Federation of Dem. Women, S.T.A.N.D., UMMC Community Advisory Board, Jackson Association of Black Journalist, and W.K. Kellogg Foundation Community leadership Network Fellow. House 2020-Present. Democrat.

Taylor, Cheikh; 383 Steele Rd, Starkville, 39759. 38 - Clay, Lowndes, Oktibbeha. Representative Taylor was born December 12, 1973, in Columbus, MS. He is married to the former Jamila Boudreaux. They are of the Christian faith. Howard University, BS, Starkville High school. Executive Director/Community Development. Representative Taylor is affiliated with Habitat for Humanity, Oktibbeha County Board of Supervisors' Advisory Council, Starkville Area Arts Council, Oktibbeha County Food Policy Council, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. and NAACP. House 2018-Present. Democrat.

Thompson, Rickey; 191 County Rd 301, Shannon, 38868. 16 - Lee, Monroe. Representative was born June 30, 1964, in Shannon, MS. He is married to the former Shelia Dianne Ivory and they are of the Baptist faith. Itawamba Community College-1981, Shannon High school-1981. License Practical Nurse. Representative Thompson is affiliated with Create Foundation (past member), Minority PUL Alliance, Current:

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Brotherhood President, and Spring Hill District MS Worker's Center for Human Rights. House 2020-Present. Democrat.

Tullos, Mark; P. O. Box 505, Raleigh, 39153. 79 - Jasper, Smith. Representative Tullos was born September 28, 1964, in Yazoo City, MS, and is married to the former Sonja Glenn. They are of the Baptist faith. JD-MS College School of Law, BS-University of Southern MS. Attorney. Representative Tullos is affiliated with the MS Bar Association, Smith County Republicans, US Army Reserves, MS Army Nat'l Guard, and a Deacon of Union Baptist Church. House 2016-Present. Republican.

Turner, Jerry R.; 1290 Carrollville Ave, Baldwyn, 38824. 18 - Lee, Prentiss, Union. Representative Turner is married to the former Mary Ellen Blaylock. They have 3 children, Jerry, Terry, and Suzanne, and they are of the Church of Christ faith. Adv. Bus. Management./Operations Courses, Tupelo H. S. Owner/President of Turner's Big Star Supermarkets, Northfork Used Cars/Trucks; Northfork Farm/Construction. Equipment.; Landowner. Representative Turner is affiliated with the Community Development Foundation, Chamber of Commerce, Baldwyn Development, the Mississippi Cattleman's Association, and Pro-Life. House 2004-Present. Republican.

Walker, Kenneth; P.O. Box 265, Carthage, 39051. 27 - Attala, Leake, Madison, Yazoo. Representative Walker was born January 11, 1953, in Carthage, Mississippi, and is of the Baptist faith. Jackson State University, M.S., Jackson State University, B.S. Project Manager. Representative Walker is affiliated with the Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Volunteer Fireman, and Farmer's Co-op. House 2016-Present. Democrat.

Wallace, Price; 125 Price Wallace Dr., Mendenhall, 39114. 77 - Rankin, Simpson. Representative Wallace was born on November 24, 1961, in Jackson, Mississippi, and is married to the former Cindy Stevenson. He is of the Methodist faith. Simpson Academy; Farmer; Representative Wallace is a member of the Farm Bureau, Mississippi Cattlemen's Association, and Trust Advisory Board in Magee. House 2018-Present. Republican.

Watson, Percy W.; P.O. Box 1767, Hattiesburg, 39403. 103 - Forrest. Representative Watson was born June 5, 1951, in Hattiesburg and is married to the former Barbara Smith. He is of the Baptist denomination. University of Iowa School of Law, University of Iowa. Attorney. Representative Watson is affiliated with the Jesse Brown Lodge, Phi Beta Kappa, NAACP, Mississippi, Iowa, Alaska, National and American Bar Associations. House 1980-Present. Democrat.

Weathersby, Tom; 3806 Highway 49 S, Florence, 39073. 62 - Copiah, Rankin, Simpson. Representative Weathersby was born July 24, 1944, in Jackson, and is married to the former Beverly Cook. He is of the Baptist faith. Hinds Junior College, University of Southern Mississippi, Mississippi College. Businessman. Representative Weathersby is a deacon and a Mason and is affiliated with Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Rankin and Copiah Counties Chambers of Commerce, Mississippi Cattlemen's Association, Kiwanis, ALEC and the NRA. House 1992-Present. Republican.

White, Jason; P.O. Box 246, West, 39192. 48 - Attala, Carroll, Holmes, Leake. Representative White was born December 28, 1972 and married to the former Jolynn McLellan. They are of the Baptist faith. Mississippi College School of Law, Mississippi College; Attorney; Representative White is a member of the MS BAR Assoc.(President), Attala County BAR Assoc.(President), West Historical & Preservation Society, Board

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of Dir., Attala County Forestry Assoc., and Attala County Farmers Co-op. House 2012-Present. Speaker Pro Tempore. Republican.

Williamson, Brady; 603 South 16th Street, Oxford, 38655. 10 - Lafayette, Panola, Tallahatchie. Representative Williamson was born December 29, 1976, in Jackson, MS. He is married to Cory High Williamson and they are of the Christian faith. Univ. of Miss (Accounting), Army Officer, Engineer. Small Business Owner. Representative Williamson is affiliated with Fathers in Field Ministry, Community Church of Oxford, Panola Partnership, and Oxford Lafayette Chamber of Commerce. House 2020-Present. Republican.

Yancey, Lee; P. O. Box 4215, Brandon, 39047. 74 - Rankin. Representative Yancey was born July 29, 1968, in Ripley, MS, and is married to the former Courtney Fagan. They are of the Baptist faith. B.A. Mississippi College, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary M. Div, D. Min., Series 65 Licensed, Accidental Heath Licensed, Life Licensed. Investment Advisor-Element Wealth. Representative Yancey is a member of the Rotary Club (former Flowood President), Paul Harris Fellow, former member of the Rankin County Republican Executive committee, and NRA. House 2020-Present. State Senate 2008-2012. House 2020-Present. Republican.

Yates, Shanda; P. O. Box 16409, Jackson, 39236. 64 - Hinds, Madison. Representative Yates was born March 29 in Jackson, MS. She is married to Yancy Burns and they are of the Methodist faith. MC School of Law-JD, University of Southern Miss-BA, Hinds CC-AA. Attorney. Representative Yates is affiliated with the MS Bar Assn, Junior League of Jackson, MS Assn. Justice, and Galloway United Methodist Church. House 2020-Present. Independent.

Young, Jr., Charles; P.O. Box 5393, Meridian, 39302. 82 - Lauderdale. Representative Young was born July 9 and is of the Methodist faith. Mississippi State University, Meridian, Tougaloo College, Meridian Community College, Meridian High School. Cosmetic Sales, E. F. Young, Jr. Manufacturing Company. Representative Young is a member of the Democratic Party, Masonic Lodge, and Newell Chapel C.M.E. Church. House 2012-Present. Democrat.

Zuber, III, Henry; 503 Minor Lane, Ocean Springs, 39564. 113 - Jackson. Representative Zuber was born June 11 and is a life long citizen of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. He is of the Catholic faith. Ocean Springs High School, Millsaps College, University of Mississippi School of Law. Attorney/Real Estate Developer. Representative Zuber is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, Chamber of Commerce and Board of Directors of the Y.M.C.A. House 2000-Present. Republican.

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(V) Public Utilities; County Affairs; Gaming; Marine Resources; Municipalities; Ports, Harbors and Airports

Otis Anthony

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(C) Interstate Cooperation; Appropriations; Banking and Financial Services; Energy; Insurance; Tourism; Transportation

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Doug McLeod

Ways and Means

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**PART X
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(C) Public Property; (V) Management; Insurance; Transportation; Ways and Means

Jason White

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Brady Williamson

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Lee Yancey

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Shanda Yates

Compilation, Revision and Publication; Corrections; Insurance; Judiciary B; Judiciary En Banc; Public Utilities; Transportation

Charles Young, Jr.

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Henry Zuber III

(C) Insurance; Banking and Financial Services; Judiciary B; Judiciary En Banc; Medicaid; Public Utilities; Ways and Means

HOUSE RULES**THE SPEAKER AND SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE**

1. The Speaker, when elected, shall hold office for a term of four (4) years, or until the next regular session of the Legislature following an election for Governor and members of the Legislature, and shall take the chair on every legislative day precisely at the hour to which the House has adjourned at the last sitting, immediately call the members to order, cause the roll to be called finally, and, on the appearance of a quorum, cause the Journal of the proceedings of the last day's sitting to be read.

2. He shall preserve order and decorum, and, in case of disturbance or disorderly conduct in the galleries or in the lobby, may cause the same to be cleared, may speak to points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose.

3. He shall have general control, except as provided by rule or law, of the Hall of the House, and of the corridors and passages and the disposal of the unappropriated rooms in that part of the Capitol assigned to the use of the House, until further order.

4. He shall sign all acts, addresses, joint resolutions, writs, warrants and subpoenas of, or issued by order of, the House, and decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal by any member, on which appeal no member shall speak more than once unless by permission of the House. The Speaker may require points of order in writing and may take reasonable time to examine and study same before ruling thereon, during which period consideration of that particular subject matter may be suspended without prejudice and the House proceed to the next order of business.

5. He shall rise to put a question and shall put questions in this form: "All those in favor (of the question), say 'Aye'"; and after the affirmative voice is expressed, "All those opposed, say 'No'"; if he doubts, or if a count is required by at least one-tenth (1/10) of the members present, he shall call the roll in the manner prescribed in Rule 69 or take the vote using the electronic roll-call system in Rule 97.

6. He shall not be required to vote in ordinary legislative proceedings, except where his vote would be decisive, or where the House is engaged in voting by ballot; and in cases of a tie vote for, question shall be decided in the negative.

7. He shall have the right to name any member to perform the duties of the chair when the Speaker Pro Tempore shall be unable to do so, but such substitution shall not extend beyond one (1) legislative day; provided, however, that in the case of illness or unavoidable absence of both the Speaker and the Speaker Pro Tempore, he may make such appointment for a period not exceeding five (5) days, with the approval of the House at the time the same is made.

8. Upon the death of a member of the House, the Speaker or any member of the House designated by him shall incur such expenses as may be necessary for the purchase on behalf of the House a State Flag for use in connection with the funeral and burial of said member, which flag shall be presented to the family of said member.

9. No member or visitor shall visit in the Speaker's stand during the session of the House, except at the instance of the Speaker. The Speaker may call a member to preside when necessary or desirable to confer with a member or visitor.

10. All committees, except the Rules Committee and the Management Committee, shall be appointed by the Speaker unless otherwise specially directed by the House.

10A. (1) There is created in the House of Representatives the Office of Speaker Pro Tempore of the Mississippi House of Representatives (hereinafter Speaker Pro Tempore).

(2) The Speaker Pro Tempore shall be elected on the same day and in the same manner and method as may be designated for the election of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(3) The Speaker Pro Tempore shall serve a term of four (4) years, which term as Speaker Pro Tempore shall expire concurrently with the term being served by the Speaker Pro Tempore as a member of the House of Representatives. There is no limit on the number of times that a member may serve as Speaker Pro Tempore.

(4) Any vacancy in the Office of Speaker Pro Tempore occurring during a regular or special legislative session shall be filled by election of the House of Representatives within five (5) calendar days after the vacancy occurs. Any vacancy occurring during an interim between legislative sessions shall be filled within the first five (5) calendar days of the next succeeding regular or special session. The person so elected shall serve only the remainder of the unexpired term.

(5) The Speaker Pro Tempore shall have the following powers, duties and responsibilities:

(a) To serve as Speaker of the House of Representatives during the absence, illness or disability of the Speaker, thereby assuming all powers, duties, responsibilities and privileges conferred upon the Speaker by the Constitution, statute, law or rule;

(b) To become Speaker of the House of Representatives in the event of the death or resignation of the Speaker, thereby assuming all powers, duties, responsibilities and privileges conferred upon the Speaker by the Constitution, statute, law or rule. He or she shall serve as Speaker until the beginning of the next succeeding regular legislative session, at which time an election for Speaker shall be held under the same terms and conditions as a regular Speaker's election, except that the person elected as Speaker shall hold the office only for the remainder of the term. If the Speaker Pro Tempore becomes the Speaker of the House, a new Speaker Pro Tempore shall be elected;

(c) To preside over the House of Representatives when the Speaker is not presiding and to preside over the House when sitting as the Committee of the Whole unless the Speaker Pro Tempore moved that the House go into the Committee of the Whole;

(d) To serve as the Chairman of the House Management Committee, having full powers of discussion, participation and voting;

(e) To serve as a member of the Rules Committee, having full powers of discussion, participation and voting;

(f) To consult with the Speaker in resolving points of order or other parliamentary matters; and

(g) Such other powers, duties and responsibilities as may be conferred upon the Speaker Pro Tempore by law or legislative rule.

RULES COMMITTEE

11. The Rules Committee shall be composed of the Speaker, the Speaker Pro Tempore, one (1) member from the state at large appointed by the Speaker, and eight (8) other members, two (2) from each congressional district as constituted on January 1, 2020, to be selected by the members from their respective congressional districts by caucus. The place of residence of a member representing such district shall determine the congressional district caucus in which he or she shall participate and for which he or she may hold membership on the Rules Committee. The Speaker shall appoint the chairman and the vice chairman from among the members of the Rules Committee, but neither the Speaker nor the Speaker Pro Tempore shall be eligible to serve as chairman or vice chairman of the Rules Committee.

Any vacancy of a congressional district position occurring during a regular annual legislative session shall be filled by election of the appropriate caucus within ten (10) calendar days after the vacancy occurs. Any such vacancy occurring between regular annual sessions shall be filled by caucus election during the first five (5) calendar days of the next succeeding regular or special session of the Legislature.

No member of the Rules Committee shall concurrently serve as a member of the House Management Committee, except that the Speaker and the Speaker Pro Tempore shall serve on the Management Committee as provided in Rule 11A.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

11A. (1) There is created the House of Representatives Management Committee (hereinafter Management Committee) to be composed of the Speaker Pro Tempore, who shall serve as chairman, the Speaker, one (1) member from the state at large appointed by the Speaker, and eight (8) other representatives, two (2) from each congressional district of Mississippi as constituted on January 1, 2020, to be elected by caucus of the representatives from each such district. The place of residence of a representative shall determine the congressional district caucus in which the representative shall participate and from which the representative may hold membership on the Management Committee. The members of the Management Committee shall select, from among its members, a vice chairman and secretary.

The members of the Management Committee shall be elected during the first calendar week of each regular session having one hundred twenty-five (125) calendar days. Members shall serve a term of four (4) years, and each member's term shall end on the date on which the member's term in the House of Representatives expires.

(2) No member of the Management Committee shall serve concurrently as a member of the House Rules Committee, except that the Speaker and the Speaker Pro Tempore shall serve on the Rules Committee as provided in Rule 11.

(3) Any vacancy of a congressional district position occurring during a regular annual legislative session shall be filled by election by the appropriate caucus within ten (10) calendar days after the vacancy occurs. Any vacancy occurring between regular annual legislative sessions shall be filled by election by the appropriate caucus during the first five (5) calendar days of the next succeeding regular or special session of the Legislature.

(4) The Management Committee shall meet at such times as are necessary for the proper exercise of its functions, and shall have the authority to adopt policies, rules and regulations, not inconsistent with these rules, as it deems necessary for the efficient operation of the committee.

(5) Action by a majority vote of the Management Committee shall control and be conclusive on any matter properly concerning the House of Representatives.

(6) The committee shall function on a year-round basis and when the Legislature is not in session, members of the committee shall be compensated as provided in Section 25-3-69, Mississippi Code of 1972, for each day spent in actual discharge of their duties and shall be reimbursed for mileage and actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. No committee member may incur per diem, travel or other expenses unless authorized by vote at a meeting of the committee, which action shall be recorded in the official minutes of the committee.

(7) The Management Committee, in addition to its other responsibilities, shall perform the following duties:

(a) Conduct the business affairs of the House of Representatives;

(b) Investigate the feasibility of new and additional staff agencies and make recommendations to the House of Representatives;

(c) Assign such space in the Capitol or in such other buildings or parts thereof as may be reserved for the House of Representatives and have complete control, authority and jurisdiction over such rooms, chambers, offices and other areas. Any assignment of space shall be subject to change by the Management Committee. No other branch of the government, or a department or agency thereof, shall use any room, chamber, office or other area without specific written authorization from the Management Committee. The Management Committee is authorized to delegate its powers with regard to any such room, chamber, office or other area in connection with the maintenance, repairing, construction, reconstruction and refurbishing thereof in such a manner as it deems advisable;

(d) Staff interim committees;

(e) Staff standing committees; and

(f) Continually assess ways and means to improve the organization, procedures, facilities and working conditions of the House of Representatives.

(8) The Management Committee shall have the authority to designate a director, who may also serve as the Clerk or as the Director of the House Legislative Services Office, and who shall carry out the directives of the Management Committee and shall perform any and all duties of the Management Committee delegated to him or her. The Management Committee may employ other personnel as may be necessary to discharge its duties and responsibilities. All such personnel shall serve at the pleasure of the Management Committee. The Management Committee shall also have the authority to fix the salaries of all personnel employed by the House of Representatives. All employees of the House of Representatives required to travel in the performance of official duties shall be reimbursed for actual subsistence and travel expenses incurred by them while on official business as provided by law, provided such travel has prior approval of the Management Committee or the director under such authority as may be granted to him or her by the Management Committee.

(9) In providing for the staffing of the committees, the Management Committee shall have the responsibility for determining the necessity of

any staff positions requested by the chairman of any committee. The persons to be employed for the positions that are approved by the Management Committee shall be hired by the committee with approval of the Speaker. At beginning of each term, the Management Committee shall authorize a certain amount to be expended during each year of the term for the operation of the Speaker's Office.

(10) The Management Committee, upon request of the chairman of any standing committee of the House of Representatives, may authorize expenses, to include per diem, mileage, meals and lodging, to be paid for members attending the meeting of any standing committee or subcommittees thereof during the period in which the Legislature is not in session, which shall not exceed the compensation provided for members of the Management Committee provided for in subsection (6) of this rule. The Management Committee shall adopt rules and regulations concerning time, places and number of meetings that may be held for which members will be compensated, such rules and regulations to require prior approval of meetings in order for members to be compensated.

(11) The Management Committee shall have general administrative powers and the responsibility for the proper operation of the House Legislative Services Office.

(a) The director, subject to approval of the Management Committee, shall employ full-time professional, technical, clerical and stenographic assistance as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

(b) The House Legislative Services Office shall assist the House of Representatives, its committees, commissions and individual members of the House of Representatives as follows in:

- (i) Bill research;
- (ii) Bill drafting;
- (iii) Bill analysis;
- (iv) Preparation and writing of standing and interim committee reports; and
- (v) Such other duties as prescribed by the Management Committee.

(c) The House Legislative Services Office must be authorized, in writing, by a House member to prepare a draft before it undertakes the preparation thereof.

(d) No employee of the House Legislative Services Office shall:

- (i) Reveal to any person outside his or her office the contents or nature of any request for services made by any member of the House except with the written consent of the person making such request;
- (ii) Urge, oppose or attempt to influence any legislation;
- (iii) Give legal advice on any subject to any person, firm or corporation, except members of the House; nor

(iv) During his or her employment be associated or interested in the private practice of law in any matter without prior approval of the Management Committee.

A violation of any provision of this section by an employee shall be sufficient cause for his or her immediate dismissal. However, this paragraph shall not be a limitation on the authority of the Management Committee to dismiss or change its employees.

(12) No employee of the House shall reveal to any person outside his or her department the contents or nature of any request for services made by any member of the House except with the written consent of the person making such request. A violation of this subsection by an employee shall be sufficient cause for his or her immediate dismissal.

(13) The Department of Finance and Administration shall cooperate with the Management Committee in making space available either in the Capitol or in any other buildings easily accessible to members of the Legislature.

(14) The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this rule shall be paid from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives Contingent Fund made by the Legislature for the purposes herein set out.

(15) At such time as there may be designated or created in the Senate of the State of Mississippi a committee with like duties and responsibilities of the House Management Committee, the House Management Committee is authorized to meet jointly with such corresponding Senate committee in order to more effectively carry out the provisions of this rule.

DUTIES OF THE CLERK

12. When a bill has passed, it shall be certified by the Clerk, who shall note thereon the day it passes.

13. He shall stand while reading papers to the House, he shall attest all writs, warrants and subpoenas issued by order of the House.

14. The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall keep a correct Journal of the proceedings of the House, and, on each day, shall read over the Journal of the preceding day to the House. He shall number, file and preserve in its proper order, each bill, resolution, memorial, or other paper introduced in the House, and carefully engross and enroll all bills, resolutions, memorials and other papers that may be ordered to be engrossed or enrolled; and shall promptly and faithfully discharge all the duties incident to the House, provide for control of employees of the House under Speaker, provide for pay of members, employees, and control pages and porters. (Statutory)

15. Pages shall be appointed to serve for one (1) week at a time each, under the control and direction of the Clerk of the House. Only persons over the age of thirteen (13) years shall be eligible to serve as pages.

16. The Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives shall have general supervision, under the direction of the Speaker of the House, in maintaining the decorum and security of the House. He shall attend the sittings of the House, preserve order, execute its commands and all processes issued by its authority or by a House committee's authority, and have control of the assistants to the Sergeant at Arms. He shall clear the House of all visitors one (1) hour before each session

convenes and not allow visitors on the Floor of the House for ten (10) minutes after a session has recessed or adjourned. He shall see that the Hall of the House and the Committee Rooms and the Room of the Speaker of the House, the anterooms, lobbies and galleries thereof are secure during the sitting of the House, and that all necessary conveniences are supplied to the members, officers and committees.

17. Each assistant to the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives shall be known as an Assistant Sergeant at Arms, and shall perform such duties as may be required of him by the Sergeant at Arms.

DECORUM AND DEBATE

18. When any member desires to speak, to make a motion, or deliver any matter to the House, he shall rise at his desk and respectfully address himself to "Mr. Speaker" and, on being recognized, may address the House from any place on the floor and shall confine himself to the question under debate and avoid personalities.

18A. Whenever a member is on the floor of the House while the House is in session, each male member of the House shall wear a coat and necktie, except when seated, and each female member of the House shall wear appropriate attire. No visitor or guest on the House floor shall be required to comply with this rule.

18B. Smoking shall not be permitted in any areas of the Capitol that are assigned to the House of Representatives and under the jurisdiction of the House Management Committee. As used in this rule, "smoking" means to inhale, exhale, burn, carry or otherwise possess any lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or any other object or device of any form that contains lighted tobacco or any other smoking product. The Sergeant at Arms shall enforce the provisions of this rule.

18C. The Committee on Rules shall contract with the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television, or another appropriate service, to telecast the regular floor proceedings of the House by high-speed wireless Internet transmission. Cameras used in making such telecasts may be allowed only to show a House member speaking at the podium and the Speaker or other officer presiding over the House while the House is convened. Reporters and technicians necessary to effectuate the telecasts may be admitted to the House chamber for this limited purpose; however, no camera, apparatus or procedure that would interfere with the proceedings of the House shall be used, and all telecasting shall be done from areas reserved or set aside for such activities by the Committee on Rules. No such telecast shall be archived or recorded for future use by the House or its contractee.

19. No member shall call by name another member present in debate.

20. If any member, in speaking, or otherwise, transgresses the Rules of the House, the Speaker shall, or any member may on point of order ask the Speaker to call the transgressor to order; and the member called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted on motion of another member to explain, and the House if appealed to, shall decide on the case without debate. If the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; if against him and the case requires it, he shall be liable to the censure of the House, or such other punishment as the House may deem proper.

21. If a member is called to order for words spoken in debate, the member calling him to order shall indicate the words excepted to, and they shall be taken down in writing at the Clerk's desk and read aloud to the House; but he shall not be held to answer, nor be subject to the censure of the House therefor, if further debate on other business has intervened.

22. When two (2) or more members seek recognition at the same time, the Speaker shall name the member who is first to speak.

23. No member shall speak more than ten (10) minutes on any main question, or five (5) minutes on an amendment or any subsidiary question, without leave of the House, unless he or she is the mover, proposer, or introducer of the matter pending, in which case he or she shall be permitted to speak in reply, but not until every member choosing to speak has spoken. A member who has spoken once, but who has not consumed his or her whole time shall not be permitted to speak again on the same question until each member that desires to do so has spoken.

24. After the motion to lay on the table, those in opposition to the motion shall be allowed five (5) minutes for discussion.

25. While the Speaker is putting a question, or addressing the House, no member shall walk out of, or across or about the Hall or converse with another, nor when a member is speaking, pass between him and the Chair, or entertain private discourse. And during the session of the House, no member or other person shall remain at the Clerk's desk at any time. No member or others shall expectorate upon the floor of the House, and the Sergeant at Arms and doorkeepers are charged with the strict enforcement of this rule.

26. No member shall vote on any question in the result of which he is pecuniarily interested, nor in any other case where he was not present when the question was put.

27. Every member who shall be in the House when a question is put shall vote on one (1) side or the other unless the House shall, for special reasons, excuse him.

28. No member shall absent himself from the service of the House, unless he shall have leave, or be sick, or unable to attend. Fifteen (15) members shall be authorized to compel the attendance of absent members and order a call of the House.

ON MOTIONS, THEIR PRECEDENCE, ETC.

29. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order except when operating under the previous question, but a motion to adjourn being lost, shall not be renewed until some business has intervened.

30. Every motion made to the House and entertained by the Speaker shall be reduced to writing on the demand of any member, and may be entered on the Journal with the name of the member making the motion.

31. When a motion has been made, the Speaker shall state it or (if it be in writing) cause it to be read aloud by the Clerk before being debated, and it shall then be in possession of the House, but may be withdrawn by unanimous consent at any time before a decision or amendment.

32. No dilatory motion shall be entertained by the Speaker.

33. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but:

(1) To adjourn

(2) To lay on the table

- (3) For the previous question
- (4) To lay on the table subject to call
- (5) To postpone to a day certain
- (6) To refer
- (7) To amend
- (8) To postpone indefinitely

which several motions shall have precedence in the foregoing order; and no motion to postpone to a day certain, to commit, or to postpone indefinitely, being decided, shall be again allowed on the same day at the same stage of the question.

34. A motion to postpone a question beyond the time at which it can be considered is equivalent to complete disapproval and should be treated as a motion to postpone indefinitely.

The motion to postpone indefinitely is debatable and opens the main question to debate.

A majority vote of the members voting is required for the adoption of the motion to postpone indefinitely. The adoption of a motion to postpone indefinitely shall be treated as a vote on the final passage of a measure and shall be subject to reconsideration as such.

35. No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of an amendment; nor shall any amendment be adopted changing the original purpose of the bill.

36. The adoption of an amendment to a section shall not preclude further amendments to that section. If a measure is being considered section by section or item by item, only amendments to the section or item under consideration shall be made. The Speaker shall, in recognizing members for the purpose of moving the adoption of amendments, endeavor to cause all amendments to Section 1 to be considered first, then all those to Section 2 and so on. After all sections have been considered separately, the whole measure shall be open for amendment.

An amendment to strike all after the enacting or resolving clause or to strike out the enacting or resolving clause of a measure shall, if carried, be considered as equivalent to rejection of the measure by the House, and the vote thereon shall be taken by a roll-call vote. Amendments to an amendment shall be voted on before substitute is taken up. Only one (1) amendment to the amendment is in order at one time; but as rapidly as one is disposed of by rejection or adoption, another is in order as long as any member desires to offer one. A substitute amendment may be offered to an amendment. An amendment to the substitute may be offered. No other amendment can be offered since the third degree has been reached. The vote shall be taken in the following order: the amendment to the amendment shall first be voted on; then the amendment to the substitute; then the substitute amendment and if the substitute is adopted, then the original amendment shall be regarded as automatically tabled.

An amendment to a pending question requires only a majority vote for its adoption, even though the question may require a vote greater than a majority, for adoption.

It is in order for a House bill with Senate amendments to be referred to the proper committee or committees.

On all questions, whether in committee or in the House, the last amendment, the most distant day or hour and the largest sum shall be put first.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

37. No rule shall be suspended except by the concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present.

38. All motions to suspend the rules shall embrace fully the object for which they are to be suspended.

39. A motion to suspend the rules shall be deemed a privileged motion, and shall take precedence of all other motions except the motion to adjourn, but it shall not be in order to make a motion to suspend the rules while the House is engaged in the consideration of other business.

40. On a motion to suspend the rules for reading a bill a third time, no debate shall be allowed unless the motion prevails.

41. An affirmative vote on a motion to suspend the rules for the purpose of taking up any particular bill, or resolution, shall not have the effect of precluding any motion or amendment in relation thereto which would have been in order if the bill or resolution had been brought before the House in the regular order.

42. A motion to suspend the rules for a particular purpose having been decided in the negative, it shall not be in order to renew the motion for the same purpose during the same day.

MOTION TO REFER

43. Bills, resolutions, petitions, memorials, reports, and other papers addressed to the House may be referred upon original reference at the pleasure of the House by suspension of the rules; provided, however, any bill, resolution, petition, memorial, report, or other paper being before the House after the original reference thereof may be referred to a standing or select committee by a majority vote of the members of the House present and voting.

44. The vote on a motion to refer to committee may not be reconsidered. A motion to recommit or commit to committee shall be considered a motion to refer.

45. Bills, resolutions, petitions, memorials, reports, and other papers addressed to the House may be presented by any member who shall state briefly to the House the contents thereof; and no such bill, resolution, petition, memorial, report or other paper addressed to the House shall be read in full to the House but shall be filed with the Clerk, attention called thereto, and referred to the proper committee, unless by a majority vote of those present in the House should desire the same read.

46. Any member upon recognition by the Speaker may object to the reading of any document before the House. After such objection, the question of reading shall be determined without debate by a majority vote of the members present, upon a brief statement of its substance by the Speaker.

47. When a bill, resolution, petition, memorial, report and other paper addressed to the House is offered, a motion made to refer any subject, and different committees are proposed, the question shall be taken in the following order:

A standing committee
A select committee
Committee of the Whole

When more than one (1) standing committee is proposed, the last proposed shall be the first voted upon as an amendment to strike out and insert.

48. Bills, resolutions, petitions, memorials, reports, and other papers addressed to the House shall, upon introduction, be referred by the Speaker to the committee having jurisdiction over the subject matter, and shall be considered by the House only after having been reported by such committee.

Provided, however, it shall be in order to consider a bill, resolution, petition, memorial, report, and other papers under the suspension of rules.

49. When a bill or concurrent resolution is originally referred to two (2) or more committees and favorably reported by them, the chairman of the first-named committee shall have the option of handling the bill or resolution on the floor.

Local and private bills may, in the discretion of the Speaker, be referred to two (2) or more committees, if, in the discretion of the Speaker, the nature and effect of said local and private bill shall require the consideration of another committee.

General bills written in such a way as to be local and private in nature shall be referred by the Speaker to the Committee on Local and Private Legislation and/or such other committee as permitted by the rules.

READING OF BILLS

50. After a bill has been read for the first time, if there is no objection, the rules shall be considered suspended and the bill placed on its second reading.

51. After a bill has been read the second time it shall be subject to amendment, but no discussion shall be allowed, or amendment adopted, until the bill shall have been referred to a committee with the proposed amendments thereto.

52. When a bill is up for final passage, and two (2) or more major amendments have been adopted, a motion to recommit shall be in order and have precedence over all other business. However, it shall be in order for the chairman of the first-named committee from which the bill was reported to the House or any member of the House designated by the chairman to make a motion to recommit without two (2) or more major amendments having been adopted.

53. Special order after the reading of the Journal of the preceding day shall be:

(1) Senate messages.

(2) Senate bills on the first and second reading and for the proper reference to the committees.

(3) House bills on second reading.

REGULAR ORDER

54. The regular order shall be:

(1) Report of select committees.

(2) Report of standing committees in their order.

(3) Introduction of bills and constitutional amendments.

(4) Resolutions, petitions, memorials and other papers.

(5) Introduction of guests and visitors.

(6) Disposition of pending business on previous day, provided that nothing shall be considered under this section except propositions actually pending before the House at the time of adjournment on the previous day.

(7) Consideration of conference reports.

When a conference report is called up, only three (3) courses are open: (a) agree, (b) disagree, or (c) recommit to the same or another conference committee with or without instructions. However, only two (2) motions for the three (3) courses are in order: (a) agree, or (b) recommit to the same or another conference committee with or without instructions. If both motions are offered, the motion to recommit shall take precedence.

A conference report must be acted on as a whole and dealt with in its entirety.

A conference report may not be amended except by a concurrent resolution.

When conference results in disagreement, conferees reporting such disagreement in writing are thereby discharged and new conferees may be appointed.

(8) Consideration of bills for concurrence.

When Senate amendments to a House bill are before the body, they shall be either concurred in or not concurred in their entirety and not separately. The motion that the House do not concur in Senate amendments but invite conference shall take precedence over the motion that the House do concur. The concurrence in amendments adopted by the other house shall require for adoption the same vote as was required for the original passage of the measure and shall be on roll call duly entered and recorded in the Journal of the House. However, if the Senate amendments would make the House bill a revenue bill under the Joint Rules or the Mississippi Constitution if the amendments were engrossed into the bill, then the vote on concurrence in the Senate amendments shall require the same vote as required for the final passage of a revenue bill.

(9) Consideration of motions to reconsider.

(10) Consideration and passage of bills and resolutions on the general calendar.

(11) The Rules Committee may report at any time.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

55. The order of business shall not be changed except by two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting, and all questions relating to the priority shall be decided without debate.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

56. In all cases in forming a Committee of the Whole, which shall be done by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting, the Speaker shall leave

his chair and the Speaker Pro Tempore shall preside. If the Speaker Pro Tempore is absent or if the Speaker Pro Tempore moved to go into the Committee of the Whole, the Speaker shall appoint a chairman to preside, who shall, in case of disturbance or disorderly conduct in the gallery or lobby, have the power to cause the same to be cleared, but the member making the motion to go into Committee of the Whole shall not be called to the chair.

57. Upon a bill being referred to the Committee of the Whole, the same shall first be read through by the Clerk, unless the committee shall otherwise order, and then read and debated by sections, leaving the title to be last considered. After report, the bill shall again be subject to debate and amendment before the question of engrossing it be taken.

58. The only motions permitted in Committee of the Whole are: to limit debate; to propose amendments; to recommend; to recess committee subject to the call of the chairman; to reconsider, provided said motion to reconsider may be called up immediately or at any time during the time the House is resolved into the Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the matter before the committee; and to rise.

59. The rules of the procedure in the House shall be observed in the Committee of the Whole so far as they may be applicable and in all committees, provided standing and select committees may exclude from their committee procedures those House Rules not compatible, in the opinion of said committee, with the proper function of said committee.

STANDING COMMITTEES

60. (1) The following shall be the standing committees of the House:

	(a) Rules Committee, as provided for in Rule 11 of these rules;	
	(b) Management Committee, as provided for in Rule 11A of	
these rules;		
	(c) Ethics Committee, as provided for in Rule 63A of these rules;	
	(d) Performance Based Budgeting Committee, as provided for in	
	Rule 3C of these rules;	
	(e) Committee	
	Number of Members	
	Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency	
11	Agriculture	33
	Apportionment and Elections	17
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(2) No member shall serve on both the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Appropriations. Each member may serve on at least four (4) committees listed in this rule.

(3) The Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Ways and Means each shall consist of thirty-three (33) members appointed by the Speaker, six (6) members from each congressional district as constituted on January 1, 2020, and nine (9) members from the state at large. Appointments from the congressional districts shall be made on the basis of seniority. For the purposes of this rule, "seniority" shall mean length of service, continuous or interrupted, in either the House of Representatives or the Senate. However, seniority among members having the same length of service shall be determined as follows: first, continuous, uninterrupted service in the House; second, continuous, uninterrupted service in the House and Senate; third, interrupted service in the House; and fourth, interrupted service in the House and Senate.

(4) In order for a member to be eligible for the rights accorded by this subsection (4), a member shall submit a list of his or her committee preferences, setting forth at least ten (10) committees in order of preference with the most preferred being first on the list, to the Clerk of the House by 5:00 p.m. on the third calendar day of the first legislative session immediately following the year in which the members of the Legislature are elected. With regard to committee appointments, the following shall be followed by the Speaker of the House in making such appointments:

(a) Each member of the House who has served in the House for less than four (4) years, whether such service be continuous or interrupted, and who is not appointed to be a member of the Committee on Appropriations or the Committee on Ways and Means shall, as a matter of right, be appointed to serve on at least two (2) of the first seven (7) committees on such list, not to include Appropriations and Ways and Means; and

(b) Each member of the House who has served in the House for four (4) years or more, whether such service be continuous or interrupted,

and who is not appointed to be a member of the Committee on Appropriations or the Committee on Ways and Means shall, as a matter of right, be appointed to serve on at least three (3) of the first seven (7) committees on such list.

(5) In making committee appointments, the Speaker shall give consideration to the preferences as expressed by the members on their lists as provided in subsection (4) of this rule, and to the seniority, abilities, and geographic location of the members.

61. The first member named on a committee shall be its chairman and the second member named shall be its vice chairman, except that the Vice Chairman of the Management Committee shall be elected as provided in Rule 11A. However, no member who serves as chairman or vice chairman of a standing committee shall serve as chairman or vice chairman of another standing committee, except that the Chairman of the Ethics Committee, the Vice Chairman of the Rules Committee and the Vice Chairman of the Management Committee may be the chairman of another standing committee. There shall be no further rank on committees, the remaining members being listed thereon in alphabetical order. Each committee shall, after its organization, immediately determine by a majority vote what shall constitute a sufficient quorum for it to proceed to business, which quorum shall be not less than a majority of the committee, and shall report that action to the Clerk of the House.

62. Bills, resolutions and other measures, at the discretion of the Speaker, may be referred to Judiciary en banc, in which event the Judiciary A Committee and the Judiciary B Committee shall sit as one (1) committee and be presided over by the Chairman of Judiciary A.

63. The chairman of each House committee shall keep a record of meetings and attendance and shall make with his report each time a statement showing the hour his committee met and the hour it adjourned, together with the names of all the members of the committee who were absent from the meeting, who had not been previously excused by him or by the Speaker to attend to other legislative duties.

ETHICS COMMITTEE

63A. As used in the context of this rule, the word "committee" shall mean the Committee on Ethics of the House of Representatives, and the phrase "majority of the committee" shall mean a majority of the members to which the committee is entitled.

The committee shall consist of eight (8) members, one (1) from each congressional district as constituted on January 1, 2020, one (1) member from the state at large appointed by the Speaker, and one (1) from each Supreme Court district, appointed by the Speaker. The Speaker shall appoint from the members a chairman, vice chairman and secretary for the committee.

The chairman shall notify all members of the committee at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the date, time and place of a meeting. Whenever the chairman shall refuse to call a meeting, a majority of the committee may vote to call a meeting by giving two (2) days' written notice to the Speaker of the House setting forth the time and place for such meeting. Such notice shall be posted in the office of the Clerk of the House, and if such meeting is called while the Legislature is in session the notice shall be read to the House. Thereafter, the meeting shall be held at the time and place specified in such notice.

The committee shall conduct its investigations, hearings and meetings relating to a specific investigation or a specific member, officer or employee of the House in closed session, and the fact that such investigation is being conducted or to

be conducted, or that hearings or such meetings are being held or are to be held shall be confidential information, unless the person subject to investigation advises the committee in writing that he elects that such hearing shall be held publicly. In the event of such an election, the committee shall furnish such person a public hearing. All other meetings of the committee shall be open to the public.

The committee shall receive complaints from any citizen against members, officers and employees of the House alleging improper or unethical conduct. Any such complaint must be in writing signed by the person filing the complaint and acknowledged by a notary public, and must set forth in detail the conduct in question and the section of the Code of Ethics, other House Rule, written policy of the House adopted by the Management Committee, statute, or of the Constitution violated. The person against whom the complaint has been brought shall be notified in writing and given a copy of the complaint. Within fifteen (15) days after receipt of the complaint, such person may file a written answer thereto with the committee. Upon receipt of the answer, by vote of a majority of the committee, the committee shall either dismiss the complaint within ten (10) days or proceed with a formal investigation, to include hearings, not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days after notice in writing to the person so charged that the committee is proceeding with a formal investigation. Personal service of such notice shall be made by the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives and a return made thereon to the committee. Failure of the person charged to file an answer shall not be deemed to be an admission or create an inference or presumption that the complaint is true, and such failure to file an answer shall not prohibit a majority of the committee from either proceeding with a formal investigation or dismissing the complaint.

A majority of the committee may, on its own, initiate a preliminary investigation of any suspected violation of the Code of Ethics, other House Rule, written policy of the House adopted by the Management Committee, statute, or Constitution by a member, officer or employee of the House. If it is determined by a majority of the committee that a violation of a rule or law may have occurred, the person in question shall be notified in writing of the conduct in question and the section of the Code of Ethics, other House Rule, written policy of the House adopted by the Management Committee, statute or Constitution violated. Within fifteen (15) days, such person may file a written answer thereto. Upon receipt of the answer, by vote of a majority of the committee, the committee shall either dismiss the charges within ten (10) days or proceed with a formal investigation, to include hearings, not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days after notice in writing to the person so charged that the committee is proceeding with a formal investigation. Personal service of such notice shall be made by the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives and a return made thereon to the committee. Failure of the person charged to file an answer shall not be deemed to be an admission or create an inference or presumption that the charge is true, and such failure to file an answer shall not prohibit a majority of the committee from either proceeding with a formal investigation or dismissing the charge.

In the event that the committee desires to review the statement of economic interest or any other statement filed with the Mississippi Ethics Commission by any member, officer or employee of the House, the commission shall furnish a certified copy of the statement to the committee.

In the event that the committee shall elect to proceed with a formal investigation of the conduct of any member, officer or employee of the House, the committee may, in its discretion, employ independent counsel who shall not be employed by the House for any other purpose or in any other capacity during such investigation.

Such person shall be entitled to present evidence, cross-examine witnesses, face his accuser, and be represented by counsel.

The chairman may continue any hearing for reasonable cause, and upon the vote of a majority of the committee or upon the request of any person subject to investigation, the chairman shall issue subpoenas for the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of documentary evidence relating to any matter under formal investigation by the committee.

All testimony, documents, records, data, statements or information received by the committee in the course of any investigation shall be private and confidential, except in the case of public hearings or in a report to the House. The committee may release any confidential information, including a report thereon, regarding any member, officer or employee at the request of such member, officer or employee. No report shall be made to the House unless a majority of the committee has made a finding of unethical or improper conduct on the part of the person under investigation. No finding of unethical or improper conduct shall be valid unless signed by at least a majority of the committee. Any such report may include a minority report. No action shall be taken on any finding of improper or unethical conduct nor shall such finding or report containing such finding be made public sooner than seven (7) days after a copy of the finding is sent by certified mail to the member, officer or employee under investigation.

The committee may meet with a committee of the Senate to hold investigations or hearings involving employees of the two (2) houses jointly or employees of the Legislative Reference Bureau, the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and any other joint committee created by the Legislature; provided, however, no action may be taken at a joint meeting unless it is approved by a majority of the committee.

In the event that a member of the committee shall be under investigation, such member shall be temporarily replaced on the committee in a like manner as the member's original appointment.

The committee, upon the written request of a member, officer or employee of the House, shall issue opinions in writing with regard to real or hypothetical situations pertaining to legislative ethics or decorum. When a request made under this paragraph has stated all the facts to govern the opinion and an opinion has been prepared and issued with reference to the request, there shall be no liability, civil or criminal, accruing to or against the person requesting the opinion who, in good faith, follows the direction of the opinion and acts in accordance with the opinion, unless a court of competent jurisdiction, after a full hearing, judicially declares that the opinion is manifestly wrong and without substantial support. No opinion shall be considered or issued if the opinion is requested after suit is filed, prosecution begun, or a complaint has been filed with the committee under this rule. All requests for opinions and all opinions issued under this paragraph shall be confidential and the committee shall not publicly disclose any opinion issued or the fact that an opinion has been requested or issued unless the person requesting the opinion gives his or her written permission to the committee. However, opinions of the committee, with such deletions and changes as are necessary to protect the identity of the person involved or seeking them, may be published and distributed to all the members of the House.

Any member of the committee breaching the confidentiality of materials and events as set forth in this rule shall, by a majority vote of the committee, be removed immediately from the committee and replaced by another member of the House in a like manner as the member's original appointment.

Any officer or employee of the House shall be subject to the same restriction of confidentiality as a member of the committee, and a breach of this restriction shall be grounds for dismissal of any officer or employee.

The committee may adopt rules of procedure for the orderly conduct of its affairs, investigations, hearings and meetings, which rules are not inconsistent with this rule.

The committee shall continue to exist and have authority and power to function after the sine die adjournment of the Legislature, and shall so continue until the expiration of the then current term of office of the members of the committee.

CODE OF ETHICS

63B. In addition to the other rules of the House of Representatives, and in supplement thereto, the following Code of Ethics is established as a standard of conduct for members.

(1) No member, officer or employee of the House shall:

(a) Accept employment or engage in any business or professional activity which will require him to disclose confidential information which he has gained by reason of his official position or authority;

(b) Improperly disclose confidential information acquired by him in the course of his official duties nor use such information to further his personal interests;

(c) Use or attempt to use his official position to secure unwarranted privileges or exemptions for himself or others;

(d) Use for private gain any information not available to the public at large and acquired by him solely by virtue of his position, and no information described in this subsection shall be disclosed by a member to others for purposes of their use for private gain.

(2) Each member of the House shall file the statement of economic interest or any other statement required to be filed by the Mississippi Ethics Commission which shall be signed under oath as to the accuracy and completeness of the information set forth to the best knowledge of the person submitting such statement.

Required statements hereunder shall be filed with the Mississippi Ethics Commission with such information as is required by law. In the event of any substantial change occurring after the time required for filing as to matters covered in this section, a supplemental statement shall be filed within thirty (30) days thereafter reflecting such new information.

(3) Any member who shall undertake to represent or to intervene for any person for compensation before any state agency shall file a statement with the Ethics Committee within thirty (30) days after undertaking that representation. Such statement shall identify the person represented and the nature of the business involved; however, this provision shall not apply: (a) where such representation involves only the uncontested or routine actions of administrative officers or employees of the state in issuing or renewing a license, charter, certificate or similar document, and (b) where such representation is before the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission.

(4) In addition to the filings required herein, copies of the statements required to be filed under this rule shall be filed with the Secretary of State. Such statements shall be open to the general public and shall be filed at the same time as filings required hereinabove.

63C. The Performance Based Budgeting Committee shall be composed of nine (9) members to be appointed by the Speaker. The Speaker shall appoint the chairman of the committee.

The purpose of the committee is to ensure that all data required for the full implementation of performance based budgeting is received and that the goals of the Legislature in adopting performance based budgeting are attained. The committee also shall be authorized to evaluate program design of existing and proposed agency programs and assist in the Legislature's adoption of evidence-based policy. In order to achieve this purpose, the committee is authorized to communicate directly with all state agencies and conduct hearings and investigations of those state agencies as it deems necessary.

In the performance of its duties, the committee is authorized to meet as it deems necessary subject to approval of the Management Committee, which approval will not be unreasonably withheld. If the committee meets when the Legislature is not in session, members of the committee shall be compensated as provided in Section 25-3-69, Mississippi Code of 1972, for each day spent in actual discharge of their duties and shall be reimbursed for mileage and actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

64. Appropriation and revenue bills shall, at regular sessions of the Legislature, have precedence over all other business and no such bill shall be passed during the last five (5) days of the session.

65. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Engrossed and Enrolled Bills to examine all engrossed and enrolled bills, correct all mistakes therein, and report the bills to the House and this report shall be in order at any time.

THE PREVIOUS QUESTION

66. There shall be a motion for the previous question, which being ordered by a majority of members voting, if a quorum be present, shall have the effect to cut off all debate and bring the House to a direct vote upon the immediate question, or questions, on which it has been asked and ordered, except that each side shall be allowed ten (10) minutes on the main question and five (5) minutes on any subsidiary question for debate, the affirmative closing the debate. The previous question may be asked and ordered upon a single motion, a series of motions allowable under the rules, or an amendment or amendments, or may be made to embrace all authorized motions or amendments and include the bill to its recommitment, passage or rejection. It shall be in order after the previous question shall have been ordered on its passage, for the Speaker to entertain and submit a motion without debate to recommit, with or without instruction, to a standing or select committee. Provided, however, a motion to reconsider the vote whereby an amendment has been adopted or rejected shall not be in order after the previous question has been ordered.

67. If the previous question is lost, the motion may not be renewed until a subsequent vote has been taken on any matter.

68. All incidental questions of order arising after a motion is made for the previous question, and pending such motion, shall be decided, whether an appeal or otherwise, without debate.

ON CALLS OF THE ROLL

69. Upon every roll call where the vote is not taken using the electronic roll-call system in Rule 97, the names of the members shall be called alphabetically by surname, except when two (2) or more have the same surname, in which case the name of the county shall be added; and if there are two (2) such members from the same county, the name and initials shall be called, and after the roll has been once called, the Clerk shall call in their alphabetical order the names of those not voting; and thereafter the Speaker shall not entertain a request to record a vote or announce a pair; and the yeas and nays on any question shall be entered on the Journal, at the request of one-tenth (1/10) of the members present; and the yeas and nays shall be entered on the Journal on the final passage of every bill.

ABSENCE OF QUORUM

70. In the absence of a quorum, fifteen (15) members, including the Speaker, if there is one, shall be authorized to compel the attendance of absent members, and in all calls of the House the doors shall be closed, the names of the members shall be called by the Clerk, and the absentees noted; and those for whom no sufficient excuse is made may, by order of a majority of those present, be sent for and arrested, wherever they may be found, by officers appointed by the Sergeant at Arms for that purpose, and their attendance secured and retained; and the House shall determine upon what condition they shall be discharged. Members who voluntarily appear shall, unless the House otherwise direct, be immediately admitted to the Hall of the House, and they shall report their names to the Clerk to be entered upon the Journal as present.

71. On the demand of any member, or at the suggestion of the Speaker, the names of members sufficient to make a quorum in the Hall of the House who do not vote shall be noted by the Clerk and recorded in the Journal, and reported to the Speaker with the names of the members voting and be counted and announced in determining the presence of a quorum to do business.

72. Whenever a quorum fails to vote on any question and a quorum is not present and objection is made for that cause, unless the House shall adjourn there shall be a call of the House, and the Sergeant at Arms shall forthwith proceed to bring absent members, and the yeas and nays on the pending question shall at the same time be considered as ordered.

The Clerk shall call the roll, and each member as he answers to his name may vote on the pending question, and, after the roll call is completed, each member arrested shall be brought by the Sergeant at Arms before the House, whereupon he shall be noted as present, discharged from arrest, and given an opportunity to vote and his vote shall be recorded. If those voting on the question and those who are present and decline to vote shall together make a majority of the House, the Speaker shall declare that a quorum is constituted, and the pending question shall be decided as the majority of those voting shall appear; and thereupon further proceedings under the call shall be considered as dispensed with. At any time after the roll call has been completed, the Speaker may entertain a motion to adjourn, if seconded by a majority of those present, to be ascertained by actual count by the Speaker; and if the House adjourns, all proceedings under this section shall be vacated.

DIVISION OF QUESTION

73. On demand of any member, before the question is put, a question shall be divided if it includes propositions so distinct in substance, that one being taken away, a substantive proposition shall remain.

74. (1) Questions of privilege shall be:

First, those affecting the rights of the House collectively, its safety, dignity and the integrity of its proceedings.

Second, the rights, reputation and conduct of members individually in their representative capacity only.

(2) No member shall speak more than ten (10) minutes on any question of privilege.

HOURS OF MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

75. Two o'clock in the afternoon on each legislative day shall be the standing hour to which the House adjourns, unless otherwise ordered by a majority of the members present and voting.

76. The hour at which every motion to adjourn is made shall be entered on the Journal.

77. The regular hour for committee meetings shall be at 9:00 o'clock a.m., unless otherwise ordered by the committee and it shall be the duty of the Rules Committee to prescribe a schedule for regular meetings of standing committees.

78. Every bill or resolution, when favorably reported by the proper committee, shall be made available for viewing on the members' computers and shall be reproduced with sufficient copies so that copies thereof may be placed on the desk of every member who requests to have a copy, before any such bill or resolution is placed on final passage. No bill or resolution shall be considered by the House unless it is available for viewing on the members' computers and all members who request to have a copy of the bill or resolution have been furnished copies thereof, except by unanimous consent. When a bill or resolution is being considered by the House, all amendments offered have been disposed of, and two (2) or more major amendments have been adopted, any member may move that the bill be engrossed. If such motion is adopted by a majority of those present and voting, further consideration of such bill or resolution shall be suspended until the bill or resolution has been engrossed and the engrossed bill or resolution is available for viewing on the members' computers and all members present who request to have a copy have been furnished copies of the engrossed bill or resolution. When the engrossed bill or resolution is available for viewing on the members' computers and all members who request to have a copy have been furnished copies of the engrossed bill or resolution, the bill or resolution shall then become pending business of the House as soon as the main question then under consideration has been disposed of. The committee or any member proposing a substitute or an amendment which is, in effect, a substitute for an entire bill or resolution, shall provide the substitute or amendment to the Clerk to make it available for viewing on the members' computers and provide copies of the substitute or amendment to all members who request a copy before the same shall be voted on for consideration or adoption, except on suspension of the rules.

79. When a bill, memorial or resolution has been finally rejected in the House, it shall not again be introduced or considered during the same session without notice of three (3) days and leave of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting, and a bill so offered for reintroduction shall be regarded as the same, if it deals substantially with the same subject matter.

SPECIAL ORDER

80. Special orders of the day not disposed of on the day assigned, shall stand for every succeeding day, until disposed of.

81. (1) A motion to postpone to a day certain shall require a majority of those present and voting for its adoption, but a motion to postpone to a time certain shall be deemed, and treated as, a motion to set as a special order. (2) A motion to set a special order may be amended as to time. It is debatable only as to the question of setting the special order and does not open up the main question to debate. (3) A motion to set a special order shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those members present and voting. (4) When special orders that have been made at different times come into conflict, the one that was first made takes precedence over all special orders made afterwards, although the latter were made for an earlier hour.

CALENDARS

82. Bills reported by committees shall be given a serial number by the Clerk and shall be placed on the calendar in the order in which reported by the committee and shall be called for consideration in that order. Bills on the calendar may only be called up by the chairman of the first-named committee from which the bill was reported to the House, or any member of the House designated by the chairman. When a bill is called for consideration in the order in which placed on the calendar and is not considered by the House, it shall go to the heel of the calendar, unless a majority of the members present allow the bill to retain its place on the calendar. Separate calendars shall be kept for the bills reported by the Committees on Ways and Means, Appropriations, Rules, and Local and Private Legislation.

83. Any committee or individual member of the House may apply to the Committee on Rules to set a time for the taking up, ahead of its regular place on the calendar, of any measure favorably reported by the committee to which the measure has been referred. The Committee on Rules may grant such request by a majority vote. The Committee on Rules may designate a day of each legislative week as a noncontroversial bill day. When such a day be designated, all bills appearing on the calendar shall be considered in their regular order provided, however, that should ten percent (10%) of the membership object to any measure on the noncontroversial calendar stating that it is of a controversial nature, that measure shall go to the heel of the General House Calendar.

84. The calendar shall be made up from day to day.

MINORITY REPORT

85. Bills adversely reported by the committees shall not be placed on the calendar at all unless accompanied by a minority report signed by one or more members who were present at the committee meeting at which the bill was reported. Minority reports must be filed within three (3) legislative days after the bill has been reported by the committee; a minority report shall be placed on the calendar at the heel of favorably reported bills and shall not be considered until all favorably reported bills are disposed of, except on a suspension of the rules on a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those elected to the House and on roll call, whereupon, the House may proceed immediately to the consideration thereof.

86. Matters affecting the public interest and regarded as of immediate necessity may be advanced on the calendar by the Rules Committee, and such matters may also be advanced on the calendar by a vote of a majority of the members elected to the House of Representatives.

RULES

87. The permanent Rules of the House may not be changed or amended except by three (3) days' notice by a motion entered in writing and placed on the Journal and by a vote of three-fifths (3/5) of those present and voting, except that no

rule shall be changed or amended unless at least a majority of the elected members of the House of Representatives vote for said change or amendment.

Provided, however, the rules, or a rule, may be amended or changed by a resolution referred to the Rules Committee, reported favorably, and adopted by a majority of the elected members of the House of Representatives, and such resolutions, once reported, shall not be amended except by a three-fifths (3/5) vote of the elected members of the House of Representatives.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby a rule has been adopted or failed shall not be in order at any time.

88. The current Rules of the House of Representatives of the United States shall govern in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the foregoing rules, the Joint Rules of the Senate and the House of Representatives, and the Constitution of the State of Mississippi.

89. No person shall be entitled to enter upon the Floor of the House except: Members, their spouses, former members of the Legislature, unless said former member is a registered lobbyist, officers and employees of the House; members, officers and employees of the Senate; members of the news media who have proper credentials issued by the Rules Committee; ministers invited by the Speaker or the Clerk; and such others as the Committee on Rules may designate.

Doors between the lobby and the cloak room, and the door between the lobby and the Hall of the House shall be kept closed. Visitors invited and personally accompanied by members are permitted in the lobby. The Speaker is charged with the enforcement of this rule, and it shall be the duty of any member, officer or employee of the House to inform the Speaker of any violation of this rule. This rule is applicable from one (1) hour before the House convenes each day until the House adjourns each day.

90. Privilege of reports from Committee on Rules, and limitations thereon.

It shall always be in order to call up for consideration a report from the Committee on Rules and, pending the consideration thereof, the Speaker may entertain one (1) motion that the House adjourn; but after the result is announced, he shall not entertain any other dilatory motion until the report has been fully disposed of.

91. No committee, except the Committee on Rules, shall sit during the sitting of the House, without special leave.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

92. Each member, who desires to introduce a bill shall place same in box in front of the Clerk's desk at any hour to suit his convenience, and the Clerk is instructed to take these out at each session when the order for introduction of bills and constitutional amendments is reached, and read their titles, and after the expiration of one (1) legislative day the Speaker shall refer them to the proper committees; provided, however, that this shall not prevent the immediate references of said bills or constitutional amendments under a suspension of the rules.

93. All bills and resolutions must be typewritten or printed. Bills and resolutions must be introduced in original form (not carbon, photocopy or facsimile) and should be free from interlineations, corrections and strikeouts, whether with ink, pencil or typewriter. Amendments proposed by members or by committees must not be written into a bill or resolution until such amendments shall be adopted by the House.

94. In addition to any other time provided by law or by rule, members of the House may file bills or resolutions with the Clerk of the House at any time during the period between sessions of the Legislature. Such prefiled bills shall be numbered by the Clerk of the House and referred by the Speaker to the appropriate standing committee of the House for study. Such prefiled bills shall be introduced in the order filed on the first day of the next succeeding regular session of the Legislature, or special session if included within the Governor's call, and referred to committee in the regular order of business of the House.

WITHDRAW FROM COMMITTEE

95. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this rule, every House bill, resolution or measure referred to any committee, and not reported therefrom with a recommendation by the twenty-seventh day of a ninety-day session and by the sixty-second day of a one-hundred-twenty-five-day session, and every Senate bill, resolution or measure referred to any committee, and not reported therefrom by the fifty-fifth day of a ninety-day session and by the ninetieth day of a one-hundred-twenty-five-day session, may be withdrawn from the committee on a motion made in writing, which motion must be read by the Clerk immediately upon its introduction, setting forth the reasons why the bill should be withdrawn from the committee, by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting. It may then be taken up and considered by the Committee of the Whole House in accordance with the procedure set forth in House Rule 56, or, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting it may be recommitted to a standing committee. During extraordinary or special sessions of the Legislature, any bill, including an appropriation or revenue bill, may be withdrawn from committee after three (3) days from the date of reference. A motion to withdraw a bill from a committee shall not be voted upon by the House on the day which the motion is made, except upon suspension of the rules by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting.

(2) Any House appropriation bill or revenue bill referred to the House Appropriations Committee or the House Ways and Means Committee and not reported therefrom with a recommendation within ten (10) legislative days after referral may be withdrawn from the committee in accordance with the procedure set forth in subsection (1) of this rule if the motion for withdrawal is made by the fiftieth day of a ninety-day session and by the eighty-fifth day of a one-hundred-twenty-five-day session.

(3) Any Senate appropriation bill or revenue bill referred to the House Appropriations Committee or the House Ways and Means Committee and not reported therefrom with a recommendation within ten (10) legislative days after referral may be withdrawn from the committee in accordance with the procedure set forth in subsection (1) of this rule if the motion for withdrawal is made by the seventieth day of a ninety-day session and by the one-hundred-fifth day of a one-hundred-twenty-five-day session.

(4) Any House resolution or House concurrent resolution that is referred after the twenty-ninth day of a ninety-day session or after the sixty-fourth day of a one-hundred-twenty-five-day session, and any Senate concurrent resolution that is referred to a House committee after the fifty-seventh day of a ninety-day session or after the ninety-second day of a one-hundred-twenty-five-day session, and not reported therefrom with a recommendation within ten (10) legislative days after referral may be withdrawn from the committee in accordance with the procedure set forth in subsection (1) of this rule.

(5) For the purposes of this rule, the term "revenue bill" shall include only those bills whose primary purpose is to increase or decrease taxes or to authorize the issuance of bonds or the borrowing of money. Bills which are primarily

for regulatory purposes which have revenue provisions included shall not be considered as revenue bills for the purposes of this rule.

(6) If the Legislature shortens a ninety-day regular session or a one-hundred-twenty-five-day regular session by moving the deadlines for processing legislation that are set forth in Joint Rule 40 to dates earlier than the dates otherwise set for those sessions, the dates set forth in this subsection (6) shall apply to the motion for withdrawing a bill from committee. A general bill, resolution or measure that has not been reported from the committee to which it has been referred may be withdrawn from the committee after the second day before the deadline for the committee to report the bill, resolution or measure. An appropriation or revenue bill that has not been reported from the House Appropriations Committee or the House Ways and Means Committee, as the case may be, within ten (10) legislative days after referral, may be withdrawn from the applicable committee if the motion for withdrawal is made by the day before the deadline for original House floor action on the bill. A House resolution or House concurrent resolution that is referred after the deadline for committees to report House general bills, and any Senate concurrent resolution that is referred to a House committee after the deadline for House committees to report Senate general bills, and not reported therefrom with a recommendation within ten (10) legislative days after referral may be withdrawn from the committee in accordance with the procedure set forth in subsection (1) of this rule. All other provisions of this rule regarding the procedure to follow and the associated vote requirements for withdrawing bills from committee shall apply.

BILLS SHALL LIE ON TABLE ONE DAY

96. Every bill or resolution requiring the signature of the Governor, all resolutions proposing amendments to the Constitution, and all reports of committees except the report of the Committee on Rules, shall lie on the table one (1) day before being considered except by suspension of the rules.

ROLL CALLS

97. When taking the yeas and nays on any question to be voted upon, the electrical roll-call system may be used, and, when so used, shall have the same force and effect as a roll call taken as otherwise provided in the Rules of the House.

When the House is ready to vote upon any question requiring a roll call and the vote is to be taken by the electrical roll-call system, the Speaker shall announce:

"The question is on the passage of (designating the matter to be voted upon). All those in favor (of such question) vote 'Aye'; all those opposed vote 'No.' The House will now vote."

When sufficient time has been allowed the members to vote, the Speaker shall announce one or more times: "Have all voted?" And after a short pause, the Speaker shall direct the Clerk to lock the machine and record the vote.

The Clerk shall immediately start the vote-recording equipment and, when the vote is completely recorded, shall advise the Speaker of the result, and the Speaker shall announce the result to the House. The Clerk shall enter upon the Journal the result in the manner provided by the Rules of the House.

After the voting machine has been locked, but prior to the display of the tabulated vote on the electric voting board of the result of a roll call, any member may request to (1) change his or her vote, or (2) vote. After the vote has been tabulated and displayed on the electric voting board, a member with unanimous consent may change his or her vote on the measure, except that no such change of vote shall be permitted where such vote would alter the final vote on the measure.

No member shall vote for another member, nor shall any person not a member cast a vote for a member. In addition to such penalties as may be prescribed by law, any member who shall vote or attempt to vote for another member may be punished in such a manner as the House may determine. If a person not a member shall vote or attempt to vote for any member, he or she shall be barred from the Floor of the House for the remainder of the session and may be punished further in such manner as the House may deem proper, in addition to such punishment as may be prescribed by law.

98. Neither the Speaker nor the House exercises jurisdiction over pairs, and the only cognizance of them taken by the rules is the provision for the announcement and publication.

99. No member shall be permitted to give an oral explanation of his vote but may reduce his explanation to writing in not more than one hundred (100) words, and upon filing with the Clerk, this explanation shall be spread on the Journal.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER

100. Any member voting on any measure, shall be privileged to enter a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the measure is disposed of, at any time within the period prescribed by the rules of this House.

101. A motion to reconsider having been properly made and entered in the Journal shall become the property of the House and may be called up only by the chairman of the first-named committee from which the measure was reported to the House, or any member of the House designated by the chairman.

When a measure requires more than a majority vote for passage, it may still be reconsidered by a majority vote.

102. When a bill is read the third time in regular order, and not under suspension of the rules, it shall be considered engrossed and the House on the next or any succeeding legislative day may proceed to a vote on its final passage in the same manner as if the rules had been suspended for its consideration.

PASSAGE OVER VETO

103. (1) Upon return of a bill without the approval of the Governor accompanied by the Governor's objections to the bill, the House shall proceed to reconsider the bill by either an immediate vote on the motion for passage, the Governor's veto notwithstanding, or by referral to the committee which originally recommended the bill. The manner of reconsideration shall be determined, upon proper motion, by majority vote of those present. If the bill is reconsidered by referral to the committee of origin, the committee shall report, with written recommendations, to the full House not more than three (3) legislative days from the referral of the bill in question; however, in the first year of a term, the committee shall report to the full House not more than three (3) legislative days from the date that the members of the committee are appointed. At the time of the report of such committee, only two (2) courses shall be open:

- (a) Allow Governor's veto to stand.
- (b) Override Governor's veto.

The motion for the first course is a motion to allow the Governor's veto to stand, and the motion for the second course is a motion for passage, the Governor's veto notwithstanding. Such a motion, while not mandatory, shall be in order at any time on the same legislative day that the report of the committee is made, but shall not be in order thereafter. However, if the committee does not report to the full House by the end of the third legislative day from the referral of the bill to committee,

or by the end of the third legislative day from the date that the members of the committee are appointed in the first year of a term, then it shall be in order for any member of the House to make a motion for either of the two (2) courses on the fourth legislative day from referral or the appointment of the committee members, as the case may be, but not thereafter.

(2) Upon calling up a bill for reconsideration and passage, the Governor's veto notwithstanding, the question before the House is not of reconsideration but that of overriding the Governor's veto.

(3) A two-thirds (2/3) vote of those members present and voting, a quorum being present, is required to pass a bill over a Governor's veto.

(4) A motion to reconsider the vote by which a vetoed bill is passed or rejected is not in order.

104. The Rules Committee shall set aside space to accommodate representatives of the press, radio and television media wishing to report proceedings and such representatives shall be admitted to such area under such regulations as the Rules Committee may from time to time prescribe. The supervision of such portion of the floor shall be fixed in the Committee on Rules.

(a) The correspondents shall abide by such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Rules Committee.

(b) The press table allotted to representatives of the news media shall be for their exclusive use and persons not holding correspondents' cards shall not be entitled to admission thereto.

OPEN MEETINGS

104A. All official meetings of any standing, interim or special committee of the House of Representatives, but not including conference committees, unless otherwise provided by this rule or the Constitution of the United States or the State of Mississippi, are declared to be public meetings and shall be open to the public at all times unless declared an executive session as provided herein. Any such House committee may enter into executive session for the transaction of public business; provided, however, all meetings of any such committee shall commence as an open meeting, and an affirmative vote of a majority of all members present shall be required to declare an executive session. The procedure to be followed by such committee in declaring an executive session shall be as follows: Any member shall have the right to require a closed determination upon the issue of whether or not to declare an executive session. Such member, by motion, shall require the meeting to be closed for a preliminary determination of the necessity for executive session. No other business shall be transacted until the discussion of the nature of the matter requiring executive session has been completed and a vote taken on the issue. The total vote on the question of entering into an executive session shall be recorded and spread upon the minutes of such committee. Any such vote whereby executive session is declared shall be applicable only to that particular meeting.

Any such House committee may make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations for the conduct of persons attending its meetings.

Minutes shall be kept of all House committees, in open or executive session, and shall consist of a written record of attendance and final actions taken at such meetings. Such minutes shall be open to public inspection during regular business hours within a reasonable time after adjournment.

During a regular or special session of the Legislature, notice of meetings of all House committees, other than conference committees, shall be given by announcement on the loudspeaker during sessions of the House or by posting on a bulletin board provided for that purpose.

When not in session, the meeting times and places of all House committees shall be kept by the Clerk of the House of Representatives and shall be available at all times during regular working hours to the public and news media.

ELECTION CONTEST

104B. The procedure for handling the contest of the election, other than a primary election, of a member of the Mississippi House of Representatives shall be as follows:

(1) Anyone desiring to contest the election, other than a primary election, of a member returned as elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives shall file with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, within thirty (30) days after a regular general election or ten (10) days after a special election to fill a vacancy, a sworn petition stating particularly the grounds upon which the election is contested. A copy of the petition shall be served on the member whose election is being contested. Any allegations concerning the election, or any grounds for the contest contained in the petition, shall be stated and averred in the same manner in which circumstances constituting fraud are required to be stated with particularity when pleading special matters under the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure.

(2) Upon the timely filing of the petition, the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint a special committee to resolve the election contest. Any special committee appointed by the Speaker under this subsection (2) shall be composed of the chairman, who shall be appointed from the state at large, and one (1) member of the House of Representatives from each congressional district as constituted on January 1, 2020. In making the committee appointments, the Speaker shall give consideration to the seniority, abilities and geographic location of the members. Within fifteen (15) days after the Speaker's appointment of the special committee, the committee shall meet to organize and review the petition.

(3) (a) Either party to such an election contest may obtain discovery regarding any matter, not privileged, which is relevant to the particular grounds stated in the petition or any response thereto, and he may use any method of discovery that is authorized under the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure.

(b) Either party shall have the right of full examination of ballot boxes in accordance with Section 23-15-911, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(c) All forms of discovery shall be completed within twenty (20) days before the convening of a regular session on the Tuesday after the first Monday in January, except that in the case of a special election to fill a vacancy, discovery shall be completed within thirty (30) days after the special election.

(d) The special committee shall have exclusive jurisdiction over the determination of whether the filing of the petition and discovery related thereto have been timely made. If the filing of the petition or the discovery related thereto is not made timely, the election contest shall be void, and the contest and any rights related thereto shall expire by operation of law.

(4) On the first day of the regular session next occurring after the election being contested, the person who was certified by the appropriate election officials as the duly elected member of the Mississippi House of Representatives

from the district in question shall be administered the oath of office by the Secretary of State as required by the Constitution, along with all other members present, and he shall not be requested to stand aside if he has been so certified. In the case of a special election contest, the oath shall be administered by the Speaker as in the case of administering the oath after any special election in which no contest has been filed. The seating and swearing in of a member who has been certified by the appropriate election officials before the special committee has concluded its deliberations shall be conditional and not permanent. The conditional seating and swearing in of the member shall vest in the member all the rights, privileges, and emoluments of the office, but without prejudice to the contest filed by the petitioner.

(5) The special committee appointed by the Speaker shall meet on the first day of the regular session next occurring after the election being contested, except that in the case of a special election to fill a vacancy, the special committee shall meet within five (5) days of the completion of discovery. The work of the special committee shall be a matter of the highest priority for the House, and any conflicts in scheduling meetings of the committee shall be resolved in favor of expediting the committee's work. The special committee shall have the power to investigate all facts concerning the election or qualifications of any member or petitioner, but shall not place itself in the position of investigating matters not alleged in the petition or any response thereto. It also shall have the power to issue subpoenas and compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of such documents or papers as may be required. The special committee shall have the authority to enforce any subpoena issued by the committee and to enforce compliance with the time limitations set forth in this rule, with the assistance of the State Attorney General or his designee.

(6) After the committee concludes its deliberations, it shall report a resolution recommending one (1) of the following courses of action to the House: (a) to seat permanently the House member who was certified and sworn in under subsection (4) of this rule, failure of which shall vacate the seat for the House district in question held by that person; (b) to seat permanently the petitioner in the election contest, passage of which will vacate the seat for that House district and the petitioner shall be sworn in for that seat; or (c) to declare the office of representative for that House district as vacant. The House shall consider the recommendation of the committee, and it shall adopt one (1) of the courses of action specified in this subsection (6), which must be adopted by a majority vote of House members present and voting.

(7) For purposes of this rule, "day" means a calendar day and includes any legal holiday.

(8) Section 55, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, which requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present to expel a seated member, shall not apply to any votes taken with regard to an election contest of a member of the House of Representatives.

(9) If the House determines that the person conditionally sworn in under subsection (4) of this rule is not qualified as a member of the Mississippi House of Representatives, any vote cast in the interim shall stand and any compensation and expenses paid shall be retained by that person. If the petitioner prevails on the merits of his contest, he shall receive the regular compensation and expenses of a member of the House, retroactive to the beginning of the session, or in the case of a special election, retroactive to the date upon which the House member conditionally sworn in was seated.

(10) Under the inherent authority of the House to create procedures and rules for the governing of its internal affairs, if any provision of this

rule conflicts with any provision of Sections 23-15-955 and 23-15-957, Mississippi Code of 1972, the provisions of this rule shall prevail.

CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS

105. Neither house shall, without the consent of the other, adjourn for more than three (3) days, nor to any other place than that in which the two (2) houses shall be sitting. (Art. 4, Sec. 57, Constitution).

106. No law shall be revived or amended by reference to its title only, but the section or sections, as amended or revived, shall be inserted at length. (Art. 4, Sec. 61, Constitution).

107. No appropriation bill shall be passed by the Legislature which does not fix definitely the maximum sum thereby authorized to be drawn from the Treasury. (Art. 4, Sec. 63, Constitution).

108. All votes on the final passage of any measure shall be subject to reconsideration for at least one (1) whole legislative day, and no motion to reconsider such vote shall be disposed of adversely on the day on which the original vote was taken, except on the last day of the session. (Art. 4, Sec. 65, Constitution).

109. No new bill shall be introduced into either house of the Legislature during the last three (3) days of the session. (Art. 4, Sec. 67, Constitution).

110. No law granting a gratuity or donation in favor of any person or object shall be enacted except by the concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) of the members-elect of each branch of the Legislature, nor by any vote for a sectarian purpose or use. (Art. 4, Sec. 66, Constitution).

111. General appropriation bills shall contain only the appropriations to defray the ordinary expenses of the executive, legislative and judicial departments of the government; to pay interest on state bonds and to support the common schools. All other appropriations shall be made by separate bills, each embracing but one (1) subject. Legislation shall not be engrafted on appropriation bills, but the same may prescribe the conditions on which the money may be drawn, and for what purposes paid. (Art. 4, Sec. 69, Constitution).

112. No revenue bill, or any bill providing for assessments of property for taxation, shall become a law except by a vote of at least three-fifths (3/5) of the members of each house present and voting. (Art. 4, Sec. 70, Constitution).

113. Every bill introduced into the Legislature shall have a title, and the title ought to indicate clearly the subject matter or matters of the proposed legislation. Each committee to which a bill may be referred shall express, in writing, its judgment of the sufficiency of the title of the bill, and this, too, whether the recommendation be that the bill do pass or do not pass. (Art. 4, Sec. 71, Constitution).

114. No bill shall become a law until it shall have been referred to a committee of each house and returned therefrom with a recommendation in writing. (Art. 4, Sec. 74, Constitution).

115. No bill passed after the adoption of this Constitution to make appropriations of money out of the State Treasury shall continue in force more than two (2) months after the expiration of the fiscal year ending after the meeting of the Legislature at its next regular session; nor shall such bill be passed except by the votes of a majority of all the members elected to each house of the Legislature. (Art. 4, Sec. 64, Constitution).

116. There shall be appointed in each house of the Legislature a standing committee on Local and Private Legislation; the House committee to consist of seven (7) Representatives, and the Senate committee of five (5) Senators. No local or private bill shall be passed in either house until it shall have been referred to said committee thereof, and shall have been reported back with a recommendation in writing that it do pass, stating affirmatively the reasons therefor, and why the end to be accomplished should not be reached by a general law, or by a proceeding in court; or if the recommendation of the committee be that the bill do not pass, then it shall not pass the house to which it is so reported unless it be voted by a majority of all the members elected thereto. If a bill is passed in conformity to the requirements hereof, other than such as are prohibited in the next section, the courts shall not, because of its local, special, or private nature, refuse to enforce it. (Art. 4, Sec. 89, Constitution).

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JOINT RULES OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE**JOINT CONVENTION**

1. The Senate and the House may meet in joint convention by concurrent resolution duly adopted by both houses. Such resolution shall state the day, hour and location of such joint convention and the order of business for which it is called.

2. All joint conventions of the two (2) houses shall be in the hall of the House of Representatives, unless another location is specified in the concurrent resolution, and in elections the members shall vote viva voce, and in all cases a majority of the votes of those present and voting shall be requisite to constitute an election.

Only senators and members of the House of Representatives shall be permitted on the floor of the House during joint meetings except for the newspaper, radio, and television reporters and necessary Senate and House personnel and others as may be directed by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives respectively. During joint meetings, preference to gallery seats shall be given to elected state officials and families of the legislators.

3. When the two (2) houses have met in joint convention, the Speaker of the House shall call the joint convention to order and shall then turn the gavel over to the President of the Senate who shall preside, and all questions of order shall be decided by the latter, subject to an appeal to the joint convention as one (1) body. In the absence of the President of the Senate, the Speaker shall preside and perform all the duties herein provided for.

4. A call of either house may be had in joint convention by majority vote of the House for which the call is desired.

5. In a joint convention a member shall not speak longer than five (5) minutes. Any extension of time shall be specific.

6. A motion to adjourn, or to postpone the business of a joint convention shall be decided on a majority vote of those present and voting, acting as one (1) body. Upon demand of one tenth (1/10) of the combined membership, the yeas and nays shall be taken on any matter under consideration by the joint convention, and such yeas and nays shall be entered upon the journals of both houses.

7. Upon questions arising during a joint convention, requiring the separate decision of either or both houses, the decision of the House shall be first made, then the decision of the Senate. A question for call of either house shall not come within the scope of this rule.

8. On all questions of order or parliamentary procedure not in conflict with these joint rules, the rules of the House of Representatives of the State of Mississippi, insofar as applicable, shall be the authority.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

9. The style of all laws shall be: "BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:" which shall be typed immediately preceding Section 1 of a bill. No other enacting word, such as "Be it further enacted," shall be used in any bill.

9A. (1) In a bill or other measure proposing an amendment to a code section or other provision of law, or in a resolution proposing an amendment to a constitutional provision, a change to an existing code section, other provision of law or constitutional provision shall be indicated as follows:

(a) New language that is being added shall be underlined.

(b) Existing language that is being deleted shall be denoted by the insertion of three (3) asterisk symbols; however, the text of the deleted language shall be available on the official website of the Mississippi State Legislature, by means of displaying all of the deleted language within a document pursuant to the selection of that display option by the user.

(2) The provisions of this rule shall not apply to handwritten amendments that are proposed or adopted by members while the bill, measure or resolution is under consideration by either house.

10. While bills, resolutions and messages are on their passage between the two (2) houses, they shall be under the signature of the Secretary or Clerk, respectively, as the case may be.

11. When a bill or resolution which shall have passed one (1) house has been postponed to a day so distant that it will not be taken up again at the current session, indefinitely postponed, or rejected, by a vote of the other house, information thereof shall be given by message immediately to the house in which the same shall have passed.

12. When a bill or resolution, which has passed one (1) house is rejected in the other, by a vote of that house, it shall not again be introduced during the same session, except on three (3) days' notice and on two thirds (2/3) vote of members present and voting in the house in which it was rejected.

13. Each house shall transmit to the other all papers on which any bill or resolution may be founded.

14. Each house shall have the liberty of ordering the printing of bills, messages and reports, without the consent of the other.

15. Bills or resolutions transmitted to either the Senate or House by the other before the constitutional time has expired for entering a motion to reconsider may be recalled by message upon proper entering of a motion to reconsider.

16. Whenever any message, bill, resolution, report or document shall be ordered to be printed by the Senate or House, for use of both houses, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Senate or Clerk of the House, as the case may be, immediately to report the fact of the passage of that order to the other branch of the Legislature together with the number so ordered to be printed. Payment thereof shall be made from the contingent funds of each house in the proportion ordered by each house.

17. No new bill shall be introduced into either house during the last three (3) days of the session.

18. All general bills modifying, adding, deleting or repealing language, or a repealer on language, providing for the levying of taxes, borrowing of money, issuing

bonds, notes, or other evidence of debt, providing for fees or imposing the issuance of licenses, of whatever kind by the state or any subdivisions thereof, or the exemption of property from state taxes or taxes of any subdivisions thereof, shall be considered as revenue bills, and no revenue bills, or conference committee report thereon, or concurrence in amendments adopted by the other house shall be passed or adopted by either the Senate or the House except by a vote of at least three fifths (3/5) of the members of the Senate and House, respectively, present and voting.

19. Appropriation and revenue bills shall have precedence in each house, over all other business, and no such bill shall be passed during the last five (5) days of a regular session.

20. Every bill and concurrent resolution, the purpose or effect of which is to expend any state funds or enable the spending of any state funds or to increase or decrease the revenue of the state, either directly or indirectly, shall have attached to it at the time of its being reported by any committee of either house of the Legislature a brief explanatory statement or note which shall include a reliable estimate of the anticipated change in state expenditures or revenues under its provisions. These statements or notes shall be known as fiscal notes. They shall be attached to the original of each proposed bill or resolution but shall be separate therefrom, shall be clearly designated as a fiscal note, and shall not constitute a part of the law proposed by the bill or resolution.

The author of each bill or any committee considering same shall present a copy of the bill or resolution, with his or her request for a fiscal note, to either the Legislative Budget Office, the Department of Finance and Administration, the Department of Revenue, the State Auditor, the state agency with which the bill or resolution is concerned, the state agency having jurisdiction over the subject of the bill or resolution, the Joint Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review, or the Legislative Reference Bureau. The fiscal note shall be prepared by the commission or agency and furnished to the author of the bill or committee considering same within seven (7) days after the request is made. If the author of, or committee considering, the bill disagrees with the findings of the agency or agencies, then the author or committee may also attach and furnish a fiscal note, based upon his, her or its information, research, study and belief which shall then be incorporated in and become a part of the fiscal note. If the appropriate agency does not furnish a fiscal note, after seven (7) days' request, then the author or committee may furnish the fiscal note, based upon his, her or its information, research, study and belief. If, after careful investigation, it is determined that no dollar estimate is possible, the note shall contain a statement to that effect, setting forth the reasons why no dollar estimate can be given. No comment or opinion shall be included in the fiscal note with regard to the merit, or lack thereof, of the measure for which the note is prepared.

Whenever the author of any measure or the committee considering same is of the opinion that no fiscal note is necessary and the measure is considered by either house of the Legislature without a fiscal note, any member of either house may thereafter request a fiscal note be obtained, and in such case the matter shall be decided by majority vote of those present and voting in the house of which he or she is a member.

This rule shall not apply to general appropriation bills, conference reports and local and private bills.

20A. (1) For the purpose of this rule:

(a) "State support funds" means funds in the State General Fund and all state support special funds, which are funds in the Budget Contingency Fund, the Education Enhancement Fund, the Health Care Expendable Fund, the Tobacco Control Program Fund, and any other special funds that the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) determines to be state support special funds.

(b) "House" means either house of the Legislature, unless it is clear from the context that it is referring to the House of Representatives.

(2) (a) When an amendment is offered to an appropriation bill on the floor of either house that would increase the amount of state support funds authorized for expenditure by the state agency, official or program being funded in that appropriation bill, the amendment must also include a reduction in the amount of state support funds for one (1) or more other state agencies, officials or programs by a total amount that equals the amount of the increase in the amendment.

(b) The other appropriation bill or bills in which the reductions are to be made do not have to be designated by bill number or line numbers in the amendment if they are described sufficiently enough to be identified, but the amounts by which they are to be reduced must be specific for each bill in which the reduction is to be made.

(c) The reductions required to be made by this rule must be made in an appropriation bill or bills that are still in the house or in an appropriation bill or bills from the other house that will be considered in the house later in the session. After a bill has passed in the house and been released to the other house, none of the reductions required by this rule may be made in that bill.

(3) If such an amendment is adopted, the amendment shall be considered to be an amendment to the other bill or bills in which the reductions are to be made as well as to the bill in which the increase is made. Therefore, no additional vote shall be required on the amendment making the reductions in the bill or bills when that bill or bills are under consideration by the house. The manner by which the reduction is made shall be a separate amendment to the bill that is designated as an amendment by the house, rather than an amendment by the Appropriations Committee or by an individual member.

(4) (a) When a bill in which the reduction is to be made comes before the house for consideration, the reduction shall be made to the total sum of state support funds authorized to be expended in the bill before the bill is voted on by the house.

(b) If a bill in which the reduction is to be made has already been considered by the house, the reduction shall be made to the total sum of state support funds authorized to be expended in the bill before the bill is released to the other house.

(5) No appropriation bill that authorizes the expenditure of any state support funds for the next fiscal year may be released to the other house until all of the appropriation bills originating in the house or all of the appropriation bills originating in the other house, as the case may be, that authorize the expenditure of any state support funds for the next fiscal year have been passed by the house.

(6) If any statute or rule of either house of the Legislature conflicts with the provisions of this rule, the provisions of this rule shall supersede the conflicting statute or rule to the extent of the conflict.

CONFERENCE

21. When a bill or resolution is returned by either house to the other with amendments, and the house where the bill or resolution originated declined to concur in the amendments, a conference, by a majority vote of those present and voting, may be requested. Such action shall be transmitted by message in which shall be included the names of the conferees on the part of the requesting house. Upon receipt of such message, the other house may, in like manner, grant such conference notifying the requesting house by message and stating the names of the conferees.

22. A conference committee shall consist of three (3) members of the House and three (3) members of the Senate to be appointed by the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate respectively.

23. Conference committees shall meet as soon as practicable and proceed to confer on the differences between the two (2) houses, seeking to resolve such differences. The conference committee shall report in writing. Such report shall be signed by a majority of the conference committee members appointed from the House and a majority of the conference committee members appointed from the Senate. The report shall be submitted to both houses, and six (6) copies of each report shall be prepared.

23A. (1) All official meetings of any conference committee on a bill or on a resolution proposing a constitutional amendment shall be open to the public at all times, unless declared an executive session in accordance with the provisions of Section 25-41-7, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(2) The chairman of each Senate and House committee to which such a measure is first referred shall designate one (1), two (2) or three (3) rooms in which official meetings of the conference committees pertaining to such measures shall be held. For the first session of a new term, the designation of the rooms shall be announced within three (3) legislative days after adoption of these joint rules. For all other sessions, the designation of the rooms shall be announced not later than the third legislative day of each session. Copies of a list of these rooms shall be available in the respective offices of the committee chairmen. This announcement shall constitute notice of the place of the official meetings of conference committees, and notice that the time of each meeting shall not be announced individually. If a conference committee meets in a location other than a designated room, a written notice giving the location of the meeting shall be placed in a conspicuous place in one (1) of the designated rooms.

(3) Proper decorum during any official meeting of a conference committee requires that the committee's deliberation be directly related to the committee's primary purpose of resolving the differences between the two (2) houses that pertain to a specific measure. Therefore, the following shall not be allowed during any official meeting of a conference committee:

(a) The use of a cell phone by a conferee or other person in the room in which the conference committee meeting is being conducted;

(b) Any oral, written or electronic communication between a conferee and another person who is not a legislator or legislative staff member, except that a conferee may request that any person at the meeting meet with the conferee outside the room, and any conferee may request a person who is not a member of the conference committee, upon approval of a majority of the members of the committee present, to address the committee in the room.

(4) If any statute or rule of either house of the Legislature conflicts with the provisions of this rule, the provisions of this rule shall supersede the conflicting statute or rule to the extent of the conflict.

24. Only matters in disagreement between the two (2) houses are subject to consideration by conference committee. However, when one (1) house strikes out of a bill all after the enacting clause and inserts new text as an amendment thereto, the conferees may disregard the text of the original bill and of the amendment and may exercise wide discretion in the incorporation of germane new text.

25. When a conference report is considered by the house of origin and it contains an amendment by the other house which adds code sections not included in the bill as passed the house of origin, a point of order that the conference report is not in order shall be sustained and the bill shall be returned to conference.

When a conference report is considered and it contains code sections not included in the bill as passed the house of origin or in an amendment by the other house, a point of order that the conference report is not in order shall be sustained in either house and the bill shall be returned to conference.

26. In the event of the failure of either house to adopt the conference report, or to concur in amendments, the bill or resolution under such consideration shall be lost.

27. All conference reports, and concurrence in amendments adopted by the other house shall require for adoption the same vote as is required for the passage of the bill, resolution or measure under consideration, and shall be on roll call duly entered and recorded in the journal of the house voting thereon.

28. No bill making an appropriation from, or authorizing the expenditure of money from, any special fund in the State Treasury shall be passed except by the votes of a majority of all the members elected to each house of the Legislature.

29. A motion to reconsider the vote whereby a conference report is adopted or rejected is in order in either house from the time of such adoption or rejection in one (1) house until the end of the session of the next legislative day after notice of disposition by rejection, recommittal to the same conference committee or appointment of a new conference committee by the other house. The provisions of this rule shall supersede any Senate or House rule which may be in conflict herewith.

ENROLLED BILLS

30. When a bill or resolution shall have passed both houses it shall be enrolled, and the Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of the House of Representatives, as the case may be, shall certify on the margin of the enrolled bill the fact that it originated in his or her house. The enrolled bill may be examined by the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, and carefully compared by the committee with the

engrossed bill and all typographical errors, if any, corrected; and the committee shall forthwith report in writing to each house, and the report shall be entered in the journals of both houses. The reports shall be signed by the chairman or acting chairman of the Enrolled Bills Committee on the part of each house.

31. After the Committee on Enrolled Bills has reported a bill or resolution duly enrolled, it shall be signed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and by the President of the Senate during the legislative session in which the bill or resolution was passed.

32. After a bill shall have been signed by the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate, it shall be presented by the Secretary of the Senate or Clerk of the House, as the case may be, to the Governor for his or her approval. The Secretary or Clerk shall report the day of presentation to the Governor, which time shall be carefully entered on the journals of each house.

33. All Senate and House concurrent resolutions and memorials, which are not to be presented to the Governor, shall be enrolled, signed and delivered to the Secretary of State.

JOINT COMMITTEES

34. The following joint committees shall be appointed:

(a) Committee on Executive Contingent Fund, to consist of five (5) senators and five (5) representatives.

(b) Committee on State Library, to consist of five (5) senators and five (5) representatives.

(c) Committee on Enrolled Bills, to consist of five (5) senators and five (5) representatives.

(d) Committee to Investigate State Offices or Departments, nine (9) on the part of the Senate and nine (9) on the part of the House; the committee shall meet and apportion the labor of such investigation amongst subcommittees and shall report the result of each investigation to the two (2) houses.

(e) A chairman and vice chairman for the Senate members on each of the above committees shall be appointed by the President of the Senate and a chairman and vice chairman for the House members on each committee shall be appointed by the Speaker. A chairman and vice chairman for each of the above committees shall be elected by the respective committees in joint session; however, both the chairman and the vice chairman shall not come from the same house.

MESSAGES

35. When a message shall be sent from one (1) house to the other, such message shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of the House, respectively, as the case may be. A receipt shall be signed for each message so delivered.

LIQUOR AND FIREARMS PROHIBITED

36. No spirituous or malt liquors, or wines, shall be offered for sale, exhibited, or kept within the Capitol building, or in any room connected therewith, or on the public grounds adjacent thereto. It shall be the duty of the Sergeant at Arms under the supervision of the respective presiding officers to enforce the foregoing provisions; and any officer, or employee of either house, who shall in any manner violate or connive at the violation of this rule, shall be dismissed from office and service.

37. No member of the Senate or the House or other person, except an official duly authorized by law, shall carry or have on his or her person, concealed in whole or in part, any firearm while in the Capitol, except upon permission granted by a majority vote of the Senate or the House. Any member of the Senate or the House or other person violating this rule shall be subject to such penalty as may be imposed by the Senate or the House, as the case may be, first taking jurisdiction thereof.

LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION

38. In addition to observing the injunctions and prohibitions set out in the Constitution of the State of Mississippi, the Senate and the House Committees on Local and Private Legislation shall observe and adhere to the following additional rules and requirements in the consideration of local and private Senate and House bills:

(a) Require that local and private bills, originating in either the Senate or the House, and granting power to any governing authority to perform any official act shall be accompanied by an order or resolution setting out the reasons therefor, duly certified as being a part of the official minutes of that authority. In the event more than one (1) official authority is involved, such certified order or resolution shall be made for each of them.

(b) Require that any bill providing for the transfer of funds shall be accompanied by a certified order or resolution as provided in paragraph (a) of this rule. Such order or resolution shall state whether or not funds proposed to be transferred are pledged for the payment of any outstanding bonds or notes for which there is not already a sufficient surplus accumulated.

(c) Require that any such bills providing for the payment of any claims shall be accompanied by a certified order or resolution as provided in paragraph (a) of this rule, setting out the name of claimants, the nature, amount and reasons for justification of the claim and that with proper authority such claim would be paid.

(d) Require that there shall accompany any bill proposing the issuance of bonds, a certificate from the governing authorities stating that the issuance of such proposed bonds, when added to the present bonded indebtedness of such county, or subdivision thereof, municipality or district, will not exceed any limitation now imposed by law.

JOINT MEETING OF APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES

39. When the chairmen of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees consider it desirable and possible, their subcommittees may meet jointly to hear testimony and question the heads of a department or agency on their budgetary needs for the next fiscal year.

40. TIMETABLE FOR PROCESSING LEGISLATION

90 day Session	2020 Regular Session	
9th day	37th day	Deadline for making requests for general bills and constitutional amendments to be drafted. ***
14th day	42nd day	Deadline for introduction of general bills and constitutional amendments.*
29th day	57th day	Deadline for committees to report general bills and constitutional amendments originating in own house.*+
38th day	66th day	Deadline for original floor action on general bills and constitutional amendments originating in own house.*
39th day	67th day	Deadline for reconsideration and passage of general bills and constitutional amendments originating in own house.*
42nd day	70th day	Deadline to dispose of motions to reconsider general bills and constitutional amendments originating in own house.*
51st day	79th day	Deadline for original floor action on appropriation and revenue bills originating in own house.
52nd day	80th day	Deadline for reconsideration and passage of appropriation and revenue bills originating in own house.
53rd day	81st day	Deadline to dispose of motions to reconsider appropriation and revenue bills originating in own house.
57th day	85th day	Deadline for committees to report general bills and constitutional amendments originating in other house.*+
65th day	93rd day	Deadline for original floor action on general bills and constitutional amendments originating in other house.*
66th day	94th day	Deadline for reconsideration and passage of general bills and constitutional amendments originating in other house.*
67th day	95th day	Deadline to dispose of motions to reconsider general bills and constitutional amendments originating in other house.*
71st day	99th day	Deadline for original floor action on appropriation and revenue bills originating in other house.
72nd day	100th day	Deadline for reconsideration and passage of appropriation and revenue bills originating in other house.
73rd day	101st day	Deadline to dispose of motions to reconsider

		appropriation and revenue bills originating in other house.
74th day	102nd day	Deadline to concur or not concur in amendments from other house to appropriation and revenue bills, and for introduction of local and private bills that are revenue bills.
77th day	105th day	Deadline to dispose of motions to reconsider concurrence or nonconcurrence in appropriation and revenue bills.
80th day	108th day	Deadline to concur or not concur in amendments from other house to general bills and constitutional amendments.
81st day	109th day	Deadline for introduction of local and private bills that are not revenue bills.
82nd day	110th day	Deadline for conference reports on appropriation and revenue bills to be filed.**+
84th day	112th day	Deadline for final adoption of conference reports on appropriation and revenue bills and for conference reports on general bills and constitutional amendments to be filed.**+
85th day	113th day	Deadline to dispose of motions to reconsider conference reports on appropriation and revenue bills.
86th day	114th day	Deadline for first consideration of conference reports on general bills and constitutional amendments.
87th day	115th day	Deadline for filing conference reports on general bills and constitutional amendments that had been recommitted for further conference.+
88th day	116th day	Deadline for adoption of conference reports on general bills and constitutional amendments after recommittal.
89th day	117th day	Deadline to dispose of motions to reconsider conference reports on general bills and constitutional amendments.
90th day	118th day	Sine die.

*Appropriation, revenue, and local and private bills, and bills to restore suffrage are excluded from these deadlines. For purposes of the deadlines herein set forth, the term "revenue bills" shall include only those bills whose primary purpose is to increase or decrease taxes or to authorize the issuance of bonds or the borrowing of money. Bills which are primarily for regulatory purposes which have revenue provisions included shall not be considered as revenue bills for deadline purposes. The deletion from a bill of the features which made it a revenue bill shall render the bill a general bill for deadline purposes.

**Conference reports on all bills must be filed with the Secretary/Clerk no later than the time of adjournment on the day prior to being called up and considered. Appropriation bills which actually appropriate money and are recommitted for further conference are excluded from the requirement that the subsequent conference report be filed and lay on table one (1) day before being considered; however, original action must be taken on all appropriation conference reports by 2:00 p.m. on the 84th/112th day and subsequent reports must be filed no later than 6:00 p.m.

***Requests for general bills and constitutional amendments to be drafted must be made no later than 6:00 p.m. on the 9th/37th day. The Rules Committee of the House or Senate, as the case may be, may authorize any member of its respective house to make requests, for one or more general bills or constitutional amendments to be drafted, after the expiration of the deadline for making such drafting requests but before the deadline for introduction of bills and constitutional amendments, upon a determination by the Rules Committee that such drafting requests are in response to conditions of an emergency nature arising subsequent to the deadline for making requests for general bills and constitutional amendments to be drafted.

+Committee reports and conference reports that are subject to being filed on these deadlines must be filed with the Secretary/Clerk no later than 8:00 p.m.

Whenever the word "day" appears in this rule, it shall mean calendar day.

The above schedule shall not be deviated from except by the passage of a concurrent resolution adopted by a vote of two thirds (2/3) of the membership of the House and Senate present and voting.

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RULES OF PROCEDURE

Section 54. A majority of each house shall constitute a quorum to do business; but a less number may adjourn from day to day and compel the attendance of absent members in such manner and under such penalties as each shall provide.

Section 55. Each house may determine rules of its own proceedings, punish its members for disorderly behavior, and, with the concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present, expel a member; but no member, unless expelled for theft, bribery or corruption, shall be expelled the second time for the same offense. Both houses shall, from time to time, publish journals of their proceedings, except such parts as may, in their opinion, require secrecy; and the yeas and nays on any question shall be entered on the Journal, at the request of one-tenth (1/10) of the members present; and the yeas and nays shall be entered on the Journal on the final passage of every bill.

Section 56. The style of the laws of the State shall be: "Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Mississippi."

Section 57. Neither house shall, without the consent of the other, adjourn for more than three (3) days, nor to any other place than that in which the two (2) houses shall be sitting.

Section 58. The doors of each house, when in session, or in Committee of the Whole, shall be kept open, except in cases which may require secrecy; and each house may punish, by fine and imprisonment any person not a member, who shall be guilty of disrespect to the house by any disorderly or contemptuous behavior in its presence, or who shall in any way disturb its deliberations during the session; but such imprisonment shall not extend beyond the final adjournment of that session.

Section 59. Bills may originate in either house, and be amended or rejected in the other, and every bill shall be read by its title on three (3) different days in each house, unless two-thirds (2/3) of the house where the same is pending shall dispense with the rules; and every bill shall be read in full immediately before the vote on its final passage upon the demand of any member; and every bill, having passed both houses, shall be signed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives during the legislative session.

Section 60. No bill shall be so amended in its passage through either house as to change its original purpose; and no law shall be passed except by bill; but orders, votes, and resolutions of both houses, affecting the prerogatives and duties thereof, or relating to adjournment, to amendments to the Constitution, to the investigation of public officers, and the like, shall not require the signature of the Governor; and such resolutions, orders and votes may empower legislative committees to administer oaths, to send for persons and papers, and generally make legislative investigations effective.

Section 61. No law shall be revived or amended by reference to its title only, but the section or sections, as amended or revived, shall be inserted at length.

Section 62. No amendment to bills by one (1) house shall be concurred in by the other, except by a vote of the majority thereof, taken by yeas and nays and the names of those voting for and against recorded upon the journals; and reports of committees of conference shall in like manner be adopted in each house.

Section 63. No appropriation bill shall be passed by the Legislature which does not fix definitely the maximum sum thereby authorized to be drawn from the Treasury.

Section 64. No bill passed after the adoption of this Constitution to make appropriations of money out of the State Treasury shall continue in force more than two (2) months after the expiration of the fiscal year ending after the meeting of the Legislature at its next regular session; nor shall such bill be passed except by the votes of a majority of all members elected to each house of the Legislature.

Section 65. All votes on the final passage of any measure shall be subject to reconsideration for at least one (1) whole legislative day, and no motion to reconsider such vote shall be disposed of adversely on the day on which the original vote was taken, except on the last day of the session.

Section 66. No law granting a donation or gratuity in favor of any person or object shall be enacted except by the concurrence of two-thirds ($2/3$) of the members-elect of each branch of the Legislature, nor by any vote for a sectarian purpose or use.

Section 67. No new bill shall be introduced into either house of the Legislature during the last three (3) days of the session.

Section 68. Appropriation and revenue bills shall, at regular sessions of the Legislature, have precedence in both houses over all other business, and no such bills shall be passed during the last five (5) days of the session.

Section 69. General appropriation bills shall contain only the appropriations to defray the ordinary expenses of the executive, legislative and judicial departments of the government; to pay interest on state bonds and to support the common schools. All other appropriations shall be made by separate bills, each embracing but one (1) subject. Legislation shall not be engrafted on appropriation bills, but the same may prescribe the conditions on which the money may be drawn, and for what purposes paid.

Section 70. No revenue bill, or any bill providing for assessment of property for taxation, shall become a law except by a vote of at least three-fifths ($3/5$) of the members of each house present and voting.

Section 71. Every bill introduced into the Legislature shall have a title, and the title ought to indicate clearly the subject-matter or matters of the proposed legislation. Each committee to which a bill may be referred shall express, in writing, its judgment of the sufficiency of the title of the bill and this, too, whether recommendation be that the bill do pass or do not pass.

Section 72. Every bill which shall pass both houses shall be presented to the Governor of the state. If he shall approve, he shall sign it; but if he does not approve, he shall return it, with his objections, to the house in which it originated, which shall enter the objections at large upon its Journal, and proceed to reconsider it. If after such reconsideration, two-thirds ($2/3$) of that house shall agree to pass the bill, it shall be sent, with the objections, to the other house, by which, likewise, it shall be reconsidered; and if approved by two-thirds ($2/3$) of that house, it shall become a law; but in all such cases the votes of both houses shall be determined by yeas and nays, and the names of the persons voting for and against the bill shall be entered on the Journal of each house respectively. If any bill shall not be returned by the Governor within five (5) days (Sundays excepted) after it has been presented to him, it shall become law in like manner as if he had signed it, unless the Legislature, by adjournment, prevented its return, in which case such bill shall be a law unless the Governor shall veto it within fifteen (15) days (Sundays excepted) after it is presented to him, and such bill shall be returned to the Legislature, with his objections, within three (3) days after the beginning of the next session of the Legislature.

Section 73. The Governor may veto parts of any appropriation bill and approve parts of the same, and the portions approved shall be law.

Section 74. No bill shall become a law until it shall have been referred to a committee of each house and returned therefrom with a recommendation in writing.

Section 75. No law of a general nature, unless therein otherwise provided, shall be enforced until sixty (60) days after its passage.

Section 76. In all elections by the Legislature, members shall vote viva voce, and the votes shall be entered on the journals.

Section 77. The Governor shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies as may occur in either house of the Legislature, and the persons thereupon chosen shall hold their seats for the unexpired term.

Section 129. The Lieutenant Governor shall, by virtue of his office, be President of the Senate. In Committee of the Whole he may debate all questions, and where there is an equal division in the Senate, or on a joint vote of both houses, he shall give the casting vote.

Section 139. The Legislature may empower the Governor to remove and appoint officers, in any county or counties or municipal corporations, under such regulations as may be prescribed by law.

Section 253. The Legislature may, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of both houses, of all members elected, restore the right of suffrage to any person disqualified by reason of crime; but the reasons therefor shall be spread upon the journals, and the vote shall be by yeas and nays.

INJUNCTIONS

Section 78. It shall be the duty of the Legislature to regulate by law the cases in which deductions shall be made from salaries of public officers for neglect of official duty, and the amount of said deductions.

Section 79. The Legislature shall provide by law for the sale of all delinquent tax lands. The courts shall apply the same liberal principles in favor of such titles as in sale by execution. The right of redemption from all sales of real estate, for the nonpayment of taxes or special assessments, of any and every character whatsoever, shall exist, on conditions to be prescribed by law, in favor of owners and persons interested in such real estate, for a period of not less than two (2) years.

Section 80. Provisions shall be made by general laws to prevent the abuse by cities, towns, and other municipal corporations of their powers of assessment, taxation, borrowing money, and contracting debts.

Section 81. The Legislature shall never authorize the permanent obstruction of any of the navigable waters of the state, but may provide for the removal of such obstructions as now exist, whenever the public welfare demands. This section shall not prevent the construction, under proper authority, of drawbridges for railroads, or other roads nor the construction of booms and chutes for logs, nor the construction, operation and maintenance of facilities incident to the exploration, production or transportation of oil, gas or other minerals, nor the construction, operation and maintenance of bridges and causeways in such manner as not to prevent the safe passage of vessels or logs under regulations to be provided by law.

Section 82. The Legislature shall fix the amount of the penalty of all official bonds, and may, as far as practicable, provide that the whole or a part of the security required for the faithful discharge of official duty shall be made by some guaranty company or companies.

Section 83. The Legislature shall enact laws to secure the safety of persons from fires in hotels, theatres, and other public places of resort.

Section 84. The Legislature shall enact laws to limit, restrict, or prevent the acquiring and holding of land in the state by nonresident aliens, and may limit or restrict the acquiring or holding of lands by corporations.

Section 85. The Legislature shall provide by general law for the working of public roads by contract or by county prisoners, or both. Such law may be put in operation only by a vote of the board of supervisors in those counties where it may be desirable.

Section 86. It shall be the duty of the Legislature to provide by law for the treatment and care of the insane; and the Legislature may provide for the care of the indigent sick in hospitals in the state.

LOCAL LEGISLATION

Section 87. No special or local law shall be enacted for the benefit of individuals or corporations, in cases which are or can be provided for by the general law, or where the relief sought can be given by any court of this state; nor shall the operation of any general law be suspended by the Legislature for the benefit of any individual or private corporation or association, and in all cases where a general law can be made applicable, and would be advantageous, no special law shall be enacted.

Section 88. The Legislature shall pass general laws, under which local and private interests shall be provided for and protected, and under which cities and towns may be chartered and their charters amended, and under which corporations may be created, organized, and their acts of incorporation altered; and all such laws shall be subject to repeal or amendment.

Section 89. There shall be appointed in each house of the Legislature a standing committee on Local and Private Legislation; the House committee to consist of seven (7) representatives and the Senate committee of five (5) senators. No local or private bill shall be passed by either house until it shall have been referred to said committee thereof and shall have been reported back with a recommendation in writing that it do pass, stating affirmatively the reasons therefor, and why the end to be accomplished should not be reached by general law, or by a proceeding in court; or if the recommendation of the committee be that the bill do not pass, then it shall not pass the house to which it is so reported unless it be voted for by a majority of all the members elected thereto. If a bill is passed in conformity to the requirements hereof, other than such as prohibited in the next section, the courts shall not, because of its local, special or private nature refuse to enforce it.

Section 90. The Legislature shall not pass local, private or special laws in any of the following enumerated cases, but such matters shall be provided for only by general laws, viz:

- (a) Granting divorces;
- (b) Changing the names of persons, places or corporations;
- (c) Providing for change of venue in civil and criminal cases;
- (d) Regulating the rate of interest on money;
- (e) Concerning the settlement or administration of any estate, or the sale or mortgage of any property, of any infant, or of a person of unsound mind, or of any deceased person;
- (f) The removal of the disability of infancy;

- (g) Granting to any person, corporation or association the right to have any ferry, bridge, road or fish-trap;
- (h) Exemption of property from taxation or from levy or sale;
- (i) Providing for the adoption or legitimation of children;
- (j) Changing the law of descent and distribution;
- (k) Exempting any person from jury, road or other civil duty (and no person shall be exempted therefrom by force of any local or private law);
- (l) Laying out, opening, altering and working roads and highways;
- (m) Vacating any road or highway, town plat, alley or public grounds;
- (n) Selecting, drawing, summoning, or empaneling grand or petit juries;
- (o) Creating, increasing or decreasing the fees, salary or emoluments of any public officer;
- (p) Providing for the management or support of any private or common school, incorporating the same or granting such school any privileges;
- (q) Relating to stock laws, water-courses and fences;
- (r) Conferring the power to exercise the right of eminent domain, or granting to any person, corporation, or association the right to lay down railroad tracks or street car tracks in any other manner than that prescribed by general law;
- (s) Regulating the practice in courts of justice;
- (t) Providing for the creation of districts for the election of justices of the peace and constables; and
- (u) Granting any lands under control of the state to any person or corporation.

CONSTITUTIONAL PROHIBITIONS

Section 91. The Legislature shall not enact any law for one or more counties, not applicable to all the counties in the state, increasing the uniform charge for the registration of deeds, or regulating costs and charges and fees of officers.

Section 92. The Legislature shall not authorize payment to any person of the salary of a deceased officer beyond the date of his death.

Section 93. The Legislature shall not retire any officer on pay, or part pay, or make any grant to such retiring officer.

Section 94. The Legislature shall never create by law any distinction between the rights of men and women to acquire, own, enjoy and dispose of property of all kinds, or their power to contract in reference thereto. Married women are hereby fully emancipated from all disability on account of coverture. But this shall not prevent the Legislature from regulating contracts between husband and wife; nor shall the Legislature be prevented from regulating the sale of homesteads.

Section 95. Lands belonging to, or under the control of the state, shall never be donated directly or indirectly, to private corporations or individuals, or to railroad companies. Nor shall such land be sold to corporations or associations for a less price than that for which it is subject to sale to individuals. This, however, shall not prevent the Legislature from granting a right-of-way, not exceeding one hundred (100) feet in width, as a mere easement to railroads across state lands, and the Legislature shall never dispose of the land covered by said right-of-way so long as such easement exists.

Section 96. The Legislature shall never grant extra compensation, fees or allowances to any public officer, agent, servant or contractor, after service rendered or contract made, nor authorize payment, or part payment of any claim, under any contract not authorized by law; but appropriations may be made for expenditures in repelling invasion, preventing or suppressing insurrections.

Section 97. The Legislature shall have no power to revive any remedy which may have become barred by lapse of time, or by any statute of limitation of this state.

Section 99. The Legislature shall not elect any other than its own officers and State Librarian.

Section 100. No obligation or liability of any person, association or corporation held or owned by this state, or levee board, or any county, city or town thereof, shall ever be remitted, released or postponed, or in any way diminished by the Legislature, nor shall such liability or obligation be extinguished except by payment thereof into the proper treasury; nor shall such liability or obligation be exchanged or transferred except upon payment of its face value; but this shall not be construed to prevent the Legislature from providing by general law for compromise of doubtful claims.

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